

THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, OR FREE METHODIST COLLEGE,* VICTORIA PARK, MANCHESTER.

FOR many years an Institution for the training of the rising ministry was felt to be a desideratum, but no practical and decisive steps were taken in that direction until 1867. At the Annual Assembly of that year the subject was brought forward and discussed. The Connexional Committee was directed to consider the matter during the year, and report to the following Assembly. A Sub-Committee was appointed, and a report was submitted to the Annual Assembly of 1869, and approved. The report provides—

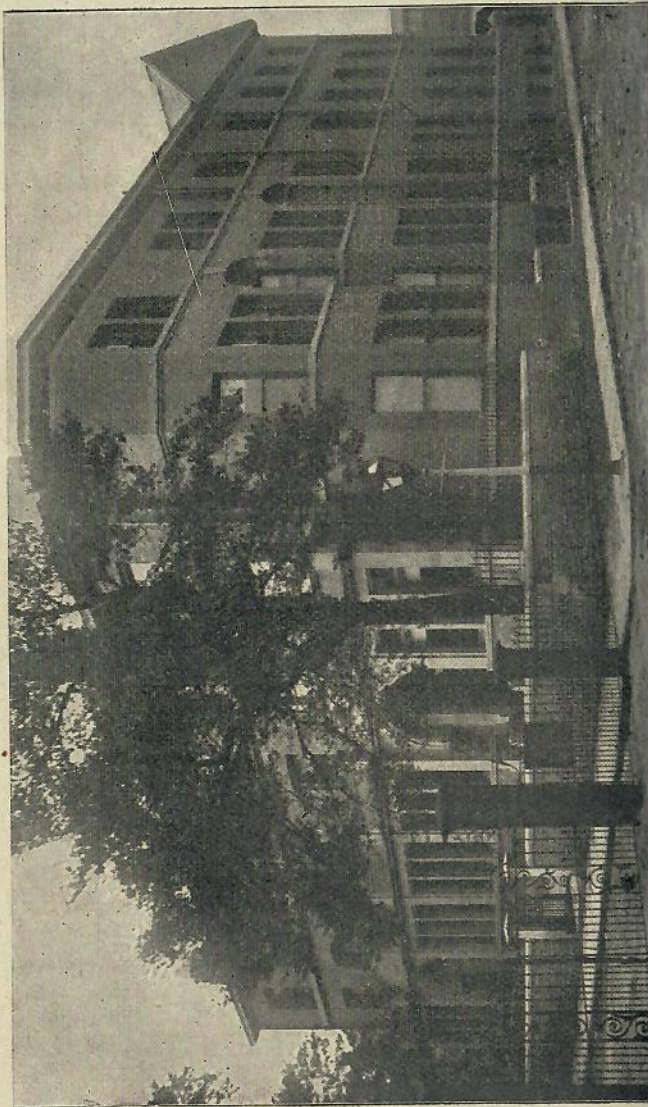
1. That one of our ministers shall be appointed by the Annual Assembly as Principal; that it shall be his duty to take the students committed to his charge through a course of general English education, Theology, Biblical Literature, Ecclesiastical History, Mental and Moral Philosophy, Homiletics, and such other subjects as may in his judgment render them efficient ministers of the Gospel.

2. That the Governors of the Institute shall send such students as they may deem advisable to attend the following classes at Owens College, Manchester:—

- (1.) Comparative Grammar, the English Language, and Literature.
- (2.) Logic.
- (3.) Greek Testament.

But if, in the judgment of the Principal and Governors, the previous education of any of the students shall be sufficiently advanced, they

* For legal purposes the name "Theological Institute" must be retained and used; but for general purposes the Annual Assembly of 1898 resolved,—"That the name of the new Theological Institute be the Free Methodist College, Manchester."



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shall attend such other classes at Owens College as may be deemed expedient.

3. That students shall remain in the Institution for two years, unless otherwise determined by the Governing Body.

4. That the students shall reside with the Principal, and that a suitable house be taken in the neighbourhood of Manchester, and furnished for their accommodation.

After much delay, caused mainly by the establishment of the "Chapel Loan Fund," the Institute was opened in Stockport Road, in September, 1872, with six students, and the Rev. Thos. Hacking as Principal.

The present Institute premises were opened in the year 1876, and are situate in Victoria Park, Manchester. They are of Freehold Tenure, and were purchased for £2900. They consist of the Institute Buildings, 1600 square yards of land, and certain annual chief rents accruing from adjacent premises, amounting to £71, 6s. 3d.; but subject to an original chief rent of £68, 14s.

The Trust-Deed, embodying trusts adopted by the Annual Assembly of 1877, is dated 12th February, 1878.

The Trustees are nine in number, who, with the Connexional Officers, the Principal, Treasurer, and Secretary, and such other officers of the Institute as may be appointed by the Annual Assembly, and by it also declared members of the Governing Body, and nine other persons, being members of our Churches elected from year to year by the Annual Assembly—constitute THE GOVERNORS of the Institute.

The premises are to be used as a Theological Institute for the training of candidates for our Ministry, or for such other purposes as the Annual Assembly may from time to time direct or sanction. And no teaching or instruction is to be given or permitted in the Institute which is in any way contrary to, or inconsistent with, the Doctrines or Polity of our Churches as set forth in the "*Foundation Deed*."

All the general regulations for the management of the Institute, the selection of Students, the terms of their admission, the election and appointment of all the principal Officers of the Institute, and the conditions of their engagement, are to be wholly arranged and determined by the Annual Assembly. And new trustees must be appointed by the Assembly when the acting trustees are reduced to *four*. In

all other respects, the powers and duties of the Governors of the Institute are the same as those of the Governing Body of Ashville College.

COLLEGE ENLARGEMENT AND ENDOWMENT.

The finances of the College have never been satisfactory. During the twenty-six years of its existence, the ordinary income has invariably fallen short of the expenditure. The average annual deficiency during that term was £177; during the last ten years it reached £240. By special means the debts were again and again wiped out, but the oft-repeated task became burdensome. To prevent the recurrence of these experiences, and to provide a building worthy of the denomination, and every way suitable for the tuition and comfort of the students and their tutors and governors, Mr. Jas. Duckworth, M.P. set himself the onerous task of raising in five years an Endowment fund of £20,000. Ultimately he decided to build a new wing, and otherwise improve the premises at his own cost, on condition that a further sum of £4000 was raised to clear off the debt on the current account, and refurnish the College. Since the Annual Assembly of 1898, the conditions have been fulfilled. The College has been opened free of debt by Mr. Duckworth, and £3000 handed to the Principal; and there is every reason to believe that the £20,000 promised will soon be in the hands of the Treasurer. The £27,000 thus raised is a monument indeed to the untiring energy and marked liberality of Mr. Duckworth. Others have done well in this noble work, but he excels them all.

The following are the directions of the Annual Assembly of 1897, with regard to the investment of this fund.

ENDOWMENT FUND.

1. That the £20,000 Fund raised, or to be raised, under the authority and by the direction of this Annual Assembly in former sessions, by voluntary contributions through James Duckworth, Esq., and any other sum which may be given for the purpose, shall be an Endowment Fund for the Theological Institute or College, Victoria Park, Manchester, and shall be held by the Trustees and invested by the Governors thereof,

subject to the trusts of the said Theological Institute or College, as declared in the Trust Deed of the said charity, dated 12th February, 1878.

2. That the income of the said Endowment Fund shall be received by the Trustees or Treasurer of the said Theological Institute or College, who shall, in conjunction with the other Governors, apply the same to, and for the purposes of, the said charity, as mentioned or referred to in the said Deed of 12th February, 1878, and for no other end or purpose whatsoever.

CUTHBERTSON PRIZE.

In the year 1878, a fund of £257, 17s. 9d., was generously placed at the disposal of the Governors as a memorial to the late Thomas Cuthbertson, Esq., to enable them annually to give a prize of £10 to a successful student, to be called the Thomas Cuthbertson Prize.

MARMADUKE MILLER SCHOLARSHIP.

In the year 1890, a fund of £1083, 12s. 3d. was raised by voluntary contributions as a memorial to the late Rev. Marmaduke Miller. An excellent portrait in oil by Mr. Weston, Manchester, has been provided and placed in the Institute. The balance, after expenses, of £1013, 14s. 10d., is reserved to provide an Annual £40 Scholarship, to be called "The Marmaduke Miller Scholarship."

HOW AWARDED.

1. This Scholarship shall be awarded to the successful candidate in a special examination in the following subjects and on the conditions named below:—

- (1) Biblical Criticism. The Authorship, Unity, and Historic Verity of the Books of the Bible, with special reference to the principles of the Higher Criticism. The Examiner shall name at the opening of the Autumnal Session of the Institute the book or books of the Bible which will be the subject of the examination that year.
- (2) Hermeneutics. The principles and Canons of Biblical

Interpretation, with particular reference to:—(a) The results of modern investigation in Science, History, Archæology, &c., and their bearing on the interpretation of the Sacred Writings; (b) the nature and scope of Divine Inspiration as set forth by the Scriptures themselves; (c) the Miracles of the Bible and their true nature and purpose as a part of Divine Revelation.

- (3) Languages. Greek and Latin, with reference chiefly to the Revisers' Greek Text of the New Testament, and to some suitable Latin author. The candidates' knowledge of these languages to be ascertained and examples of translation given.

2. A Board of Examiners shall be formed, to consist of three persons. The term of office shall be three years, the retiring examiners not being eligible for re-election until the expiration of one year after the close of their term. One examiner shall retire each year, the order of retirement at the first and second elections being determined in accordance with the number of votes received at the original appointment; but the clause limiting re-election shall be in abeyance during those two years. The examiners may be recommended by the Governors of the Institute, but shall be elected by the Annual Assembly. Should any examiner die, resign, or from any cause be unable to discharge the duties of his office, the remaining examiners shall make an *interim* arrangement for the supply of his lack of service until the ensuing Annual Assembly, when an appointment shall be made for the unexpired portion of three years.

3. The Examination shall be in writing (the questions may be printed), and the Examiners, with the Principal and Secretary of the Institute, shall fix the time and place, appoint a superintendent or superintendents, and make all other arrangements necessary to the examination. The papers shall be collected by the superintendent and sent to the examiners, who shall appraise the merits of the answers and send the report to the Secretary of the Institute, who shall tabulate the results and present them to the Governors' Meeting.

The Governors shall award the Scholarship to the candidate who has obtained the highest total number of marks, provided

that not less than 70 per cent. of the possible marks, nor less than 50 per cent. in each paper, shall have been obtained. No award shall be made for a smaller number of marks.

4. The Board of Examiners shall consult together and determine which subject each will take, and the length of time to be allowed for the answers to each paper. Each question shall have a numerical value, the total number of marks obtainable for each paper being 100, the number of questions not to exceed ten.

5. All students in their second year in the Institute shall be eligible for the scholarship; and those who intend to enter for the examination must signify such intention to the Principal, at the beginning of the Autumnal Session.

6. The candidate to whom the scholarship has been awarded may remain in the Institute a third year (the £40 being paid to the Institute Fund), taking such classes at Owens College, and studying such branches of learning as the Principal may approve; or if the winner of the scholarship prefer it, the £40 may be spent in promoting his higher education in such a way as the Board of Examiners and Governors may approve.

7. The "Cuthbertson Prize" shall not be awarded to the winner of the "Marmaduke Miller Scholarship."

8. That a certificate be presented to the holder of the "Miller Scholarship."

EXAMINERS FOR SCHOLARSHIP.

- 1893 Dr. R. J. Lloyd, M.A., 1; Revs. R. Abercrombie, M.A., 1; Dr. Brook, 1.
 1894 Dr. R. J. Lloyd, M.A., 2; Revs. R. Abercrombie, M.A., 2; Dr. Brook, 2.
 1895 Dr. R. J. Lloyd, M.A., 3; Revs. R. Abercrombie, M.A., 3; Dr. Brook, 3.
 1896 Dr. R. J. Lloyd, M.A., 4; Revs. R. Abercrombie, M.A., 4; A. Jones, 1.
 1897 Dr. R. J. Lloyd, M.A., 5; Revs. Dr. Brook, 4; A. Jones, 2.
 1898 Revs. Dr. Brook, 5; A. Jones, 3; D. Irving, M.A., 1.

RICHARD CHEW PRIZE.

In 1895 the Annual Assembly determined to raise a Memorial Fund to the Rev. R. Chew, who had died on the 12th of April in that year, and to appropriate a portion of it

in obtaining a portrait of him to be placed in the College, and another part of it to provide an Annual Prize to bear his name. The portrait is in the College, and the sum of £50 has been handed to the College Funds that from its income such Prize may be awarded.

STUDENTS FROM 1872 TO 1898.

None of the brethren whose names are in *italics* are in the ministry of the United Methodist Free Churches. Some have died, others have left it, and a few never entered it.

1872 <i>Tatton, D.</i>	1877-8 Kipling, R. H.	1883-4 Soothill, A.
1872-3 Craine, E.	1877-9 Opie, T. H.	1884-5 Bailey, W.
1872-3 Dent, T. J.	1877-8 Pitchford, J.	1884-5 Balmer, W. C.
1872-3 Holmes, C. D.	1877-8 Wakefield, C. T.	1884-5 Barraclough, W. T.
1872-3 Mawer, J. W.	1878-9 Crosby, B.	1884-5 Greenwood, C.
1872-3 <i>Shaw, B. J. H.</i>	1878-9 <i>Davis, G. W.</i>	1884-5 <i>Hosking, J.</i>
1873-4 Hebborn, R.	1878-9 <i>Dingle, J.</i>	1885-6 Carnegie, J.
1873-4 <i>Hodgson, T.</i>	1878-9 Ellis, F. J.	1885-6 Foster, F. S.
1873-4 <i>Kershaw, J.</i>	1878-9 Hartley, J.	1885-6 Howe, W. G.
1874 Brook, D.	1878-9 <i>Haworth, J.</i>	1885-7 Sunderland, T.
1874-5 Clements, F. G.	1878-9 Miller, J. S.	1886-7 Bowker, J. H.
1874-5 Cockin, J.	1878-9 <i>Murray, W.</i>	1887-8 Davis, J. W.
1874-5 Dickinson, T. J.	1878-9 Wright, J.	1887-8 Hargreaves, J. A.
1874-5 Fothergill, H.	1879-80 <i>Craven, J. M.</i>	1887-8 Hughes, J. F.
1874-5 Kilgour, G.	1879-80 <i>Houghton, J.</i>	1887-8 Kay, W. H.
1874-5 Marrs, F.	1879-80 <i>Lea, G. H.</i>	1887-9 Nichols, J. B.
1874-5 <i>Wilson, T. T.</i>	1879-80 Percival, R.	1887-8 Rose, B. W.
1875-6 Booth, J. B.	1879-80 Pye, C.	1887-9 Thompson, E. D. L.
1875-6 Swallow, J. E.	1879-80 <i>Taylor, J. (B.)</i>	1888-9 Bott, T. R.
1875-6 Tungate, B. J.	1880 <i>Shacklady, J.</i>	1888-9 <i>Memmott, C.</i>
1875-6 <i>Dunn, J.</i>	1880-1 Bromley, A.	1888-9 Shaw, J. H.
1875-6 Vause, W.	1880-1 Burkitt, J. H.	1889-90 Atkinson, G.
1876-7 Buxton, C. H.	1880-1 Burt, J. P.	1889-90 Heywood, J. W.
1876-7 Dinsley, E. O.	1880-1 Dutton, F. B.	1889-90 Naylor, J.
1876-7 Hinchliffe, G. H.	1880-1 Edwards, J.	1889-90 Nightingale, T.
1876-7 Moore, J. T.	1880-1 <i>Taylor, J.</i>	1889-90 <i>Plant, T.</i>
1876-7 Poppleton, C. H.	1880-1 Turner, J.	1889-90 Ratcliffe, E.
1876-7 Wilson, G. A.	1882-3 Heywood, S.	1889-90 Shawcross, T.
1876-7 Yeates, F. J.	1882-3 Hocking, J.	1889-90 Wilkinson, W.
1877-8 Bishop, G. W.	1882-3 Hogg, E.	1890-1 Baker, R. R.
1877-8 Chadwick, A.	1882-3 Hooks, H.	
1877-8 <i>Coupe, A. E.</i>	1882-3 Mellelien, G.	
1877-8 Goodman, C. H.	1883-4 <i>Bowell, W.</i>	
1877-8 Hopkins, S. W.	1887-8 Leicesters, W.	

1890-2 Ellis, James	1893-4 Portman, J. E.	1896-7 Jackson, W. D.
1890-1 Higman, J. N.	1893-4 Wilce, J. G.	B.A.
1890-1 Howarth, J. A.	1894-5 Ellison, F. A.	1896-7 Tattersall, A.
1890-1 Kennedy, G. H.	1894-6 Goodhand, J. B.	1896-8 Watts, Frank
1890-1 Lineham, J.	1894-5 Lister, W. D.	1896-7 Wheeldon, A.
1890-1 Ninnis, J.	1894-5 Penberthy, W. J.	H.
1890-1 Worthington, G. S.	1894-5 Sarvent, A.	1897-8 Bryars, Wm.
1891-2 Chinn, John	1894-5 Smith, W. J.	1897-8 Flowers, Frank
1891-2 Clark, W. R.	1894-5 Smith, W. R.	1897-8 Rathmell, A.
1891-2 Heslop, F.	1894-5 Yates, C. E.	1897-8 Steele, F. W.
1891-3 James, J. H., B.A.	1895-6 Absalom, H. G.	1897-8 Steward, F. W.
1891-2 Leigh, J. E.	1895-6 Davies, J. J.	1897-8 Utting, A. W.
1891-2 Sharman, A. H.	1895-6 Field, W.	1897-8 Watts, H. F.
1892-3 Bowyer, A. E.	1895-6 Gair, R. W.	1898 Absalom, J. J.
1892-4 Renshaw, H. C.	1895-7 Houlst, W. B., M.A.	1898 Almond, W. A.
1892-3 Ridley, W. F.	1895-6 Shingles, H. J.	1898 Edees, Isaac
1892-3 Wolfenden, R.	1895-6 Simon, Walter M.	1898 Greensmith, A.
1893-4 Barriball, C. D.	1895-6 Sunman, H.	1898 E.
1893-5 Ibbotson, John.	1896-7 Chapman, H. W.	1898 Jefferies, Thos. A.
1893-4 Micklethwaite, W. S.	B.	1898 Ratcliffe, E. J.
1893 Noble, Robert	1896-7 Davenport, T. B.	1898 Shapland, H. F.
	1896-7 Dinsley, H. S.	1898 Thompson, J. A.

In making a statement as to the character of the work done by the Students at the Institute, it may be sufficient to say that from 1872 to 1887, the 79 students who passed through the Institute secured as the result of their examinations an average of about 73½ per cent. of the marks obtainable. And from 1887 to 1898, the 72 students who underwent examination obtained in the aggregate 887 1st class passes, 247 2nd class, 68 3rd class, and 25 4th. Total 1247.

Good work has also been done by the students at Owens College.

PRIZEMEN.

STUDENTS IN FIRST YEAR.	STUDENTS IN SECOND YEAR.	
Prizes.	Cuthbertson Prize.	Marmaduke Miller's Scholarship.
E. Craine	J. W. Mawer	.....
J. Kershaw	J. Kershaw	.....
D. Brook	G. Kilgour	.....
J. B. Booth	F. Marrs	.....
E. O. Dinsley	H. Fothergill	.....
C. H. Buxton	W. Vause	.....
A. W. Hopkins	J. Moore	.....
G. W. Davis	S. W. Hopkins	.....
J. M. Craven	B. Crosby	.....
A. Bromley	J. Houghton	.....
.....	J. H. Burkitt	.....
H. Hooks	.....	.....
A. Boothill	J. Hocking	.....
W. Bailey	A. Soothill	.....
Special Prizes	W. Bailey	.....
for Students in 2nd Year.	W. G. Howe	.....
J. A. Hargreaves	J. H. Bowker	.....
J. H. Shaw	J. B. Nichols	.....
E. Ratcliffe	T. R. Bott	.....
T. Shawcross	John Naylor	.....
.....	J. N. Higman	James Ellis
.....	G. H. Sharman	J. H. James
.....	R. Woolfenden	H. C. Renshaw
.....	C. D. Barriball	John Ibbotson
.....	W. J. Penberthy	J. B. Goodhand
.....	H. G. Absalom	W. B. Houlst, M.A.
.....	T. B. Davenport	F. E. Watts

REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLIES
OF 1880, 1891, 1892, AND 1896.

1. That in addition to the ordinary Theological Examination, Candidates shall undergo a Preliminary Examination, to test their proficiency in the ordinary branches of an English Education.

2. That the Preliminary Examination shall include:—
- (a) Reading, Writing, Dictation.
 - (b) English Grammar (the examination on this subject to be full and searching).
 - (c) English History from 1485 to 1870.
 - (d) Geography.
 - (e) Arithmetic (as far as and including Vulgar Fractions).

3. That the Preliminary Examination shall be held on the day prior to that fixed for the meeting of Governors. It shall be conducted by the Principal, with the President and Institute Secretary; who shall lay the papers, with a report of the results of the Examination, before the meeting of Governors.

4. That all the Governors, who are disposed or have opportunity, may be present at the Preliminary Examination; and that therefore notice shall be given on the Circular of the hour at which the Preliminary Examination shall commence.

5. The Examination before the Governors shall embrace the subjects mentioned on page 68. Section II.

6. That the minimum payment of a Student for admission to the Institute shall be £25; £15 to be paid on entering, and £10 at the commencement of the second year.

7. That the Report of Examinations in the Institute and at Owens College shall be submitted each year to the Governors; and that the Governors shall consider the case of each Student who has finished his two years' course, with a view to his recommendation or otherwise for admission to the Connexional Ministry on Probation; such recommendation to be given only, when, in the judgment of the Governors, the Student is qualified for the work.

8. That Candidates (except in special cases) who have attained or passed their twenty-third birthday on June 30th preceding the Annual Assembly at which their cases may be considered, shall be ineligible for admission to the Institute.

9. That the Expenses of Candidates travelling to the

Institute for Examination be paid by the Circuits or Districts recommending them.

10. That the Secretary of Written Examinations be instructed to send to the Institute a copy of the several books that the students are required to study before admission into Full Connexion.

GOVERNING BODY.

Consisting of the Officers of the Institute, Connexional Officers, Trustees, and Elective Governors.

Year.	Principal.	Treasurer.	Secretary.
1871-73	Rev. T. Hacking	T. Boddington, Esq.	Rev. S. S. Barton
1874-75	Rev. T. Hacking	T. Boddington, Esq.	John Millen, Esq.
1876-77	Rev. T. Hacking	T. Boddington, Esq.	J. H. Crosfield, Esq.
1878	Rev. T. Hacking	T. Boddington, Esq.	Rev. M. Miller
1879-80	Rev. T. Hacking	T. Boddington, Esq.	Rev. J. Kirsop
1881*	Rev. W. Patterson	T. Boddington, Esq.	Rev. J. Kirsop
1882	Rev. A. Holliday	T. Boddington, Esq.	Rev. John Taylor
1883-85	Rev. A. Holliday	T. Boddington, Esq.	Rev. S. Chester
1886-88	Rev. A. Holliday	J. H. Crosfield, Esq., J.P.	Rev. John Truscott
1889-91	Rev. A. Holliday	J. H. Crosfield, Esq., J.P.	Rev. D. Brook, M.A.
1892-94	Rev. A. Holliday	J. H. Crosfield, Esq., J.P.	Rev. W. H. C. Harris
1895†	Rev. J. Twigg Taylor	J. H. Crosfield, Esq., J.P.	{ Rev. W. H. C. Harris Mr. W. A. Lewins, Asst. Sec.
1896†	Rev. J. Twigg Taylor	J. Duckworth, Esq., J.P.	{ Rev. W. H. C. Harris Mr. W. A. Lewins, Asst. Sec.
1897	Rev. T. Sherwood	J. Duckworth, Esq., M.P.	{ Rev. W. H. C. Harris Mr. W. A. Lewins, Asst. Sec.
1898	Rev. T. Sherwood	{ J. Duckworth, Esq., M.P. Mr. W. A. Lewins, Asst. Tr.	{ Rev. W. H. C. Harris Rev. H. Hooks, Asst. Sec.

* The Rev. Wm. Patterson acted as House Governor until his decease at Christmas, after him the Rev. W. R. Brown. The Teaching Staff consisted of the Revs. J. Kirsop, J. Taylor, and R. J. Lloyd, Esq., B.A.

† The Rev. John Twigg Taylor was House Governor for these two years. The Teaching Staff consisted of the Revs. J. Twigg Taylor, Wm. Redfern, and Dr. Lloyd.

TRUSTEES.

1877 Revs. A. Holliday (deceased 1896); M. Miller (deceased 1889); Messrs. T. Boddington (deceased 1886); J. H. Crosfield, J.P.; John Haslam, J.P.; J. Millen (deceased 1892); J. Phythian (deceased 1887); E. Potts; T. H. Whitehead.

1886 Mr. H. T. Mawson (in place of Mr. Boddington).

1887 Dr. Lloyd (in place of Mr. Phythian).

1889 Rev. E. Boaden (in place of Rev. M. Miller).

1892 Ald. J. Duckworth, J.P. (in place of Mr. Millen).

1897 Rev. R. Abercrombie, M.A. (in place of Rev. A. Holliday).

ELECTED GOVERNORS, INCLUDING THE
CONNEXIONAL OFFICERS.

1871 Revs. E. BOADEN, *Pres.*, 1; J. S. WITHINGTON, *Con. Sec.*, 1; J. GARSIDE, *Cor. Sec.*, 1; H. T. MAWSON, Esq., *Con. Tr.*, 1; Revs. M. MILLER, *Editor*, 1; R. BUSHELL, *Gen. Mis. Sec.*, 1; J. Guttridge, 1; Messrs. C. Cheetham, 1; J. Heginbottom, 1; W. Howe, 1; J. Phythian, 1; J. T. Smith, 1; T. Watson, 1.

1872 Revs. J. S. WITHINGTON, *Pres.*, 2; J. ADCOCK, *Con. Sec.*, 1; J. GARSIDE, *Cor. Sec.*, 2; H. T. MAWSON, Esq., *Con. Tr.*, 2; Revs. R. BUSHELL, *Gen. Mis. Sec.*, 2; M. MILLER, *Editor*, 2; R. Chew, 1; J. Guttridge, 2; Messrs. J. Heginbottom, 2; W. Howe, 2; J. Millen, 1; J. Phythian, 2; J. T. Smith, 2; T. Watson, 2; W. H. Cozens-Hardy, 1.

1873 Revs. J. ADCOCK, *Pres.*, 2; A. HOLLIDAY, *Con. Sec.*, 1; J. GARSIDE, *Cor. Sec.*, 3; H. T. MAWSON, Esq., *Con. Tr.*, 3; Revs. R. Chew, 2; J. Guttridge, 3; W. Hubbard, 1; Messrs. J. Heginbottom, 3; W. Howe, 3; J. Phythian, 3; J. T. Smith, 3; T. Watson, 3; J. Petrie, jun., 1.

1874 Revs. J. GARSIDE, *Pres.*, 4; A. HOLLIDAY, *Con. Sec.*, 2; T. M. BOOTH, *Cor. Sec.*, 1; H. T. MAWSON, Esq., *Con. Tr.*, 4; Revs. S. S. Barton, 4; J. Colman, 1; J. Guttridge, 4; W. Hubbard, 2; Messrs. J. Heginbottom, 4; W. Howe, 4; J. Phythian, 4; J. T. Smith, 4; T. Watson, 4.

1875 Revs. J. KIRSOP, *Pres.*, 1; T. M. BOOTH, *Con. Sec.*, 2; W. BOYDEN, *Cor. Sec.*, 1; H. T. MAWSON, Esq., *Con. Tr.*, 5; Revs. J. S. Balmer, 1; S. S. Barton, 5; R. Chew, 3; J. Colman, 2; J. Guttridge, 5; W. Hubbard, 3; Messrs. J. Heginbottom, 5; W. Howe, 5; J. Phythian, 5; J. T. Smith, 5; T. Watson, 5.

1876 Revs. T. M. BOOTH, *Pres.*, 3; W. BOYDEN, *Con. Sec.*, 2; S. CHESTER, *Cor. Sec.*, 1; H. T. MAWSON, Esq., *Con. Tr.*, 6; Revs. J. S. Balmer, 2; S. S. Barton, 6; R. Chew, 4; J. Guttridge, 6; W. Hubbard, 4; W. Francis, 1; Messrs. J. Heginbottom, 6; W. Howe, 6; J. Phythian, 6; J. T. Smith, 6; T. Watson, 6; J. Thompson, 1; J. Millen, 4.

1877 Revs. A. HOLLIDAY, *Pres.*, 3; W. BOYDEN, *Con. Sec.*, 3; T. W. TOWNEND, *Cor. Sec.*, 1; H. T. MAWSON, Esq., *Con. Tr.*, 7; Revs. S. S. Barton, 7; T. M. Booth, 4; R. Chew, 5; J. Guttridge, 7;

J. Kirsop, 2; M. Miller, 3; J. Myers, 1; G. Turner, 1; Messrs. J. Millen, 5; W. Howe, 7; J. Phythian, 7; J. Thompson, 2; G. Kisby, 1.

1878 Revs. W. BOYDEN, *Pres.*, 4; T. W. TOWNEND, *Con. Sec.*, 2; A. HANDS, *Cor. Sec.*, 1; H. T. MAWSON, Esq., *Con. Tr.*, 8; Revs. R. Abercrombie, M.A., 1; J. Adcock, 3; S. S. Barton, 8; T. M. Booth, 5; R. Chew, 6; J. Guttridge, 8; J. Kirsop, 3; J. Myers, 2; J. Swann Withington, 3.

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1876 Revs. S. S. Barton, 4; J. H. Carr, 3; J. Myers, 2; W. Patterson, 2; J. Swann Withington, 2.

1877 Revs. S. S. Barton, 5; J. H. Carr, 4; J. Guttridge, 2; J. Kirsop, 2; J. Myers, 3; J. Swann Withington, 3.

1878 Revs. S. S. Barton, 6; J. Kirsop, 3; M. Miller, 1; W. Patterson, 3.

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Year.	Subscriptions, Principal's Fees, &c., &c.			Students' Fees.	Book Room Grants.	Totals.	Principal's Salary.	Students' Board and Servants' Wages and Board.	Rents, Rates, &c., &c.	Owens College Fees, Students' Books, &c., &c.	Furniture, Repairs, Sundry Improvements, and Sundries.	Totals.
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	£ s. d.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1872	273	9	1	273 9 1	112 10	170 14	86 12	38 15	60 4	468 19 0
1873	352	0	10	30	0	382 0 10	150 0	245 16	112 0	29 17	59 3	606 17 2
1874	365	7	3	130	12	695 7 3	150 0	371 12	118 0	49 14	42 11	734 18 0
1875	414	19	2	150	10	764 19 2	176 5	408 8	110 3	47 16	36 19	779 12 8
1876	470	2	4	130	0	700 2 4	180 0	397 1	121 15	43 8	61 3	803 8 7
1877	414	19	2	150	10	764 19 2	180 0	408 8	110 3	47 16	36 19	779 12 8
1878	470	2	4	130	0	700 2 4	180 0	397 1	121 15	43 8	61 3	803 8 7
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1896	470	2	4	130	0	700 2 4	180 0	397 1	121 15	43 8	61 3	803 8 7
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1898	470	2	4	130	0	700 2 4	180 0	397 1	121 15	43 8	61 3	803 8 7
	13,827	8	2½	3943	12	19,920 15 2½	4092 18	10,136 9	2968 15 3	1665 17 4	2780 9 11½	22,244 9 6½
Contributions to Building Fund, Balance due to Treasurer,						3,827 4 2 2,240 8 2	Cost of Land, Buildings, and Alterations, Furnishing, &c., &c., £43, 18s.,					
						25,988 7 6½						

* These years include special income in liquidation of debt: 1880, £565; 1890, £492, 7s.; 1894, £468, 5s.—Total, £1625, 12s.

+ The income for these years includes grants from the Commemorative Fund: 1884, £276; 1885, £230, 10s.; 1886, £250.—Total, £755, 10s.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT, 30TH APRIL, 1898.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Cuthbertson Fund	257	17	9	Deficit on Current Account	2240	8	2
Legacies :—				Balance in Bank	307	19	7
Abraham Sharman	£200	0					
John Schofield	315	0					
Joseph Phythian	50	10					
Martin Heath	75	0					
John Kirkham	100	0					
	740	10	0				
Loans :—							
Miller Memorial Fund	£1000	0					
Chew Prize Fund	50	0					
Debt and Furnishing Fund	500	0					
	1550	0	0				
	£2548	7	9		£2548	7	9

MILLER MEMORIAL FUND.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Capital Account	1089	14	11	Lent to Theological Institute	1000	0	0
Interest accrued	40	15	0	Scholarship, &c.	40	15	0
				Balance in Bank	89	14	11
	£1130	9	11		£1130	9	11

ENDOWMENT FUND.

Number of Subscribers	565.
Amount promised	£19,942 10 0

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Received to 15th June, 1898 . .	15,002	0	0	Corporation Stock .	7000	0	0
Received Interest from Bank and Corporation Stock	611	0	0	Paid to Contractors	2995	0	0
				Balance in Bank .	5618	0	0
	£15,613	0	0		£15,613	0	0

WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS.

IN 1863 the Annual Assembly prescribed a course of study for ministers on Probation, with Examinations by Printed Questions. In the thirty-five years that have since passed away, the scheme has got into excellent working order; and in supplying an intellectual stimulus that is universally acknowledged. The highest averages were reached in the following years: for Ex-Institute men with a two years' course of study, in 1877, 1879, 1885, 1887, and 1891; for other brethren with their four or five years' course of study, in 1880, 1889, 1894, and 1896. From the first, over 500 young men have taken, or are taking, these studies, 117 of them being ex-students of the Institute. From 1863 to 1867 the brethren purchased their own books; from 1868 to the present time they have been paid for out of Connexional Funds. For a few years after 1868 the cost of Examinations was at the rate of over £100 per year.

REGULATIONS.

As enlarged and modified by Annual Assemblies from 1886 to 1898.

1. All brethren entering the ministry of our home Churches (excepting those who have had a collegiate training), and all natives entering our ministry in West Africa, are required to pursue a course of study prescribed from year to year by the Annual Assembly, and undergo Examinations thereon. Those brethren, however, having a home status, who are sent as missionaries to any of the following stations, *viz.* :—China, Jamaica, East and West Africa, whether ex-students of the Theological Institute or otherwise, whilst required to pursue these studies, shall be exempted from the usual Written Examinations.

2. The course of study shall comprise three subjects or books for each year, and shall be regulated, as to time, as follows, *viz.* :—In the case of brethren who have completed a two years' course of study in the Theological Institute, it shall extend over two years; in the case of brethren who have completed one year only in the Institute, it shall extend over three years; but in the case of brethren who have not been in the Institute, it shall be continued through five years. Except in special cases, determined by the Connexional Committee, the whole course of studies must be completed and Examinations thereon undergone, before the final Examination by the Connexional Committee for Full Connexion take place.

3. The Examinations shall be conducted by printed questions, and shall

take place on the second Thursday and Friday in May, or at such other times, and at such places, as may be determined by the Connexional Committee.

4. In view of the *Oral* Examinations in the first and fourth years of their probation, the ex-students shall have their *Written* Examinations in the two intermediate years—viz., the second and third.

5. Examiners shall be nominated by the Connexional Committee and appointed by the Annual Assembly to prepare Examination questions, and decide on the merit of answers. The Examiners shall retire from the Board, one each year in the order of seniority, and shall not be eligible for re-election until they have been off the list of Examiners for two years.

6. An Examiners' Secretary shall be annually nominated by the Connexional Committee, and appointed by the Annual Assembly, whose business shall be to inform the Students concerning their studies, make arrangements for Examinations, attend to the printing and distribution of questions, the collecting of answers, and such other matters as may hereafter be specified and may be needful for the successful carrying out of the Examinations.

7. Two Superintendents, one a Minister and the other a Layman, shall be appointed by the Connexional Committee at its April session, to conduct each Examination, distribute the papers amongst the Students on the day of Examination, see that they do not avail themselves of extraneous help, collect the answers, and send them forthwith to the Secretary, who shall forward them to the Examiners. The Superintendents shall also pay the expenses connected with the Examinations and report to the Secretary.

8. The Examiners shall report the results of the Examinations within fourteen days to the Secretary, who shall tabulate them, and report first to the Connexional Committee and Annual Assembly, and then to the Students respectively.

9. A programme of studies shall be sent by the Secretary to the Students at the commencement of the Connexional year, with any additional information that may be helpful to the prosecution of their studies. He shall also cause the books for study to be forwarded by the Book Room in the September book parcel.

10. The Examiners' papers shall each contain nine questions, all of which are to be answered by the Students.

11. Marks are to be given in the ratio of ten for every full and correct answer to a question, making a possible maximum number of 90 marks for each paper, and 270 marks for each Examination. The aggregate number of marks for the several examinations in the course must reach an average minimum of 150, and in no single case must it fall below 135, or, in the following year, the student must be re-examined in the books in which the deficiency occurs, with the view of the average total being reached.

12. Prizes (obtained where practicable by voluntary subscriptions) and certificates of merit shall be given to Students who satisfactorily pass their five annual Examinations, but no Student shall be entitled to the first prize who does not obtain 900 marks, or to the second prize who does not obtain 835 marks, or to the third prize who does not obtain 770 marks, or be entitled to a certificate of merit who does not obtain 705 marks. If, in any contingency, a brother should complete his five years' course of study after his admission into Full Connexion he is ineligible for a prize. Certificates

of merit shall also be given to ex-students of the Theological Institute, who in their several annual examinations obtain an average of 180 marks.

13. The cost of books for studies shall be defrayed by a grant from the Book Room; and the other expenses connected with the Examination from the Incidental Expenses Fund.

14. A list of the prizemen and of the brethren who are entitled to certificates of merit shall be inserted in the Minutes of the Annual Assembly for the current year: also a list of the books to be studied during the following year.

COURSE OF STUDY.

Provisional Year.

1. Morris' Grammar, with Exercises (Primer).
2. Wesley's Sermons (Marrow of Methodism).
3. Lumby on the Acts of the Apostles, English Text, Introduction and Notes on Chapters i. to xviii., inclusive.

First Year of Probation.

1. Bruce's Apologetics.
2. Westcott on the Canon of the New Testament. Seventh Edition. Pages 64 to 207 and 357 to 433 to be omitted.
3. Ryle's Canon of the Old Testament.

Second Year of Probation.

1. Jevons' Logic.
2. Simon on the Redemption of Man.
3. Beet on The Epistle of Paul to the Romans.

Third Year of Probation.

1. Butler's Analogy of Religion.
2. Lightfoot's Dissertation on the Christian Ministry.
3. Martensen's Christian Ethics (General).

Fourth Year of Probation.

1. Flint's Theism.
2. Dr. Orr's Christian View of God and the World.
3. Westcott on St. John's Gospel, Text, Introduction, and Notes on Chapters i. to ix., inclusive.

Ex-Students' First Year's Studies in the Second Year of Probation.

1. Dr. Orr's Christian View of God and the World.
2. Westcott on St. John's Gospel, Text, Introduction, and Notes on Chapters i. to ix., inclusive.
3. Lightfoot on Philippians, Greek Text, Introduction, and Notes. Dissertations on the Christian Ministry and St. Paul and Seneca to be omitted.

Ex-Students' Second Year's Studies in the Third Year of Probation.

1. Beet's Through Christ to God.
2. Flint's Antitheistic Theories.
3. Lumby on the Acts of the Apostles, Greek Text, Introduction, and Notes on Chapters i. to viii., inclusive.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

TABLE OF WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS.

Showing the Number of Brethren who have completed the prescribed Course of Study; the Total and the Average Number of Marks obtained; and the Names of the Prizemen, with the Number of their Marks. The Maximum Number of Marks possible for the Brethren in the first list, who, from 1867 to 1891, completed their four years' course of study was 360; for the Brethren who, from 1892 to 1898, have completed their five years' course, 450; for the Ex-Students from the Institute, in the second list, who have completed their two years' course, 180; after 1896, 270.

Men who have not been to the Theological Institute. Report on their Four Years' Course of Study.									
Year.	Number Examined.	Marks Obtained.	Average.	First Prizemen.	Marks Obtained.	Second Prizemen.	Marks Obtained.	Third Prizemen.	Marks Obtained.
1867	17	3115	183.4	S. Wright	226	Jos. Martin	219	E. T. Harris	218
1868	16	3738	233.6	W. O. Lilley	277	W. H. Bond	267	J. Batten	266
1869	33	6951	210.3	J. Ashcroft	305	W. L. Roberts	274	W. H. Souby	266
1870	12	2299	191.5	T. Campbell	243	W. Edmondson	241	G. Whittle	267
1871	18	3747	208.1	G. O. Lund	301	J. Rogers	260	G. B. Caple	249
1872	9	1975	219.4	J. F. Arnold	331	H. T. Chapman	253	W. L. Smith	253
1873	10	2305	230.5	J. F. Gubbin	315	T. Hammond	266	W. Toppin	296
1874	20	4064	203.2	J. F. Barnard	315	E. O. Perry	291	H. Raymont	300
1875	5	1242	248.4	W. Redfern	291	A. Clayton	255	D. Irving	308
1876	14	3573	255.2	R. Wilton	347	A. Hanesworth	312	E. J. Marshall	311
1877	11	2953	268.5	W. G. Jordan	319	F. Barin	313	W. Gay	311
1878	9	2510	278.8	James Martin	332	R. Watons	319	A. G. Machin	320
1879	7	1789	255.4	W. Downing	339	J. Billington	338	W. Reed (B)	299
1880	13	3713	285.6	H. Mann	347	W. C. Rank	338	C. H. Butcher	289
1881	15	4085	272.3	J. Baxter	347	J. Gaskell	315	T. Skillings	283
1882	13	3259	250.7	W. H. Brookes	323	E. Abbott	292		
1883	14	3470	247.9	G. Graves	324	T. Lee (D)	304		
1884	8	2147	268.3						
1885	1	270	270	G. W. Ingram	309	W. Vivian	270	W. C. Hope	263
1886	1	1020	255	E. Bocock	316	J. Cook	298	J. W. Thompson	297
1887	4	1145	286.4			J. Longden			
1888	4								
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Ex-Students of the Institute, report on their Two Years' Course of Study.									
Year.	Number Examined.	Marks Obtained.	Average.	First Prizemen.	Marks Obtained.	Second Prizemen.	Marks Obtained.	Third Prizemen.	Marks Obtained.
1867	17	3115	183.4	S. Wright	226	Jos. Martin	219	E. T. Harris	218
1868	16	3738	233.6	W. O. Lilley	277	W. H. Bond	267	J. Batten	266
1869	33	6951	210.3	J. Ashcroft	305	W. L. Roberts	274	W. H. Souby	266
1870	12	2299	191.5	T. Campbell	243	W. Edmondson	241	G. Whittle	267
1871	18	3747	208.1	G. O. Lund	301	J. Rogers	260	G. B. Caple	249
1872	9	1975	219.4	J. F. Arnold	331	H. T. Chapman	253	W. L. Smith	253
1873	10	2305	230.5	J. F. Gubbin	315	T. Hammond	266	W. Toppin	296
1874	20	4064	203.2	J. F. Barnard	315	E. O. Perry	291	H. Raymont	300
1875	5	1242	248.4	W. Redfern	291	A. Clayton	255	D. Irving	308
1876	14	3573	255.2	R. Wilton	347	A. Hanesworth	312	E. J. Marshall	311
1877	11	2953	268.5	W. G. Jordan	319	F. Barin	313	W. Gay	311
1878	9	2510	278.8	James Martin	332	R. Watons	319	A. G. Machin	320
1879	7	1789	255.4	W. Downing	339	J. Billington	338	W. Reed (B)	299
1880	13	3713	285.6	H. Mann	347	W. C. Rank	315	C. H. Butcher	289
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1885	1	270	270	G. W. Ingram	309	W. Vivian	270	W. C. Hope	263
1886	1	1020	255	E. Bocock	316	J. Cook	298	J. W. Thompson	297
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Years.	Secretaries.	Examiners.
1863	Rev. T. Hacking.	Revs. M. Baxter, 1; T. Hacking, 1; M. Miller, 1.
1864	Rev. T. Hacking.	Revs. M. Baxter, 2; R. Chew, 1; J. Kirsop, 1.
1865	Rev. T. Hacking.	Revs. M. Baxter, 3; R. Chew, 2; W. Patterson, 1.
1866	Rev. T. Hacking.	Revs. M. Baxter, 4; M. Miller, 2; W. Patterson, 2.
1867	Rev. T. Hacking.	Revs. R. Bushell, 1; T. Hacking, 2; M. Miller, 3; W. Patterson, 3.
1868	Rev. T. Hacking.	Revs. R. Chew, 3; J. Kirsop, 2; W. Patterson, 4; J. S. Withington, 1.
1869	Rev. T. Hacking.	Revs. R. Chew, 4; J. Kirsop, 3; W. Patterson, 5; J. S. Withington, 2.
1870	Rev. T. Hacking.	Revs. R. Chew, 5; J. Kirsop, 4; M. Miller, 4; W. Patterson, 6.
1871	Rev. T. Hacking.	Revs. R. Abercrombie, M.A., 1; J. Myers, 1; R. Chew, 6; W. Patterson, 7.
1872	Rev. T. Hacking.	Revs. R. Abercrombie, M.A., 2; J. Kirsop, 5; J. Myers, 2; W. Patterson, 8.
1873	Rev. T. Hacking.	Revs. R. Abercrombie, M.A., 3; J. Kirsop, 6; J. Myers, 3; W. Patterson, 9.
1874	Rev. T. Hacking.	Revs. R. Abercrombie, M.A., 4; J. Myers, 4; W. Patterson, 10; J. S. Withington, 3.
1875	Rev. T. Hacking.	Revs. R. Abercrombie, M.A., 5; J. Myers, 5; W. Patterson, 11; J. S. Withington, 4.
1876	Rev. T. Hacking.	Revs. J. Kirsop, 7; J. Myers, 6; W. Patterson, 12; J. S. Withington, 5.
1877	Rev. T. M. Booth.	Revs. J. Kirsop, 8; J. Myers, 7; W. Patterson, 13; J. S. Withington, 6.
1878	Rev. T. M. Booth.	Revs. J. Kirsop, 9; J. Myers, 8; W. Patterson, 14; J. S. Withington, 7.
1879	Rev. T. M. Booth.	Revs. R. Chew, 7; J. Myers, 9; W. Patterson, 15; J. S. Withington, 8.
1880	Rev. T. M. Booth.	Revs. W. H. Bond, 1; J. Myers, 10; W. Patterson, 16; J. S. Withington, 9.
1881	Rev. T. M. Booth.	Revs. W. H. Bond, 2; J. Myers, 11; J. S. Withington, 10.
1882	Rev. T. M. Booth.	Revs. W. H. Bond, 3; J. Kirsop, 10; J. Myers, 12; J. S. Withington, 11.
1883	Rev. T. M. Booth.	Revs. W. H. Bond, 4; J. Kirsop, 11; J. Myers, 13; J. S. Withington, 12.
1884	Rev. T. M. Booth.	Revs. W. H. Bond, 5; J. Kirsop, 12; J. Myers, 14; J. S. Withington, 13.
1885	Rev. E. Askew.	Revs. W. H. Bond, 6; W. Boyden, 1; W. M. Hunter, 1; W. Redfern, 1.
1886	Rev. E. Askew.	Revs. W. Boyden, 2; W. M. Hunter, 2; W. Redfern, 2; S. Wright, 1.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS—*Continued.*

Years.	Secretaries.	Examiners.
1887	Rev. E. Askew.	Revs. W. Boyden, 3; W. M. Hunter, 3; S. Wright, 2; T. B. Saul, 1.
1888	Rev. E. Askew.	Revs. W. Boyden, 4; S. Wright, 3; T. B. Saul, 2; J. Boyes, M.A., 1.
1889	Rev. E. Askew.	Revs. S. Wright, 4; T. B. Saul, 3; J. Boyes, M.A., 2; W. H. Bond, 7.
1890	Rev. E. Askew.	Revs. T. B. Saul, 4; J. Boyes, M.A., 3; W. H. Bond, 8; E. D. Green, 1.
1891	Rev. E. Askew.	Revs. J. Boyes, M.A., 4; W. H. Bond, 9; E. D. Green, 2; J. F. Barnard, 1.
1892	Rev. E. Askew.	Revs. W. H. Bond, 10; E. D. Green, 3; J. F. Barnard, 2; T. Sherwood, 1.
1893	Rev. E. Askew.	Revs. E. D. Green, 4; J. F. Barnard, 3; T. Sherwood, 2; W. Redfern, 3.
1894	Rev. E. Askew.	Revs. J. F. Barnard, 4; T. Sherwood, 3; W. Redfern, 4; D. Irving, M.A., 1.
1895	Rev. E. Askew.	Revs. T. Sherwood, 4; W. Redfern, 5; D. Irving, M.A., 2; J. Taylor (a), 1.
1896	Rev. E. Askew.	Revs. W. Redfern, 6; D. Irving, M.A., 3; J. Taylor (a), 2; R. Abercrombie, M.A., 6.
1897	Rev. E. Askew.	Revs. D. Irving, M.A., 4; J. Taylor (a), 3; R. Abercrombie, M.A., 7; S. Wright, 5.
1898	Rev. E. Askew.	Revs. J. Taylor (a), 4; R. Abercrombie, M.A., 8; S. Wright, 6; W. Barnes, 1.

LOCAL PREACHERS' STUDIES.

THESE Studies are designed to afford to Local Preachers similar help to that rendered to Junior Itinerant Preachers by Written Examinations. After two or three years' preparation, the scheme was established at the Annual Assembly of 1893. The five years' record is, within comparatively narrow limits, fairly satisfactory.

Year.	Examinees.	1st Class pass.	Pass.	Failures.	Average Mks.
1894	18	7	5	6	27 $\frac{3}{4}$
1895	32	17	13	2	35 $\frac{1}{2}$
1896	34	25	9	0	39 $\frac{3}{4}$
1897	34	23	9	2	38
1898	37	26	11	0	35 $\frac{1}{2}$

It was reported at the Annual Assembly of 1897 that three of the first twelve students nobly completed the four years' course of Studies, the first obtaining 196 marks out of a possible 200, the second 187, and the third 167.

It is worthy of note that not less than sixteen or seventeen of the brethren who have taken these Studies have entered the Itinerancy, or are in the Theological Institute.

PRIZEMEN.

- 1897 J. A. Clark, Newcastle, Staff., 1st Prize.
 J. W. Barraclough, Wakefield, 2nd Prize.
 Tom Morcom, St. Columb, 3rd Prize.
 1897 John W. Clayton, Manchester 2nd, Sermon Prize.
 1898 Henry Brockbank, Lancaster, do.

REGULATIONS,

As amended by the Annual Assembly of 1896 and 1898.

As it is requisite and desirable, in harmony with a wide-spread desire expressed by the Circuits, and resolutions passed by previous Annual Assemblies, that Connexional provision be made for the more efficient and systematic training of brethren who are called to the sacred office of Local Preachers:

Resolved.—1. That Local Preachers be requested to pursue the following course of study prescribed by the Annual Assembly, and to undergo examinations thereon by means of printed questions.

1st Year—Banks' *Manual of Christian Doctrine*, or Dr. Denney's *Studies in Theology*. Juniors are recommended to take this book while on "Note" and on "Trial."

(The following books are recommended for private reading:—Beet's *Firm Foundation of the Christian Faith*, and Wesley's *Marrow of Methodism*.)

2nd Year—*Cambridge Companion to the Bible*, Chaps. i.-iv., pages 1-87 (in large type edition, pages 1-233); or *Oxford Helps to the Study of the Bible*, pages 1-87, and 145-178. (General introduction to the Bible. Summary of Old Testament Books. Summary of the New Testament Books.)

3rd Year—Whately's *Rhetoric*, or Dr. Stalker's "*Preacher and His Models*."

4th Year—Godet's *Studies on the New Testament*, or Godet's *Studies on the Epistles*.

2. That a Certificate be given to each Candidate after having passed his examination in any of the above-mentioned books, and that another Certificate be given on the completion of the course.

3. Should a Candidate, for any cause, omit his Examination, or should he fail to obtain a First Class Certificate, he may present himself another year for Examination on the same subject, and so on from year to year, until he is entitled to four Annual First Class Certificates, and a First Class Certificate for the whole course; but should the completion of the Course of Studies be extended beyond four years, he will be disqualified for a prize.

4. The examination papers shall each contain nine questions, seven only of which may be answered. Three questions shall be marked with an asterisk, as an indication that they must be answered.

5. The maximum number of marks for each paper shall be 50—*i.e.*, seven marks for each question, and one mark to be used by the Examiner at his discretion.

6. That three prizes shall be awarded to students who pass the four examinations with the highest degree of proficiency, provided they have not been Local Preachers of more than ten years' standing:

First Prize—£1 worth of books (for not less than 160 marks).

Second Prize—15s. worth of books (for not less than 145 marks).

Third Prize—10s. worth of books (for not less than 130 marks).

7. That the minimum number of marks for Certificates be as follows:—

1. <i>First-class Certificate for one year</i> ,	35 marks.
2. <i>Pass Certificate for one year</i> ,	20 "
3. <i>First-class Certificate for four years</i> ,	120 "
4. <i>Pass Certificate for four years</i> ,	70 "

8. From year to year a prize, not exceeding 10s. in value in books, shall be given for the best original M.S. sermon, providing its merits deserve it; but only Local Preachers of not more than ten years' standing shall be eligible for it. No prize-winner is allowed to compete again. All arrangements connected with this competition to be made by the Secretary and Examiners.

9. That an Examination Secretary shall be annually nominated by the Connexional Committee, and appointed by the Annual Assembly, whose duty it will be to inform the students concerning their studies, make arrangements for examinations, attend to the printing and distribution of questions, the collecting of answers, and such other matters as may hereafter be specified, and may be needful for the successful carrying on of the examinations.

10. That four Examiners shall be nominated by the Connexional Committee, and appointed by the Assembly, whose duty it will be to prepare questions and adjudicate on the merits of the answers. One Examiner shall retire each year, according to seniority of appointment, and shall not be eligible for re-election until after the lapse of two years.

11. That such sum as may be found requisite be devoted yearly from the Incidental Expenses Fund, in order to assist in defraying the expenses incurred in the working of this scheme.

12. With regard to the cheap supply of books, it is recommended that *one-third* of the cost shall be defrayed from the Incidental Expenses Fund, *one-third* from Circuit funds or subscriptions, and *one-third* paid by the Local Preachers themselves.

13. That application for claim to undergo examinations, &c., be made to the Examination Secretary; such application to be made through the Circuit minister or some other Circuit official.

14. That the examinations shall take place under the supervision of the Circuit Superintendent Minister, and someone appointed by the Circuit Quarterly Meeting, or Local Preachers' Meeting, or two other persons such as may be appointed by either of the aforesaid meetings; such examination to take place on the second Saturday in March, or such other time as may be fixed upon, in order that the results may be reported to the May District Meeting.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

Year.	Secretary.	Examiners.
1893	Rev. E. Askew	Rev. C. Ogden, 1.
1894	Rev. E. Askew	Revs. C. Ogden, 2; H. Mann, 1.
1895	Rev. E. Askew	Revs. C. Ogden, 3; H. Mann, 2; S. C. Challenger, 1.
1896	Rev. E. Askew	Revs. C. Ogden, 4; H. Mann, 3; S. C. Challenger, 2; C. Hunt, 1.
1897	Rev. E. Askew	Revs. H. Mann, 4; S. C. Challenger, 3; C. Hunt, 2; S. Chester, Esq., M.A., 1.
1898	Rev. S. C. Challenger	Revs. S. C. Challenger, 4; C. Hunt, 3; S. Chester, Esq., M.A., 2; J. Holden, Esq., M.A., 1.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL AND LOCAL PREACHERS' FUNDS.

THESE Funds were formed out of the "Thank-offering Fund" in 1839, the centenary year of Methodism. It was well that they were thus formed. Gratitude to God for the revival of religion, brought about under the leadership of the Wesleys and Whitefield, would have been but ill expressed had there not been special remembrance of the institution and the men that had played so important a part in connection with it.

By terms of agreement at the amalgamation of 1857, these funds were held for a time for the benefit of the Ex-Association; but they have since come into the full possession of the United Churches.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL FUND.

The character and design of this Fund will be sufficiently indicated by the following resolutions passed at the Assembly of 1846:—

"That the amount allotted from the 'Thank-offering Fund' for the extension of Sabbath Schools be directed to be invested on satisfactory security, and that the interest to arise therefrom be available for the purpose of rendering assistance in providing School books, Libraries, and other fittings for Schools in connection with the Association.

"That the distribution of this Fund be under the direction of the Connexional Committee; and in no case after the sittings of the Annual Assembly shall any grant be made, unless the application be recommended by the Circuit Quarterly Meeting; and that the Committee shall present to the Annual Assembly a report of the grants made during the preceding year."

REGULATIONS,

As modified and enlarged by the Annual Assembly of 1886.

1. This Fund shall be under the direction and management of the Connexional Chapel Committee.
2. A Treasurer shall from time to time be appointed by the Annual Assembly, who shall have charge of the Securities, and present a report of the Fund to the Annual Assembly; and the Secretary of the Connexional Chapel Committee for the time being shall be the Secretary of the Fund.
3. The capital of this Fund, amounting to £1350, may be augmented by any sums specially given for that purpose.
4. The capital and revenue accounts shall be kept distinct; and the whole of the revenue shall be available for grants to Sunday Schools for Libraries, Furniture, and Buildings; and no part of the revenue shall be added to capital unless so appropriated by special vote of the Annual Assembly.
5. Every application for a grant must be approved and recommended by the Quarterly Meeting of the Circuit, and such schedules shall be filled up as may be supplied by the Secretary of the Connexional Chapel Committee, before the case can be dealt with by the Committee.

LOCAL PREACHERS' FUND.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Annual Assembly of 1846 in relation to this Fund:—

"That the amount allotted from the 'Thank-offering Fund' for the relief of aged and necessitous Local Preachers, be invested in satisfactory security, and that only the interest arising therefrom shall be appropriated to the relief of applicants.

"That the distribution of this Fund be under the direction of the Connexional Committee, which shall yearly report thereon to the Annual Assembly; and that the Committee be directed to prepare a form of application, to be filled up by all persons applying for relief, the contents of which shall be attested by the Circuit Stewards and Superintendent Preacher of the Circuit to which the applicant belongs."

One thirty-second part of the Commemorative Fund available for Connexional purposes, less £50, is to be added to this Fund.

REGULATIONS,

As modified and enlarged by the Annual Assembly of 1886.

1. The capital of the Fund, which now amounts to £1650, may be augmented from time to time by special donations and legacies, and by the grant made by this Assembly from the Commemorative Fund.
2. The capital and revenue accounts shall be kept distinct; and none of the capital shall be expended in grants; neither shall any of the revenue go to augment the capital, unless so appropriated by special resolution of the Annual Assembly.
3. No grant exceeding £5 in the aggregate shall be made to the same brother in any one year.
4. Every case shall be considered on its merits; age and length of service being especially taken into account.
5. The Corresponding Secretary shall furnish a form to be filled up and signed by the applicant, and also by the Superintendent Minister,* and Circuit Steward or Circuit Secretary; and no application otherwise made than by such form duly signed, shall be entertained.
6. This Fund shall be administered by the Connexional Committee, and a Treasurer shall be appointed year by year by the Annual Assembly, who shall have charge of the securities and the investments of the Fund.

Treasurers of Sunday-School and Local Preachers' Fund.

1845-76.	THOMAS BOOTH, Esq., Rochdale.
1877-80.	THOMAS WATSON, Esq., J.P., Rochdale.
1881-91.	WILLIAM BUTLER, Esq., Bristol.
1892-98.	THOMAS LINTON, Esq., J.P., Liverpool.

* In the absence of a minister, the form *must* be signed by both the Circuit Steward and the Circuit Secretary.

BALANCE-SHEET OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL FUND.

From 1845 to 1898.

INCOME.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Thank-offering			Grants to Sunday		
Fund	776	12 8	Schools, including		
Donation	5	0 0	expenses. . . .	1946	16 3
Interest	2638	1 5	Capital	1350	0 0
			Balance	122	17 10
	<u>£3419</u>	<u>14 1</u>		<u>£3419</u>	<u>14 1</u>

BALANCE-SHEET OF LOCAL PREACHERS' FUND.

From 1845 to 1898.

INCOME.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
From Thank-offering			Grants to Local		
Fund	778	5 2	Preachers, including		
From Commemorative			expenses	2147	11 2
Fund	586	7 6	Capital	2237	7 6
Donations	29	0 0	Balance	195	9 2
Interest	3186	15 2			
	<u>£4580</u>	<u>7 10</u>		<u>£4580</u>	<u>7 10</u>

Net amount of Sunday-School Fund, Capital and Revenue	£1472	17 10
„ Local Preachers' Fund, „	2432	16 8
	<u>£3905</u>	<u>14 6</u>

ASHVILLE COLLEGE, HARROGATE.

HEAD MASTER.

JOHN BOWICK, M.A., LL.D. (University Scholar, Honoursman and Prizeman. First Class, with distinction, in the Theory, History, and Practice of Education, Teachers' Training Syndicate, University of Cambridge).

ASSISTANT MASTERS.

A. W. PRIESTLEY, M.A. (Classical Honours and Exhibitioner, Queen's College, Oxford).

J. J. GREEN, B.Sc. (Associate and Murchison Prizeman, Royal College of Science, London).

R. H. K. CHAPMAN, Certificated, South Kensington.

HERBERT KING, B.Sc. (Associate of the Institute of Chemistry; and Honoursman in Chemistry, Victoria University).

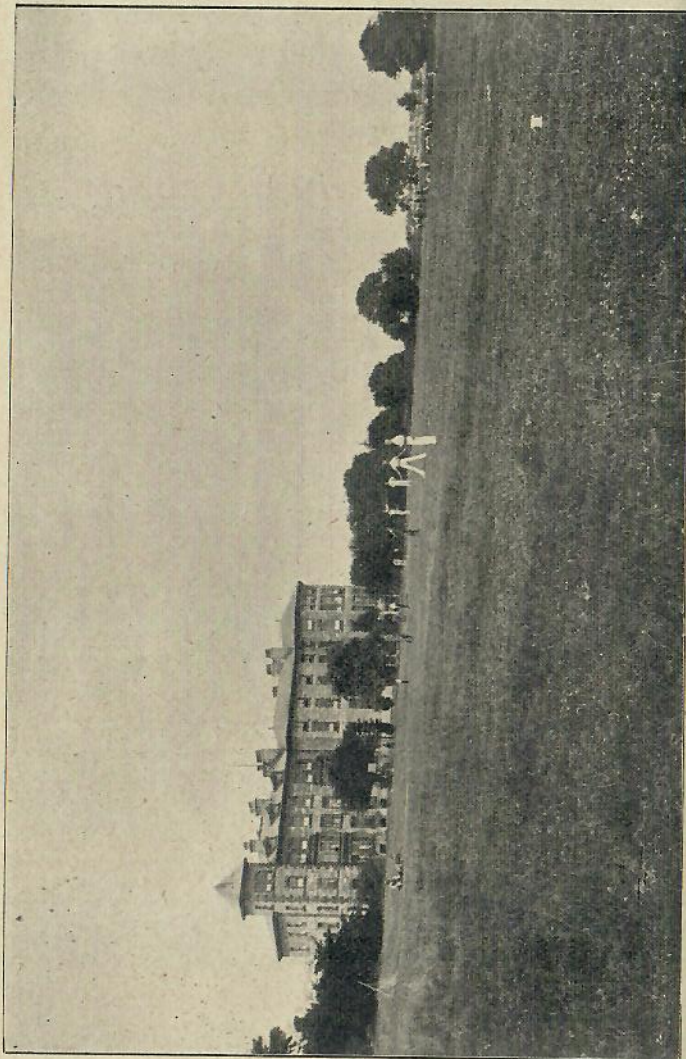
Information may be obtained on application to the HEAD MASTER, or Rev. JOHN MOORE, Secretary.

SITUATION, EQUIPMENT, AND DOMESTIC ARRANGEMENTS.

The College occupies a very beautiful position in an exceptionally healthy and picturesque district. It stands in its own grounds of thirty acres, and thus affords ample space for cricket, football, tennis, and other games. A large gymnasium, well supplied with apparatus, a covered playground, a recreation room, a library of interesting books, and a suitably equipped reading-room, all conduce to the comfort and happiness of the boys.

The school-room, class-rooms, dining hall, dormitories and bed-rooms, are all spacious and well ventilated, and most suitably and comfortably furnished. There is a separate bed for each pupil. The diet is most wholesome and liberal, and all the arrangements are on the most modern and approved principles.

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The whole of the rooms and corridors are heated by means of hot water pipes, and a uniform temperature is thus maintained throughout the building.

Special care is taken of delicate boys, and prompt and careful attention is given to boys who are indisposed. There have been very few cases of serious illness. In infectious cases, provision is made for complete separation in a detached sanatorium.

SCIENCE TEACHING.

A laboratory is provided for the study of Practical Chemistry, and particular attention is given to the study of Science, both in theory and in practice. The College is officially connected with the Science and Art Department, South Kensington, London, and it is also on the list of secondary schools recognised by the West Riding County Council.

EXHIBITIONS, PRIZES, &c.

The following rewards are given annually:—The “JOHN CUTHBERTSON” MEMORIAL EXHIBITION, of the value of £10; the “DUCKWORTH PRIZE” of £5; the “FURNESS PRIZE” of £3, 3s.; the “MART PRIZE” of £2, 2s.; the “OLD BOYS’ PRIZE” of £2, 2s.; and also silver medals in the departments of Classics, Mathematics, and English and Commercial subjects, and prizes of books.

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMERCIAL TRAINING.

The pupils are trained for professional or commercial life. Youths intended for the universities may receive advanced instruction in the higher branches of classical and mathematical knowledge. Boys are prepared for the university examinations, and for the legal and medical preliminaries. Those who are intended for business receive a good general education, with careful training in English and commercial subjects, arithmetic, shorthand, and modern languages. The importance of substantial training in such subjects as are required in mercantile life is recognised in the school arrangements, which admit of increased time and attention being given to those studies which a pupil may find useful in his future occupation.

SUMMARY OF SUCCESSES.

1878–90.

University of Cambridge—senior, junior, and preliminary. 76 passed; gaining 10 honours, and 2 distinctions.

1891–98.

University of Cambridge—senior, junior, and preliminary. 92 passed; gaining 43 honours, 24 distinctions, and 2 medals.

The following places have been taken in the lists of distinction in special subjects:—senior and junior: 1st place (twice), 5th (twice), 12th (three times), 13th, 14th, 17th, &c., &c.

The Royal Geographical Society has twice awarded its medal to an Ashville boy, the competition being open to the United Kingdom and the Colonies.

At the Harrogate centre in 1897, eleven “distinctions” were gained, and of these, six were awarded to Ashville College.

All the Ashville College candidates passed.

College of Preceptors’ Examination—1st, 2nd, and 3rd classes. 88 passed; 75 being placed in the first division.

36 certificates for distinction in first class papers were awarded. A pupil took the first place in arithmetic, and second in chemistry out of about 12,000 candidates.

A scholarship of £50 for two years at Cambridge University, and one of £25 for three years at Victoria University; and County Council Scholarships of £35, £30, and £25 have been held by Ashville College boys.

250 certificates have been gained from the Science and Art department.

80 certificates have been gained from various examining bodies.

SUCCESSES OF OLD BOYS.

London University.—Two passed Matriculation; one gained B.A., B.Sc., and first prize, Scripture Examination.

Victoria University.—Lee Greek Testament Exhibition, Owen’s College, and Cobden Prize (£60). Two gained B.Sc. degree, one with first-class honours, the other with third-class honours. One gained the MERCER SCHOLARSHIP, one passed

the Intermediate B.Sc. Examination, and five have passed the Preliminary Examination.

Cambridge University.—One passed the General Examination, and one gained B.A. degree.

Dublin University.—One gained the degrees of M.B., B.Ch., and B.A.O.

Durham University.—Two passed first professional M.B., with honours, two the second professional M.B., and three the final examination for the degrees of M.B. and B.S., one being awarded honours. One held an Assistant Demonstratorship. Three have passed the Preliminary Examination, and two the Higher Arts Examination.

Pharmaceutical Society.—Two passed Minor Examination, with two certificates of honour, and one passed the Major Examination.

Incorporated Law Society.—One passed the Intermediate Examination.

MANAGEMENT.

The masters are experienced and successful teachers. The pupils are under constant supervision. Discipline is maintained by firm but kindly treatment. Great importance is attached to moral and religious training.

VISITORS.

The College is at all times open to the inspection of friends and visitors.

TERMS.

The year is divided into three terms, commencing about the 15th January, 6th May, and 10th September. It is requested that all pupils be at the college on the first day of each term.

FEES :—

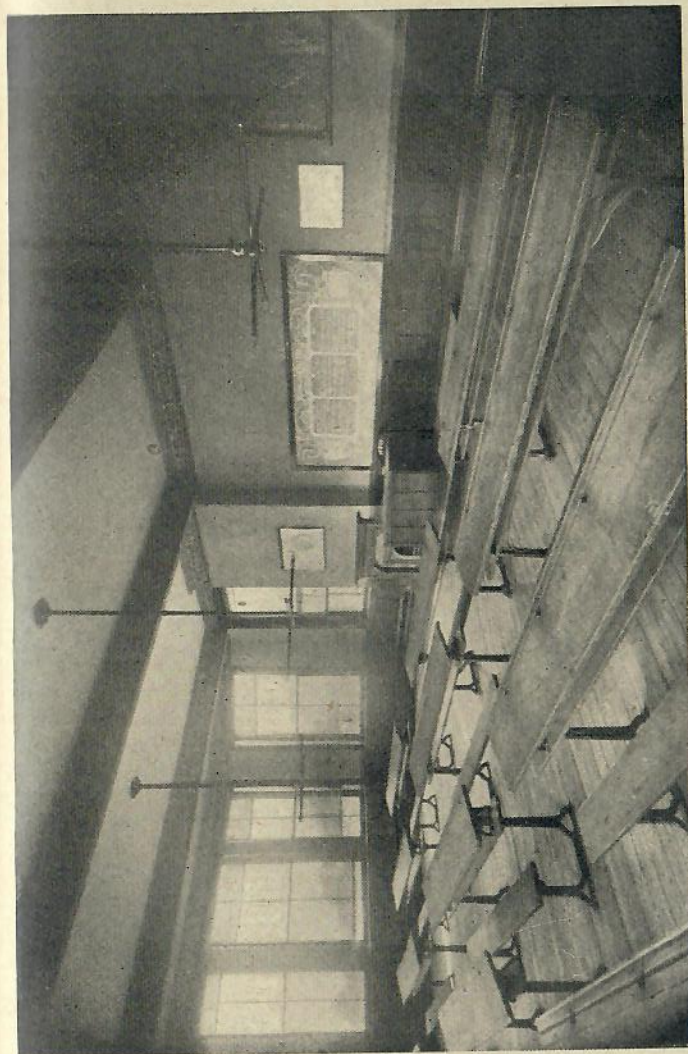
Payable per Term, and in advance, to Dr. John Bowick, the Head Master.

BOARD, LODGING, AND TUITION.

Pupils under twelve years of age, £45 per annum; over twelve years of age, £50 per annum.

College Caps, 5s. 6d. each, are provided for the Pupils.

When there are two or more pupils from the same family, a deduction from the above fees of £5 per year is made for each boy after the first. During a pupil's stay at the College the fee remains the same as it was on entering.



ASHVILLE COLLEGE, HARROGATE—LARGE CLASS-ROOM.

EXTRAS.

Piano, 4 guineas per annum ; Organ and Violin, each, 6 guineas per annum.

Ministers' sons are admitted at reduced fees. The subscriptions received when the estate was purchased, and again when the College was enlarged, together with grants from the Book Room and the Commemoration Fund, are a virtual endowment of the College, and enable the Governors to give the benefit of these contributions to ministers' sons. They were given for that purpose. There is, therefore, no additional charge imposed on the sons of laymen for the benefit of ministers' sons.

A Term's Notice of the removal of a Pupil is required, or a Term's Payment.

OUTFIT.

Two suits of clothes and one dark suit (Eton preferred) for Sundays (wrapper to enclose suit when not in use), three pairs of boots, pair of strong slippers, four pairs of worsted stockings, three night shirts, four shirts, overcoat, eight collars, six pocket handkerchiefs, three towels and one bath towel, umbrella, dessert spoon and fork ; comb, brush and bag ; tooth-brush, nail-brush, clothes-brush.

When parents desire their boys to use serviettes three may be sent, but this is quite optional.

All articles of clothing **MUST BE MARKED** with the name in full, and an **INVENTORY OF CLOTHES** and other articles in the box should be affixed inside the lid.

HISTORICAL NOTES.

It was in 1875 that the Annual Assembly resolved to start a Connexional school for the sons of our ministers and laymen. The Ashville estate was purchased for £10,759, and such changes were made in the house as were needful for teaching and domestic purposes. A further land purchase was subsequently made at a cost of £339. Neither labour nor money has been spared to provide a model educational establishment. The College has been enlarged, a new gymnasium and laboratory have been added, and suitable furniture obtained, bringing up the expenditure to £18,376, the liabilities being £7074.

The College is greatly indebted to the late R. Ellis, Esq., J.P., who was treasurer from 1876 to 1890. His sympathies were warm, his labours abundant, and his gifts liberal and unobtrusive.

The College was opened in 1877 with 30 pupils, 21 being the sons of ministers and 9 the sons of laymen. In the second half year the number rose to 46. For some years afterwards

there was a steady advance. The highest point was reached in 1884, when there were 78 pupils. The lowest number reported is 39 for 1896. The average attendance from 1877 to 1898 has been 57, 15 being the sons of ministers and 42 the sons of laymen.

The causes of diminished numbers are not far to seek: they are to be found in the improved character of elementary schools generally, and free education. Happily a high standard of education has been maintained from the first at Ashville, and to-day results are every way eminently satisfactory.

ABSTRACT OF THE COLLEGE DEED.

The Ashville premises are freehold, and consist of the College buildings, a farm house and offices, and about 30 acres of land, and are held on trust by Deed dated 23rd November, 1876, and enrolled in Chancery on the 7th December following.

The management of the College is vested in a GOVERNING BODY, constituted of the Trustees (13 in number), the Connexional Officers for the time being, and six other persons, members of our Churches, elected by the Annual Assembly to remain in office three years, two to be elected annually by the Assembly, by which all extraordinary vacancies are also to be filled up.

Members of the Governing Body become disqualified by residence abroad for one year, bankruptcy, compounding with their creditors, or ceasing to be members of our Churches.

The premises are to be used for a Connexional College or Educational Institution for the sons of our ministers, and the sons of other persons, or for such other educational, charitable, or religious purposes as the Annual Assembly may from time to time direct or sanction. But no teaching is to be permitted therein which is in any way inconsistent with the Doctrines or Polity of our Churches as expressed or referred to in the "Foundation Deed" of the Denomination.

The income of the College is to be applied for its support, and for the reduction of the debt thereon as long as any remains. Afterwards, the surplus (if any) is to be appropriated by direction of the Annual Assembly.

The Governing Body may make Bye-Laws for the regulation of the Institution, subject to their confirmation by the Annual

Assembly; and may also appoint and remove officers. The accounts of the College must be duly kept, and audited once a year; and a report thereof and of the proceedings of the Governing Body must be presented to the Annual Assembly. Two ordinary meetings of the Governing Body must be held every year; and provision is made for more frequent meetings if required.

The power to appoint new Trustees is vested in the Annual Assembly; and it may be exercised as soon as any vacancy occurs in the Trust. But whenever the Trustees are by any means reduced to seven, it is incumbent upon the Annual Assembly to exercise that power, and to fill up the vacancies.

GOVERNING BODY.

Treasurer.

Secretary.

1875	W. H. Cozens-Hardy, Esq., J.P.	Rev. J. Garside.
1876	R. Ellis, Esq., J.P.	" J. Garside.
1877-83	R. Ellis, Esq., J.P.	" E. Boaden.
1884-85	R. Ellis, Esq., J.P.	" A. Hands.
1886-89	R. Ellis, Esq., J.P.	" R. Chew.
1890-92	J. Wheatley, Esq.	" R. Chew.
1893-94	W. Mart, Esq.	" R. Chew.
1895-96	W. Mart, Esq.	" A. Holliday.
1897-98	R. Bird, Esq., J.P.	" J. Moore.

Trustees.

1876 Revs. E. Boaden, R. Chew (deceased 1895), J. Garside (deceased 1880), J. Kirsop, J. Mather, J. Myers (deceased 1890), Messrs. J. B. Allen (deceased 1887), J. G. Benson, W. Butler, R. Ellis, J.P. (deceased 1896), J. Green, J.P., H. T. Mawson, B. G. Baker.

1880 Mr. T. Watson J.P., M.P. (in place of Rev. J. Garside), (deceased 1887).

1887 Messrs. J. Duckworth, J.P., M.P. (in place of Mr. Watson), J. Mackinder (in place of Mr. Allen).

1890 J. Wheatley (in place of Rev. J. Myers), (deceased 1893).

1893 Councillor W. Mart (in place of Mr. Wheatley), (deceased 1897).

1895 Rev. A. Holliday (in place of Rev. R. Chew), (deceased 1897).

1896 Mr. C. Wardlow (in place of Mr. Ellis).

1897 Revs. R. Abercrombie, M.A., J. Moore (in place of Rev. A. Holliday), Mr. Joseph Briggs (in place of Mr. Mart).

Official and Elective Governors.

- 1875 Revs. J. KIRSOP, *Pres.*, 1; J. GARSIDE, *Col. Sec.*, 1; W. H. COZENS-HARDY, *Esq., Tr.*, 1; Revs. R. Chew, 1; M. Miller, 1; Messrs. W. Butler, 1; J. Green, 1; J. Harley, 1; G. Holt, 1; H. T. Mawson, 1.
- 1876 Revs. T. M. BOOTH, *Pres.*, 1; W. BOYDEN, *Con. Sec.*, 1; S. CHESTER, *Cor. Sec.*, 1; H. T. MAWSON, *Esq., Con. Tr.*, 2; Revs. R. Abercrombie, M.A., 1; J. Adcock, 1; S. S. Barton, 1; A. Holliday, 1; W. Hubbard, 1; J. Swann Withington, 1.
- 1877 Revs. A. HOLLIDAY, *Pres.*, 2; W. BOYDEN, *Con. Sec.*, 2; T. W. TOWNEND, *Cor. Sec.*, 1; H. T. MAWSON, *Esq., Con. Tr.*, 3; Revs. J. Adcock, 2; S. S. Barton, 2; A. Holliday, 2; J. Swann Withington, 2; Messrs. J. Harley, 2; B. Waite, 1.
- 1878 Revs. W. BOYDEN, *Pres.*, 3; T. W. TOWNEND, *Con. Sec.*, 2; A. HANDS, *Cor. Sec.*, 1; H. T. MAWSON, *Esq., Con. Tr.*, 4; Revs. R. Abercrombie, M.A., 2; S. S. Barton, 3; A. Holliday, 3; J. Swann Withington, 3; Messrs. J. Harley, 3; B. Waite, 2.
- 1879 Revs. T. W. TOWNEND, *Pres.*, 3; J. ADCKOCK, *Con. Sec.*, 3; A. HANDS, *Cor. Sec.*, 2; H. T. MAWSON, *Esq., Con. Tr.*, 5; Revs. R. Abercrombie, M.A., 3; S. S. Barton, 4; A. Holliday, 4; Messrs. J. Harley, 4; B. Waite, 3; C. Wardlow, 1.
- 1880 Revs. W. M. HUNTER, *Pres.*, 1; E. ASKEW, *Con. Sec.*, 1; A. HANDS, *Cor. Sec.*, 3; H. T. MAWSON, *Esq., Con. Tr.*, 6; Revs. R. Abercrombie, M.A., 4; S. S. Barton, 5; A. Holliday, 5; Messrs. J. Harley, 5; B. Waite, 4; C. Wardlow, 2.
- 1881 Revs. R. CHEW, *Pres.*, 2; E. ASKEW, *Con. Sec.*, 2; R. ABERCROMBIE, M.A., *Cor. Sec.*, 5; T. WATSON, *Esq., J.P., Con. Tr.*, 1; Revs. S. S. Barton, 6; A. Holliday, 6; T. Sherwood, 1; Messrs. J. Harley, 6; B. Waite, 5; C. Wardlow, 3.
- 1882 Revs. A. HANDS, *Pres.*, 4; E. ASKEW, *Con. Sec.*, 3; T. SHERWOOD, *Cor. Sec.*, 2; T. WATSON, *Esq., J.P., Con. Tr.*, 2; Revs. S. S. Barton, 7; A. Holliday, 7; T. Sherwood, 2; Messrs. J. Harley, 7; R. B. Salisbury, 1; C. Wardlow, 4.
- 1883 H. T. MAWSON, *Esq., Pres.*, 7; Revs. E. ASKEW, *Con. Sec.*, 4; T. SHERWOOD, *Cor. Sec.*, 3; T. WATSON, *Esq., J.P., Con. Tr.*, 3; Revs. S. S. Barton, 8; A. Hands, 5; A. Holliday, 8; T. Sherwood, 3; Messrs. J. H. Crosfield, 1; C. Wardlow, 5.
- 1884 Revs. E. ASKEW, *Pres.*, 5; T. SHERWOOD, *Con. Sec.*, 4; J. S. BALMER, *Cor. Sec.*, 1; T. WATSON, *Esq., J.P., Con. Tr.*, 4; Revs. S. S. Barton, 9; A. Hands, 6; A. Holliday, 9; G. Turner, 1; Messrs. J. Duckworth, 1; C. Wardlow, 6.
- 1885 Revs. A. JONES, *Pres.*, 1; T. SHERWOOD, *Con. Sec.*, 5; J. S. BALMER, *Cor. Sec.*, 2; T. WATSON, *Esq., J.P., Con. Tr.*, 5; Revs. S. S. Barton, 10; A. Hands, 7; A. Holliday, 10; G. Turner, 2; Messrs. J. Duckworth, 2; C. Wardlow, 7.
- 1886 Revs. T. SHERWOOD, *Pres.*, 6; J. S. BALMER, *Con. Sec.*, 3; G. TURNER, *Cor. Sec.*, 3; T. WATSON, *Esq., M.P., Con. Tr.*, 6; Revs. S. S. Barton, 11; A. Hands, 8; A. Holliday, 11; G. Turner, 3; Messrs. J. Duckworth, 3; C. Wardlow, 8.
- 1887 Revs. J. S. BALMER, *Pres.*, 4; G. TURNER, *Con. Sec.*, 4; M. T. MYERS, *Cor. Sec.*, 1; R. BIRD, *Esq., J.P., Con. Tr.*, 1; Revs. S. S. Barton,

- 12; A. Hands, 9; A. Holliday, 12; T. Sherwood, 7; Messrs. J. Duckworth, 4; J. Wheatley, 1.
- 1888 Revs. T. WAKEFIELD, *Pres.*, 1; G. TURNER, *Con. Sec.*, 5; M. T. MYERS, *Cor. Sec.*, 2; R. BIRD, *Esq., J.P., Con. Tr.*, 2; Revs. S. S. Barton, 13; A. Hands, 10; A. Holliday, 13; T. Sherwood, 8; Messrs. C. Wardlow, 9; J. Wheatley, 2.
- 1889 Revs. R. ABERCROMBIE, M.A., *Pres.*, 6; M. T. MYERS, *Con. Sec.*, 3; J. TRUSCOTT, *Cor. Sec.*, 1; R. BIRD, *Esq., J.P., Con. Tr.*, 3; Revs. S. S. Barton, 14; A. Hands, 11; A. Holliday, 14; T. Sherwood, 9; Messrs. C. Wardlow, 10; J. Wheatley, 3.
- 1890 Revs. M. T. MYERS, *Pres.*, 4; J. TRUSCOTT, *Con. Sec.*, 2; S. WRIGHT, *Cor. Sec.*, 1; R. BIRD, *Esq., J.P., Con. Tr.*, 4; Revs. S. S. Barton, 15; A. Hands, 12; A. Holliday, 15; Messrs. C. Wardlow, 11; J. Ross, 1; W. Mart, 1.
- 1891 Revs. M. T. MYERS, *Pres.*, 5; J. TRUSCOTT, *Con. Sec.*, 3; S. WRIGHT, *Cor. Sec.*, 2; R. BIRD, *Esq., J.P., Con. Tr.*, 5; Revs. S. S. Barton, 16; A. Hands, 13; A. Holliday, 16; Messrs. R. J. Lloyd, M.A., D.Lit., 1; W. Mart, 2; J. Ross, 2.
- 1892 Revs. J. TRUSCOTT, *Pres.*, 4; W. R. SUNMAN, *Con. Sec.*, 1; S. WRIGHT, *Cor. Sec.*, 3; R. BIRD, *Esq., J.P.*, 6; Revs. D. Brook, M.A., B.C.L., 1; A. Hands, 14; A. Holliday, 17; Messrs. R. J. Lloyd, M.A., D.Lit., 2; W. Mart, 3; J. Ross, 3.
- 1893 Revs. S. WRIGHT, *Pres.*, 4; W. R. SUNMAN, *Con. Sec.*, 2; H. T. CHAPMAN, *Cor. Sec.*, 1; R. BIRD, *Esq., J.P., Con. Tr.*, 7; Revs. D. Brook, M.A., B.C.L., 2; A. Hands, 15; A. Holliday, 18; Messrs. R. J. Lloyd, M.A., D.Lit., 3; J. Ross, 4; C. Wardlow, 12.
- 1894 Ald. J. DUCKWORTH, *Esq., J.P., Pres.*, 5; Revs. W. R. SUNMAN, *Con. Sec.*, 3; H. T. CHAPMAN, *Cor. Sec.*, 2; Ald. W. H. HART, *Esq., J.P., Con. Tr.*, 1; Revs. D. Brook, M.A., B.C.L., 3; A. Hands, 16; A. Holliday, 19; Messrs. R. J. Lloyd, M.A., D.Lit., 4; Joseph Briggs, 1; C. Wardlow, 13.
- 1895 Revs. W. R. SUNMAN, *Pres.*, 4; E. D. CORNISH, *Con. Sec.*, 1; J. C. BREWITT, *Cor. Sec.*, 1; Ald. W. H. HART, *Esq., J.P., Con. Tr.*, 2; Revs. D. Brook, M.A., B.C.L., 4; Jabez King, 1; J. Moore, 1; Messrs. R. J. Lloyd, M.A., D.Lit., 5; Joseph Briggs, 2; C. Wardlow, 14.
- 1896 Revs. G. TURNER, *Pres.*, 6; E. D. CORNISH, *Con. Sec.*, 2; J. C. BREWITT, *Cor. Sec.*, 2; Ald. W. H. HART, *Esq., J.P., Con. Tr.*, 3; Revs. R. Abercrombie, M.A., 7; D. Brook, M.A., D.C.L., 5; Jabez King, 2; Messrs. Coun. J. Chippendale, 1; R. J. Lloyd, M.A., D.Lit., 6.
- 1897 Revs. R. SWALLOW, M.D., *Pres.*, 1; E. D. CORNISH, *Con. Sec.*, 3; J. C. BREWITT, *Cor. Sec.*, 3; Ald. W. H. HART, *Esq., J.P., Con. Tr.*, 4; Revs. D. Brook, M.A., D.C.L., 6; W. Redfern, 1; Messrs. H. Benson, 1; R. Bird, J.P., 8; Councillor J. Chippendale, 2; R. J. Lloyd, M.A., D.Lit., 7.
- 1898 Revs. E. D. CORNISH, *Pres.*, 4; J. C. BREWITT, *Con. Sec.*, 4; JABEZ KING, *Cor. Sec.*, 3; Ald. W. H. HART, *Esq., J.P., Con. Tr.*, 5; Revs. D. Brook, M.A., D.C.L., 7; W. Redfern, 2; Messrs. H. Benson, 2; R. Bird, J.P., 9; Coun. J. Chippendale, 3; R. J. Lloyd, M.A., D.Lit., 8.

ASHVILLE COLLEGE BALANCE-SHEET (General Revenue Account).

Year.	INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.											
	Farm Rents.	School Fees.	Government Grant, Science and Art Department.	Subscriptions.	Total Income.	Provisions.	Salaries and Wages.	Coal, Gas, and Water.	Outlay Chargeable to Pupils and Landrears.	Rents, Rates, Taxes, Repairs, Renewals, and General Expenses.	Interest on Mortgage and Loans.	Total Expenditure.				
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.				
1878	101 18 8	1282 8 2			1384 1 10	585 19 2	579 7 7	121 17 10	85 14 1	260 9 6	820 0 0	1852 1 7				
1879	90 11 9	2023 17 8			2123 9 5	717 13 2	710 18 10	121 17 10	222 10 8	136 11 1	397 10 11	2301 15 8				
1880	88 8 9	237 3 4			2451 12 9	830 0 0	740 10 5	135 19 8	300 15 6	265 8 6	353 9 2	2945 18 2				
1881	55 10 0	1315 19 8			1371 9 8	441 13 0	391 4 10	51 17 8	123 0 6	179 8 8	168 16 7	1360 16 8				
1882	100 18 6	2609 6 4			2710 5 2	800 18 5	793 1 11	100 4 2	263 9 10	211 2 2	348 15 8	3512 11 2				
1883	98 2 6	2829 1 4			2927 3 10	869 10 6	853 8 11	166 15 11	269 19 10	265 10 0	419 11 9	3844 16 10				
1884	98 15 0	2948 18 8			3047 13 8	879 0 3	886 18 11	149 16 9	319 5 7	269 13 8	470 6 2	3015 1 4				
1885	90 2 6	3329 12 10			3428 15 4	1003 19 6	911 8 0	117 18 4	331 19 11	273 7 8	376 4 6	3113 7 0				
1886	98 8 6	3135 6 4			3233 14 10	938 5 4	922 2 8	168 1 1	360 1 8	283 1 6	351 3 6	3067 15 9				
1887	98 4 6	3046 17 7			3195 2 1	1003 4 0	808 19 5	163 18 5	326 1 10	304 15 10	316 13 11	3034 7 7				
1888	98 2 0	2916 16 5			2714 8 5	893 15 4	754 2 8	131 6 8	282 2 8	349 13 5	305 8 2	2964 7 7				
1889	102 18 0	2974 10 5			2490 8 7	733 15 6	724 14 6	130 18 10	315 8 8	353 12 2	334 19 9	2605 12 3				
1890	108 13 9	2514 13 7			2654 13 7	720 9 5	724 14 6	150 11 6	319 9 5	353 4 4	325 6 0	2593 13 9				
1891	108 13 9	2514 13 7			2654 13 7	720 9 5	724 14 6	150 11 6	319 9 5	353 4 4	325 6 0	2593 13 9				
1892	110 0 0	2563 1 9			2687 1 9	708 9 5	730 13 0	157 15 0	361 17 7	354 12 2	318 6 0	2441 12 5				
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1894	109 10 0	2568 14 10			2730 0 11	661 5 3	765 14 1	159 9 9	375 12 2	308 7 5	316 14 0	2926 12 9				
1895	80 18 11	2303 14 10			2379 1 3	642 3 8	757 19 8	149 0 9	257 17 6	370 9 1	317 9 0	2569 3 6				
1897	83 15 6	1335 2 11			2015 17 11	579 15 7	804 18 4	163 12 4	287 17 0	343 9 11	321 0 0	2556 9 4				
1898	90 4 0	2226 0 5			2412 1 0	618 2 4	712 14 6	148 2 10	301 17 10	306 13 2	246 4 0	2633 14 8				
											Gains in 11 years.	1538 1 5				
2048 2 1	51,255 14 1	280 9 7	82 5 0		56,643 10 8	15,839 15 4	16,098 2 11	2927 3 2	6109 11 8	7230 18 6	6906 17 8	56,643 10 8				

* This includes £12, 2s. Bank Interest.

† New Heating Apparatus and Special Repairs, £540, 0s. 8d.
 The profits and losses on the working of the College are as follows:—Losses—1878, £467, 19s. 9d.; 1879, £238, 6s. 3d.; 1880, £194, 5s. 5d.; 1888, £240, 9s. 1d.; 1889, £270, 8s. 4d.; 1890, £103, 18s. 1d.; 1891, £109, 6s. 2d.; 1896, £177, 8s. 1d.; 1897, £404, 9s. 2d.; 1898, £221, 13s. 8d.—Total Losses, £2,976, 19s. 11d. Profits—1881, £70, 13s.; 1882, £197, 14s.; 1883, £232, 7s.; 1884, £32, 12s. 4d.; 1885, £315, 8s. 4d.; 1886, £295, 10s. 1d.; 1887, £100, 12s. 10d.; 1892, £159, 2s. 10d.; 1893, £45, 9s. 4d.; 1894, £107, 5s. 3d.; 1895, £190, 17s. 5d.—Total Profits, £1,533, 1s. 5d. Net Losses, £1433, 18s. 6d.

ASHVILLE COLLEGE.

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		LIABILITIES.			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
<i>Creditors—</i>					
On Mortgage,		6000	0 0		
„ Loan,		800	0 0		
Outstanding Accounts,		274	10 7		
<i>Capital—</i>					
Subscription Fund,		9540	14 4		
Commemorative Fund,		1277	15 0		
“John Cuthbertson Memorial” Fund,		200	0 0		
<i>Legacies—</i>					
Richard Ellis, Esq.,		2000	0 0		
Abraham Sharman, Esq.,		200	0 0		
Charles Allen, Esq.,		179	15 6		
Martin Heath, Esq.,		80	17 0		
Net Losses on Working,		13,479	1 10		
		1,438	18 6		
				12,040	3 4
				19,114	13 11
		ASSETS.			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Ashville College Purchase,		10,759	10 1		
„ „ Enlargement,		4484	3 10		
Land Purchase,		339	8 0		
New Gymnasium,		271	8 0		
New Laboratory,		492	12 5		
House and School Furniture,		2029	5 5		
Debtors for School Fees, &c.				18,376	7 9
<i>Cash—</i>				688	0 7
In Bank,		20	5 7		
In Hand,		30	0 0		
				50	5 7
				19,114	13 11

RELIGIOUS AND DENOMINATIONAL INSTRUCTION OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

A PAMPHLET entitled "The Methodist Free Church of Tomorrow, and How to Shape it" having been issued by eighteen ministers connected with the Tyneside Ministers' Fraternal, the Annual Assembly of 1894 adopted the following resolution:—

"That the Assembly, having received numerous Resolutions from District Meetings and Circuit Quarterly Meetings, calling attention to the subject, and recognising the great importance and desirability of providing additional and systematic means for the religious and denominational instruction and examination of the young people connected with our Sunday Schools and Congregations, this Annual Assembly hereby appoints a Special Committee to obtain information on the subject, and consider and suggest some practical scheme for the accomplishment of this object, and report to the next Annual Assembly."

As the outcome of the labours of this Committee, and upon its recommendation, the Annual Assembly of 1895 established

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE.

Condensed Regulations and Usages.

OBJECTS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE.

System of Instruction.—The establishment of a suitable system of Religious and Denominational Instruction for the young people of our Sunday Schools and Congregations.

Text-Books.—The provision of Text-Books and other facilities for rendering such a system of instruction practicable and efficient.

Examinations.—The holding of Annual Examinations by printed questions based upon Text-Books adopted by the Annual Assembly for the purpose.

Publication of Syllabus and Report.—The preparation and issue, at discretion, prior to the Annual Assembly, of the Syllabus of each year's examination; and also, should it be found needful, the publication of a separate Report of its operations for circulation amongst our young people.

Annual Essay Competition.—The establishment and conducting of a system of annual competitive Essays. The Essays to be upon selected subjects of a denominational character.

Young People's Societies.—The oversight of the Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavour, Junior Society Classes, and Christian Bands.

Statistics.—The collection, through the District Meetings, of statistics relating to our Sunday Schools, Junior Society Classes, Societies of Christian Endeavour, and the like: and the making to each Annual Assembly, along with its Report thereupon, of such recommendations as may be found needful.

General Powers.—The supervision and fostering of all efforts, Local and Connexional, for the religious advantage of our young people.

CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEE.

The Committee shall consist of the President of the Annual Assembly, Treasurer, General Secretary, two Departmental Secretaries, and six other persons, three ministers and three laymen, to be elected by the Annual Assembly by ballot.

The members of the Committee shall be elected for terms of three years, one minister and one layman to retire annually.

Retiring members shall be ineligible for re-election for three years from the date of retirement.

The Treasurer and Secretaries shall be appointed for terms of three years in each case, and shall be eligible for re-election.

DUTIES OF SECRETARIES.

General Secretary.—To arrange for and summon Committee Meetings; record Committee's Minutes; prepare business for

Committee in conjunction with the Departmental Secretaries; combine and unify the work of the Departments; collect Statistics; conduct correspondence; prepare report for, and present it to, the Annual Assembly; and carry into effect all resolutions for which no special provision has been made.

Examination Secretary.—To work out Examination arrangements in conjunction with the General Secretary; conduct correspondence relating to Examinations; prepare a report of his Department, and submit the same to the General Secretary and the Committee.

Christian Endeavour Secretary.—To work out arrangements relating to Societies of Christian Endeavour, Christian Bands, and Junior Classes, in conjunction with the General Secretary; conduct correspondence relating to these Societies; prepare a report of his department, and submit the same to the General Secretary and the Committee.

District Secretary.—He shall, as far as possible, be the medium of communication between this Committee, and the Sunday School, Christian Endeavour Societies, &c.; such Secretary is elected by the District Meeting and is an *ex-officio* member of the same.

Circuit Secretary.—It is recommended that in each Circuit a Young People's Secretary be appointed as a permanent official with name and address upon the Circuit plan.

EXAMINATION ARRANGEMENTS.

Communication with Circuits.—All communications with Circuits in relation to Examinations shall be made through the Superintendent Minister, or such other person as may be appointed for the purpose. The Circuit Ministers, and the Circuit Secretary, or Stewards, to fix the place and hour of the several Examinations, and appoint one or two persons to arrange for and superintend the Examinations.

District Examiners.—The Committee shall annually appoint in each District two or more Examiners, whose duty shall be to award marks to Examination papers, and report to the Examination Secretary, including the three best papers, and all papers marked for honours. No announcement of results to be made without the consent of the General Secretary.

Scale of Marks.—For each question correctly answered, a maximum of *twelve marks* shall be assigned, with *four extra marks* on the whole paper for neatness of handwriting, accuracy of spelling, and general excellence. *Forty marks* shall entitle a candidate to a second class certificate; *seventy marks* to a certificate of the first class; *eighty-eight marks* to honours. The Connexional Examiners (to be appointed by the Committee) shall arrange the papers submitted to them in the order of excellence, numbering them consecutively according to merit.

Division of Candidates.—The Candidates are arranged in four divisions as follows:—

Junior Division, under 12 years of age; *Lower Middle*, 12 to 14 years; *Upper Middle*, 14 to 16 years; *Senior*, 16 to 18 years.

Questions.—Eight questions are selected in each division, and two hours allowed for answering them.

Prizes.—The prizes are as follows:—

Juniors:—First, 10s.; Second, 8s.; Two at 5s.; Three at 4s. 7 prizes, 40s.

Lower Middle:—First, 15s.; Second, 10s.; Two at 7s. 6d.; Three at 5s. 7 prizes, 55s.

Upper Middle:—First, 20s.; Second, 15s.; Two at 7s. 6d.; Three at 5s. 7 prizes, 65s.

Seniors:—First, 25s.; Second, 20s.; Two at 10s.; Three at 5s. 7 prizes, 80s.

The prizes are given in books obtained through our own Book Room, and are at the published prices.

Certificates.—Certificates are provided by the Committee and presented to all successful candidates.

Text-books.—"The Young People's Guide," by Rev. James Harrison; "Our Lord's Teaching," by James Robertson, D.D.

Time of Examination.—The date of the Examination is determined from year to year by the Committee. Hitherto, it has been held invariably on the first Wednesday in December.

Results.

Year.	No. of Candidates.	No. who sat.	Senior Division.	Upper Middle Division.	Lower Middle Division.	Junior Division.	Passed with Honours.	First Class.	Second Class.	Failures.
1896	1554	871	144	*224	+503	...	167	293	303	108
1897	1871	1193	118	398	246	431	74	246	585	288
1898	1876	974	137	167	308	362	121	297	379	177

* These Candidates were called the Middle Division, but were of the same age as those who in subsequent years are Upper Middle, and for purposes of comparison are thus included here.

† These were called the Junior Division, but were of the same age as those who in subsequent years are called the Lower Middle Division.

ESSAY ARRANGEMENTS.

Competitors.—The competition shall be open to all members of Free Methodist Sunday Schools and Congregations, of either sex, being more than eighteen, and not more than twenty-four years of age, on the day fixed for the closing of the competition, and not being students in the Theological Institute or ministers of the Denomination.

Prizes.—The prizes are three in number. The first prize is of the value of two pounds; second prize, twenty-five shillings; third prize, fifteen shillings. The amount of the prize money to be given in books or in such other form as the winner may desire, subject to the approval of the Committee.

Length of Essays.—The Essays must be the unaided productions of the Essayists, must not exceed two thousand words in length, and must be written on one side of the paper only.

Closing of Competition.—The competition shall close on the last day of February in each year. Essays intended for the competition must be in the hands of the Examination Secretary on or before March 1st.

Publication of Essay.—The Committee shall be at liberty to publish the best essay at its discretion.

Subject of Essay.—The subject is fixed each year, and duly advertised, by the Committee.

Results of Competition.—These are classified by the Examiner as 1st, Prize Essays; 2nd, Excellent; 3rd, Good.

Report for 1895-98.

1895-6 Subject: "China as a Field of Missionary operations."—26 Competitors.

1896-7 Subject: "The obligations to Church Membership; or, Why ought I to be a member of the Church of Christ?"—27 Competitors.

1897-8 Subject: "Our West African Missions; their History and Prospects."—8 Competitors.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

Grouping of Christian Endeavour Societies.—The various societies of the Y.P.S.C.E. shall be grouped under the title of The United Methodist Free Churches Y.P.S.C.E.

Relation of C. E. Societies to the Church.—The Y.P.S.C.E. shall be regarded as a part of the Church, and with the view of securing the closer unity between the Church and this Society, it is recommended that some measure of representation in the Leaders' Meeting be given to this Society.

Relation of Active members to the Church.—This Assembly recommends that the active members of the Y.P.S.C.E. shall be regarded as members on trial, and shall, on the recommendation of the Leaders' Meeting, be received into Church membership, receive the usual Quarterly Ticket, and be expected to contribute to the Church Funds.

Honorary Members.—Persons already fully accredited members of our Churches who may wish to attend the meetings of the Y.P.S.C.E. otherwise than as active members, shall be regarded as honorary members and be so tabulated in the Connexional Returns.

Affiliation Fees.—Each Society is requested to pay an annual fee to the treasurer of the Young People's Committee, the amount being regarded as due January 1st.

STATISTICS.

Issue of Schedules.—The Young People's Committee shall be authorised to issue Circuit and District Schedules for the collection of such annual statistics as it may find needful for its work: the statistics shall be collected through the District Young People's Secretaries, and be laid before the May District Meetings in the usual way.

FINANCES.

The working expenses of this Committee shall be met by contributions from our Sunday Schools and friends, by affiliation fees from the Y.P.S.C.E., and if needful, an application be made for a grant from the Connexional Sunday School Fund.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Sunday School Collections.—The Assembly hereby recommends that, in all our Sunday Schools, collections be taken from year to year on Young People's Day, on behalf of the work of the Young People's Committee.

Young People's Day.—The third Sunday in October shall be observed as Young People's Day, when it is expected that our Churches and Sunday Schools will put forth special efforts to secure the dedication of our young people to Christ.

Week of Prayer.—That in all our Churches and Sunday Schools, special prayer-meetings for the Divine blessing upon our young people be held during the week preceding Young People's Day.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE.

1895 Rev. W. R. SUNMAN, *Pres.*, 1; H. G. GREGORY, Esq., *Tr.*, 1; Revs. J. HARRISON, *Gen. Sec.*, 1; H. MANN, *Exam. Sec.*, 1; E. ABBOTT, *C. E. Sec.*, 1; D. Brook, M.A., B.C.L., 1; F. Lamb, 1; J. B. Stoneman, 1; Messrs. T. R. Blumer, 1; S. Chester, M.A., 1; A. Mason, 1.

1896 Rev. G. TURNER, *Pres.*, 1; H. G. GREGORY, Esq., *Tr.*, 2; Revs. J. HARRISON, *Gen. Sec.*, 2; H. MANN, *Exam. Sec.*, 2; E. ABBOTT, *C. E. Sec.*, 2; D. Brook, M.A., D.C.L., 2; F. Lamb, 2; J. B. Stoneman, 2; Messrs. T. R. Blumer, 2; S. Chester, M.A., 2; A. Mason, 2.

1897 Rev. R. SWALLOW, M.D., *Pres.*, 1; H. G. GREGORY, Esq., *Tr.*, 3; Revs. J. HARRISON, *Gen. Sec.*, 3; H. MANN, *Exam. Sec.*, 3; E. ABBOTT, *C. E. Sec.*, 3; J. Truscott, 1; W. H. Brookes, 1; T. J. Dickinson, 1; F. Lamb, 3; Messrs. W. H. Butler, 1; S. Chester, M.A., 3; A. Mason, 3.

1898 Rev. E. D. Cornish, *Pres.*, 1; H. G. GREGORY, Esq., *Tr.*, 4; Revs. J. TRUSCOTT, *Gen. Sec.*, 2; H. MANN, *Asst. Sec.*, 4; W. H. BROOKES, *Exam. Sec.*, 2; E. ABBOTT, *C. E. Sec.*, 4; J. Harrison, 4; W. Barnes, 1; T. J. Dickinson, 2; J. J. Martin, 1; Messrs. J. E. Balmer, 1; W. H. Butler, 2; A. Mason, 4.

CONNEXIONAL EVANGELISM.

For years, the question of an organised movement to promote Connexional Evangelism was under consideration; but in 1883 decisive action was taken, and a Secretary was appointed. Early in the following year, the first Evangelists, Messrs. Harvey and Silverwood, entered upon their work. After the Annual Assembly, the Rev. J. T. Oliver, released from Circuit duties, joined the band. Mr. T. Watson, M.P., the Connexional Treasurer, generously promised £50 per year, for five years, towards the salary of each minister thus employed, and £25 towards the salary of each layman. Before the expiration of the third year over which this promise extended, Mr. Watson died; but his family nobly fulfilled his pledge, and within six years of the inception of this movement its funds were enriched by their liberality to the extent of £437, 10s.

For over fourteen years, this mission has been carried on with more or less of zeal, and amid varying fortunes. For several years, the agents were few in number, and the funds were small. Notwithstanding the labours of the Evangelists, and the liberality of Mr. Watson, the income was by no means equal to the expenditure. Better days, however, were at hand. The Secretary appointed in 1887, the Rev. A. Jones, put all his energies into his work. The funds increased, the Missioners and their Missions were multiplied, sinners were being saved, and a hopeful and jubilant spirit prevailed. The high-water mark was reached from 1890 to 1893, when not less than ten Evangelists were employed.

It was during this period that two handsomely constructed Mission Cars—the “Jubilee” Mission Car, and the “John Wesley”—were kindly given by Mr. J. Duckworth, M.P. These Cars were gratefully received, and have been usefully and effectively employed throughout the Connexion.

Since the last mentioned date, the Mission has gradually waned. The demand for the services of the workers has

diminished, the Mission Car work has been less and less effective, sales of literature have declined, income from all sources has fallen off, and the 1891 balance of £301 is in 1898 exchanged for a deficit.

One reason assigned for this down grade is that the places of our Evangelists are now being taken by the Sisters of the Bowron House, and also by the Missioners in the service of the National Council of the Evangelical Free Churches.

For the present, it is intended to limit the staff of Evangelists to the brethren who have charge of the two Cars, and that they shall travel with the Cars in summer and conduct Mission Services in autumn and winter.

OFFICERS.

Year.	Secretary.	Treasurer.
1883	Rev. A. Hands.	.....
1884-86	Rev. A. Hands.	J. Mackinder, Esq.
1887-91	Rev. A. Jones.	J. Mackinder, Esq.
1892-95	Rev. R. Brewin.	J. Mackinder, Esq.
1896-97	Rev. Jabez King.	J. Mackinder, Esq.
1898	.....	J. Mackinder, Esq.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Year.	INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.					
	Collections, Subscriptions, Interest, &c.	Mission Cars.		Total.	Salaries, Travelling and Miscellaneous Expenses.	Mission Cars.		Book Room for Literature.	Total.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
1884	139 13 8	...	...	139 13 8	113 16 0	...	...	...	113 16 0	d.
1885	387 11 6	...	...	387 11 6	402 14 1	...	...	...	402 14 1	s.
1886	286 19 6	...	...	286 19 6	360 13 7	...	...	...	360 13 7	d.
1887	343 3 2	...	...	343 3 2	322 9 4	...	...	...	322 9 4	s.
1888	408 0 11½	...	...	408 0 11½	299 1 9	...	...	...	299 1 9	d.
1889	354 14 5½	...	...	354 14 5½	201 0 10½	...	...	...	201 0 10½	s.
1890	442 0 9½	40 14 6	6	512 1 10½	404 6 9	13 1 5	26 10 0	0	443 18 2	d.
1891	667 2 11	69 5 6½	251 0 11½	987 9 5	638 1 6½	102 13 2½	203 3 6	6	943 18 3	s.
1892	851 5 0	87 6 2½	259 10 2	1198 1 4½	941 7 1½	134 5 8	151 6 7	7	1226 19 4½	d.
1893	544 13 2	153 0 6	292 18 4½	990 12 0½	637 11 4	178 6 11	275 0 0	0	1090 18 3	s.
1894	498 6 5	111 7 7½	196 16 7½	806 10 8	532 16 4½	186 2 5½	125 0 0	0	843 18 10	d.
1895	387 14 9	109 15 10½	141 3 6	638 14 1½	399 17 6½	156 1 8	115 0 0	0	670 19 2½	s.
1896	409 5 2	149 3 2½	197 6 4½	755 14 9	415 8 6½	220 19 2½	140 0 0	0	776 7 9	d.
1897	359 9 4½	40 15 2	102 7 2	502 11 8½	384 11 2½	92 0 2	104 4 0	0	580 15 4½	s.
1898	323 12 4	29 8 1½	96 0 8½	449 1 2	306 5 5	84 11 5	105 15 8	8	496 12 6	d.
	6403 13 0	790 16 9	1566 10 5	8761 0 2	6360 1 5½	1168 2 1½	1245 19 9	9	8774 3 4	s.
	J. Duckworth, Esq., for "The Jubilee Mission Car," (1890).				"The Jubilee Mission Car,"					
	J. Duckworth, Esq., for "The John Wesley Mission Car" (1891).				Furnishing, &c., Do.,					
	Deficiency.				"The John Wesley Mission Car,"					
					Furnishing, &c., Do.,					
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THE DEACONESS INSTITUTE, BOWRON HOUSE.

THE Deaconess Institute affords facilities to Christian women for the exercise of their gifts in the service of Philanthropy and Religion. Its inception is due to the generosity of Messrs. J. A. and S. Bowron, who, as a memorial to their sainted father, so long honourably associated with Free Methodism in London and New Zealand, gave to the Connexion furniture for a Training Home for Female Evangelists, and costumes for the Sisters.

This gift was made in 1891. Since that date these gentlemen, by making up the annual deficiency of income, and in other ways, have given over £1000 to the funds of the Institute.

The new enterprise has been prosecuted with zeal, and crowned with success. Workers have rapidly increased in numbers, and they have been in labours more abundant. Hundreds of missions have been effectively conducted. It would be difficult to tabulate results, but it is not too much to say that many churches have been quickened, large numbers of sinful people have been brought to Christ, thousands of homes have been visited, the poor have been relieved, inebriates have been reformed, the desertion of children prevented, situations secured for servants, children gathered into schools, and men and women into the House of God.

Sister Emmie (Miss Hornby) has been trained, and sent out as Medical Missionary to China, the two years' fees for Medical Lectures and Hospital practice at the Zenana Medical College having been generously paid by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mallinson of Wanstead.

The Secretary, Rev. T. J. Cope, was, in 1896, released from Circuit duties, that he might devote his time to the development of the work, the Messrs. Bowron undertaking for three years to make up any deficiency of income for payment of salary.



BOWRON HOUSE, PIMLICO, LONDON.

The terms on which the services of the Sisters may be secured by the Churches will be seen from the Regulations here supplied; and the rapid progress made by the Institute may be gathered from the Tables which follow.

CONDITIONS UPON WHICH DEACONESSSES SERVE THE CHURCHES.

AS GENERAL CHURCH WORKERS.

For a Year's Service.—The Church must either provide a suitable home, and send £26 to Bowron House Fund; or it must send £26 to the Fund, and an additional sum, to be agreed upon, in lieu of a home.

For Three or Six Months.—For three months the Church must send to Bowron House Fund £8; for six months £15; it must also provide a suitable home, or send to the Fund an additional sum in lieu thereof.

It is very desirable that all engagements should be by the year, subject to three months' notice on either side, and that the year should date from the 1st of September.

AS EVANGELISTS.

Collections.—A Mission may be for a fortnight or three weeks; in either case, collections must be made for Bowron House Funds on the last Sunday, and on one week evening during the latter part of the Mission. The amount must be entered in the Sister's financial schedule, and signed by the Steward. The money must be given to the Sister, who will remit to the Secretary at the close of the Mission. The collections should be well announced, that friends wishing to help may know when they can do so.

Suitable Home.—In all cases a comfortable home must be provided for the Sister; as the Sister's health and usefulness will be promoted by favourable domestic conditions, the Church must kindly provide a home in which she will have convenience for her studies and devotions.

Reports.—The Church Steward, Correspondent, or some Church Official, should send to the Bowron House Secretary a full report of the Mission, as soon as possible after its close.

Subscriptions and Donations.—All the Sisters are authorized to receive subscriptions and donations to Bowron House Fund; but they are not allowed to accept monetary gifts for themselves from the Churches they serve. If such gifts be pressed upon them, they are expected to forward them to the funds of the Institution.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS TO CHURCHES.

1. In arranging and conducting Special Evangelistic Services, certain conditions are essential to success. If leaders do their utmost to fulfil these conditions, the members, as a rule, will co-operate, and the best results will follow.

2. When it is not convenient for the Connexional Minister to take the lead in arranging the mission, it will be respectful and wise to consult him on all important matters. His counsel, which he will always be pleased to give, will be of the greatest value.

3. Special means should be used to secure the interest and co-operation of every member of the Church. All should be well informed of arrangements made, and the mission should be a subject of frequent conversation. In good time the members should be called together to organize for house-to-house visitation, special prayer meetings, the distribution of handbills, and open-air services during the time of the mission.

4. A special mission choir, familiar with suitable hymns, will be a source of attraction and help, especially to the week-evening services. Such a choir may be formed either by enlarging the ordinary choir, or by uniting some of its members with members of the Society of Christian Endeavour and senior scholars in the Sunday School. This arrangement will be specially interesting to young people, and most helpful to the evangelist. "Hymns of Light and Life" is a most suitable book for mission and other services. It has been prepared for our own Churches, and is published at our Book Room, 119 Salisbury Square, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Arrangements might be made for its sale at the Chapel, throughout the mission.

5. The meetings ought to be well advertised. Churches desirous of having the portrait of the Sister upon their handbills, and Churches which experience difficulty in getting their

printing done, should communicate with the Secretary of the Deaconess Institute, who may be able to help them in these matters.

6. The week previous to the mission should be a time of special preparation. A fuller surrender to God will increase each member's spiritual power, and united prayer will make the Church mighty; hence the importance of preliminary meetings to stimulate to a fuller consecration, and to plead together for the blessing of God. During the week, sermons, addresses, and prayers should all bear on the revival of the Lord's work; the spirit of expectation should be cherished, and the Church should enter upon the mission confident of success.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE.

	Lady Superintendent.	Tutor.	Medical Director.
1891	Sister Margery	Rev. T. B. Saul	Dr. A. E. Cope
1892-94	Miss Brown	Rev. T. B. Saul	Dr. A. E. Cope
1895-97	Miss Bushell	Rev. T. B. Saul	Dr. A. E. Cope
1898	Miss Bushell	.....	Dr. A. E. Cope

	Treasurer.	Secretary.
1891	J. A. Bowron, Esq.	Rev. T. J. Cope
1892-94	J. A. Bowron, Esq.	Rev. T. J. Cope
1895-97	J. A. Bowron, Esq.	Rev. T. J. Cope
1898	J. A. Bowron, Esq.	Rev. T. J. Cope

Mrs. Lees was Organising Secretary and Evangelist from 1892 to 1894. Valuable service has been rendered by Miss Annan in teaching English, and Miss Maud Snell, G.S.M., L.A.M., in teaching music.

1891 J. A. BOWRON, Esq., *Tr.*, 1; Revs. H. Codling, 1; T. J. Cope, 1; A. Crombie, 1; Jabez King, 1; Ira Miller, 1; J. T. Oliver, 1; T. B. Saul, 1; G. H. Turner, 1; R. Wilton, 1; Messrs. Sidney Bowron, 1; E. L. Curtis, 1; B. H. Goulden, 1; W. Mallinson, 1; E. S. Snell, 1.

Mesdames Sidney Bowron, 1; Codling, 1; Cope, 1; Crombie, 1; Ira Miller, 1; Snell, 1.

1892 J. A. BOWRON, Esq., *Tr.*, 2; Revs. H. Codling, 2; T. J. Cope, 2;

A. Crombie, 2; Jabez King, 2; Ira Miller, 2; T. B. Saul, 2; J. T. Oliver, 2; G. H. Turner, 2; R. Wilton, 2; Messrs. J. Akers, 1; Sidney Bowron, 2; E. L. Curtis, 2; J. R. Cuthbertson, 1; R. W. Essex, 1; B. H. Goulden, 2; H. E. Hill, 1; W. Mallinson, 2; E. S. Snell, 2; S. Wright, 1.

Mesdames Sidney Bowron, 2; Codling, 2; Cope, 2; Crombie, 2; Miller, 2; Offord, 1; Snell, 2; Wilton, 1; Miss Annan, 1.

1893 J. A. BOWRON, Esq., *Tr.*, 3; Revs. H. Codling, 3; T. J. Cope, 3; A. Crombie, 3; Ira Miller, 3; J. T. Oliver, 3; T. B. Saul, 3; G. H. Turner, 3; Messrs. J. Akers, 2; Sidney Bowron, 3; E. L. Curtis, 3; J. R. Cuthbertson, 2; B. H. Goulden, 3; Wm. Mallinson, 3; E. S. Snell, 3.

Mesdames Sidney Bowron, 3; Codling, 3; Cope, 3; Crombie, 3; Mallinson, 1; Miller, 3; Offord, 2; Saul, 1; Snell, 3; Miss Annan, 2.

1894 J. A. BOWRON, Esq., *Tr.*, 4; H. Codling, 4; T. J. Cope, *Sec.*, 4; A. Crombie, 4; Ira Miller, 4; T. B. Saul, 4; G. H. Turner, 4; Messrs. J. Akers, 3; Sidney Bowron, 4; A. E. Cope, M.D., 1; E. L. Curtis, 4; J. R. Cuthbertson, 3; B. H. Goulden, 4; Wm. Mallinson, 4; E. S. Snell, 4.

Mesdames Sidney Bowron, 4; Cope, 4; Codling, 4; Crombie, 4; Mallinson, 2; Miller, 4; Offord, 3; Snell, 4; Misses Annan, 3; Saul, 1.

1895 J. A. BOWRON, Esq., *Tr.*, 5; Revs. J. Austin, 1; H. Codling, 5; T. J. Cope, *Sec.*, 5; A. Crombie, 5; E. O. Dinsley, 1; Ira Miller, 5; T. B. Saul, 5; F. W. Sparkes, 1; G. H. Turner, 5; Messrs. J. Akers, 4; Sidney Bowron, 5; A. E. Cope, M.D., 2; E. L. Curtis, 5; J. R. Cuthbertson, 4; Wm. Mallinson, 5; E. S. Snell, 5.

Mesdames Sidney Bowron, 5; Cope, 5; Codling, 5; Crombie, 5; Miller, 5; Mallinson, 3; Offord, 4; Snell, 5; Misses Annan, 4; Saul, 2.

1896 J. A. BOWRON, Esq., *Tr.*, 6; Revs. J. Austin, 2; H. Codling, 6; T. J. Cope, *Sec.*, 6; A. Crombie, 6; E. O. Dinsley, 2; C. D. Holmes, 1; Ira Miller, 6; T. B. Saul, 6; F. W. Sparkes, 2; G. H. Turner, 6; Messrs. J. Akers, 5; Sidney Bowron, 6; A. E. Cope, M.D., 3; E. L. Curtis, 6; J. R. Cuthbertson, 5; Wm. Mallinson, 6; E. T. Pannett, 1; E. S. Snell, 6.

Mesdames Codling, 6; Cope, 6; Crombie, 6; Essex, 1; H. E. Hill, 1; Miller, 6; Mallinson, 4; Snell, 6; Misses Annan, 5; Saul, 3.

1897 J. A. BOWRON, Esq., *Tr.*, 7; Revs. J. Austin, 3; H. Codling, 7; T. J. Cope, *Sec.*, 7; A. Crombie, 7; T. Foster, 1; C. D. Holmes, 2; H. Mann, 1; Ira Miller, 7; T. B. Saul, 7; G. H. Turner, 7; Wm. Vause, 1; J. Whittles, 1; Messrs. J. Akers, 6; Sidney Bowron, 7; A. E. Cope, M.D., 4; J. R. Cuthbertson, 6; Wm. Mallinson, 7; E. T. Pannett, 2; E. S. Snell, 7.

Mesdames Codling, 7; Cope, 7; Crombie, 7; H. E. Hill, 2; Mallinson, 5; Miller, 7; Snell, 7; Miss Saul, 4.

1898 J. A. BOWRON, Esq., *Tr.*, 8; Revs. J. Baxter, 1; H. Codling, 8; T. J. Cope, 8; A. Crombie, 8; F. J. Ellis, 1; T. Foster, 2; C. D. Holmes, 3; H. Livesey, 1; H. Mann, 2; Ira Miller, 8; C. H. Poppleton, 1; G. H. Turner, 8; W. Vause, 2; G. A. Wilson, 1; J. A. Watts, 1; Messrs. J. Akers, 7; S. Bowron, 8; W. Briant, 1; A. E. Cope, M.D., 5; J. R. Cuthbertson, 7; Wm. Mallinson, 8; E. C. Pannett, 3; E. S. Snell, 8.

Mesdames Codling, 8; Cope, 8; Crombie, 8; Hill, 3; Jolliffe, 1; Miller, 8; Mallinson, 6; Mann, 1; Snell, 8; Sunderland, 1; White, 1; Wilkinson, 1; Miss Cranfield, 1.

[INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.

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Year.	No. of Deaconesses.	Collections, Subscriptions, Receipts for Services of Sisters, &c., &c.	Balance given by Messrs. Bowron.	Total Income and Expenditure.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1891
1892	5	77 13 8	215 12 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	293 6 4 $\frac{3}{4}$
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1895	22	943 15 5	35 6 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	979 2 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
1896	26	962 6 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	90 5 5	1052 12 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
1897	30	1172 3 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	47 4 9	1219 8 6 $\frac{1}{2}$
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FREE METHODIST TEMPERANCE LEAGUE.

THE strong Temperance sentiment of the country has sensibly affected our Churches, making them—Ministers and people included—one of the most decidedly Temperance communities in existence. Memorials were sent to the Annual Assembly of 1878, in favour of a Connexional Temperance organisation, and the Memorial Committee recommended that action be taken in the matter. The question was referred to the consideration of an influential Committee of nine Ministers and Laymen. After two years' deliberation, a scheme, of which the following is the substance, was submitted to the Annual Assembly of 1880, and adopted.

1. That a Connexional Temperance Society be formed, to be called "The Free Methodist Temperance League."

2. That membership with the League shall be open to all persons who attend Free Methodist places of worship, and that the qualification for membership, shall be personal abstinence from intoxicating drinks as beverages.

3. That the objects of the League be as follows:—First, to promote the spread of Temperance principles generally—(1) by the formation of a stronger and sounder public opinion throughout the country as to the very large proportion of poverty, wretchedness, and immorality produced by the use of alcoholic liquors; and (2) by supporting legislative measures for the diminution of the strong drink traffic, for bringing it under local control, and for its entire prohibition on the Lord's Day. Second, to promote total abstinence in our own churches, congregations, and schools, by Lectures, Public Meetings, Conferences, circulation of a healthy Christian Temperance literature, the formation of Bands of Hope, &c.

4. That each circuit be recommended to form a Temperance organisation in connection with the League, and that in the event of any circuit not taking action in the matter, the several churches in the circuit be advised to form Temperance organisations, which shall be in connection with the League.

5. That the management of the League be entrusted to a Committee to be annually appointed by the Assembly, and that the Committee shall consist of a Treasurer and Secretary, with nine other persons, members of the United Methodist Free Churches, and of the League.

6. That as it is necessary that the Committee should be members of the League, a list of twenty persons eligible for election shall be presented to

the Annual Assembly by the Committee from year to year, which list the Annual Assembly may accept, enlarge, or amend at its discretion.

7. That an agent shall be appointed, whose whole time shall be devoted to the service of the League in organising branches, delivering lectures, and engaging in other work under the direction of the Temperance Committee, who shall also determine the amount of his remuneration.

8. That the expenses connected with the working of the League be paid from fees for lectures and addresses which the agent may deliver, contributions from the several affiliated branches of the League and from private subscriptions.

9. That all meetings in connection with the League shall be opened and closed with prayer.

The sanction of the Annual Assembly has been given to the following:—

10. That Temperance District Secretaries and Treasurers may be made *ex-officio* members of District Meetings.

11. That Bands of Hope may be formed on the basis of the four-fold pledge—the pledge against drinking, smoking, gambling, and swearing.

Amongst the important services rendered by the League to the cause of Temperance the following may be named:—

1. Under its fostering care the number of Bands of Hope and joint societies, with their membership, has been more than doubled.

2. It has taken the initiative in securing one date—the last Sunday in November—as Temperance Sunday for the Free Churches of Great Britain, Ireland, and other countries; also in securing the introduction once per quarter of a Temperance lesson into the International Series of Sunday-School Lessons.

3. It promoted two Connexional Petitions, containing 150,000 signatures, in favour of Sunday closing; also a Methodist Ministers' Petition, a Methodist Local Preachers' Petition, and a Methodist Presidents' Manifesto in support of the Government Local Control Bill of 1895.

4. In 1891 and 1896, it took a census of the Temperance force in Free Methodist Sunday Schools, and induced 32,352 scholars and 2842 teachers to sign the pledge. It discovered, in 1896, that 357 out of 370 ministers in England and Wales were abstainers.

5. It has led several Churches to use unfermented wine only at the Lord's Supper.

6. Its motto is: "A Band of Hope in every Sunday School, every scholar a member, every teacher an officer or member of committee, and a Temperance society in every congregation of Free Methodism."

LEAGUE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE.

*Treasurer.**Secretary.*

1880	T. WATSON, Esq., J.P.	Rev. J. S. BALMER.
1881-86	T. WATSON, Esq., M.P.	Rev. JOHN THORNLEY.
1887-93	J. DUCKWORTH, Esq., J.P.	Rev. JOHN THORNLEY.
1894-98	Ald. MORDEY, Esq., J.P.	Rev. JOHN THORNLEY.

1880 Revs. S. Beavan, 1; W. H. Bond, 1; J. Kirsop, 1; M. Miller, 1; J. Thornley, 1; Messrs. J. W. Petty, 1; E. P. Ridgway, 1; T. Snape, 1; E. Withy, 1.

1881 Revs. J. S. Balmer, 2; S. Beavan, 2; W. H. Bond, 2; M. Miller, 2; Messrs. J. Leadbeater, 1; B. Waite, 1; E. Withy, 2.

1882 Revs. J. S. Balmer, 3; S. Beavan, 3; W. H. Bond, 3; H. Holgate, 1; Jabez King, 1; W. O. Lilley, 1; M. Miller, 3; J. Swann Withington, 1; Messrs. G. W. Sharman, 1; E. Withy, 3.

1883 Revs. J. S. Balmer, 4; S. Beavan, 4; S. K. Hocking, 1; A. Holliday, 1; Jabez King, 2; J. Swann Withington, 2; Messrs. J. Duckworth, 1; G. W. Sharman, 2; T. Snape, 2; E. Withy, 4.

1884 Revs. J. S. Balmer, 5; N. Fysh, 1; S. K. Hocking, 2; A. Holliday, 2; Jabez King, 3; J. Kirsop, 2; J. S. Withington, 3; Messrs. G. W. Sharman, 3; T. Snape, 3.

1885 Revs. J. S. Balmer, 6; N. Fysh, 2; S. K. Hocking, 3; A. Holliday, 3; Jabez King, 4; J. Kirsop, 3; G. Turner, 1; Messrs. G. W. Sharman, 4; T. Snape, 4.

1886 Revs. J. S. Balmer, 7; N. Fysh, 3; S. K. Hocking, 4; A. Holliday, 4; J. Kirsop, 4; S. Wright, 1; Messrs. J. Duckworth, 2; G. W. Sharman, 5; T. Snape, 5.

1887 Revs. J. S. Balmer, 8; E. D. Green, 1; S. K. Hocking, 5; A. Holliday, 5; J. Kirsop, 5; J. B. Stoneman, 1; S. Wright, 2; Messrs. G. W. Sharman, 6; T. Snape, 6.

1888 Revs. J. S. Balmer, 9; E. D. Green, 2; J. B. Stoneman, 2; S. Wright, 3; Messrs. J. J. Barlow, 1; M. Mordey, 1; G. W. Sharman, 7; T. Snape, 7; C. Wardlow, 1.

1889 Revs. J. S. Balmer, 10; S. C. Challenger, 1; H. T. Chapman, 1; E. D. Green, 3; W. C. Rank, 1; J. B. Stoneman, 3; S. Wright, 4; Messrs. G. W. Sharman, 8; T. Snape, 8.

1890 Revs. J. S. Balmer, 11; S. C. Challenger, 2; F. Lamb, 1; J. B. Stoneman, 4; Messrs. J. E. Balmer, 1; W. Mart, 1; M. Mordey, 2; T. Snape, 9; C. Wardlow, 2.

1891 Revs. J. S. Balmer, 12; T. J. Dickinson, 1; J. Kirsop, 6; M. T. Myers, 1; J. B. Stoneman, 5; Messrs. J. E. Balmer, 2; G. W. Sharman, 9; T. Snape, 10; C. Wardlow, 3.

1892 Revs. J. S. Balmer, 13; S. C. Challenger, 3; J. Kirsop, 7; J. B. Stoneman, 6; Messrs. J. E. Balmer, 3; Coun. Mordey, J.P., 3; G. W. Sharman, 10; Ald. T. Snape, M.P., 11; C. Wardlow, 4.

1893 Revs. J. S. Balmer, 14; T. J. Dickinson, 2; Jabez King, 5; J. B. Stoneman, 7; Messrs. J. E. Balmer, 4; Coun. M. Mordey, J.P., 4; G. W. Sharman, 11; Ald. T. Snape, M.P., 12; C. Wardlow, 5.

1894 Revs. J. S. Balmer, 15; S. C. Challenger, 4; W. C. Rank, 2; J. B. Stoneman, 8; Messrs. Ald. Duckworth, J.P., 10; Coun. W. Mart, 2; G. W. Sharman, 12; Ald. T. Snape, M.P., 13; C. Wardlow, 6.

1895 Revs. J. S. Balmer, 16; W. C. Rank, 3; J. B. Stoneman, 9; Messrs. J. E. Balmer, 5; Ald. J. H. Crosfield, J.P., 1; Ald. J. Duckworth, J.P., 11; Coun. W. Mart, 3; G. W. Sharman, 13; Ald. Snape, 14.

1896 Revs. J. S. Balmer, 17; T. J. Dickinson, 3; W. C. Rank, 4; J. B. Stoneman, 10; Messrs. J. E. Balmer, 6; Ald. Duckworth, J.P., 12; Coun. Mart, 4; Ald. Snape, 15; C. Wardlow, 7.

1897 Revs. J. S. Balmer, 18; T. J. Dickinson, 4; W. H. C. Harris, 1; W. C. Rank, 5; J. B. Stoneman, 11; Messrs. J. E. Balmer, 7; Ald. J. Duckworth, J.P., 13; Ald. T. Snape, J.P., 16; C. Wardlow, 8.

1898 Revs. J. S. Balmer, 19; T. J. Dickinson, 5; W. H. C. Harris, 2; T. Naylor, 1; J. B. Stoneman, 12; Messrs. J. E. Balmer, 8; G. W. Sharman, 14; Ald. Snape, J.P., 17; C. Wardlow, 9.

TABULAR VIEW OF THE TEMPERANCE LEAGUE.

Year.	ADULT TEMPERANCE SOCIETIES.				BANDS OF HOPE.				JOINT SOCIETIES.			
	No. of Societies.		No. of Members.		No. of Bands of Hope.	No. of Members.	No. of Officers.	No. of Joint Societies.	No. of Members.	Affiliated with League.		
										Societies.	Members.	
1883	86	4,870	1,658	398	35,514	2,025	121	10,050	...	...	...	2,228
1884	91	6,473	3,263	445	44,153	2,282	150	15,971	...	13	4,367	4,367
1885	95	...	4,297	459	47,103	2,882	154	17,051	...	43	2,208	2,208
1886	78	3,594	46	561	59,177	3,632	226	27,185	...	29	4,340	4,340
1887	82	4,762	41	533	56,400	3,252	225	27,221	...	52	4,671	4,671
1888	66	3,958	35	539	57,743	2,551	234	28,284	1,133	38	4,889	4,889
1889	68	4,068	30	539	58,489	2,351	212	26,655	1,031	32	5,019	5,019
1890	63	3,697	33	557	60,788	2,489	250	30,593	1,236	40	5,100	5,100
1891	74	3,691	31	580	62,673	2,515	256	30,829	1,167	41	4,814	4,814
1892	97	5,307	32	625	63,337	2,522	272	34,919	1,297	111	9,865	9,865
1893	81	3,896	24	629	69,907	2,632	234	29,472	1,059	100	6,823	6,823
1894	55	2,830	22	617	71,766	2,832	262	31,703	1,007	75	2,752	2,752
1895	52	2,833	27	615	71,138	2,837	270	34,625	1,321	78	9,760	9,760
1896	64	3,525	24	610	67,349	2,855	241	31,002	1,262	76	8,295	8,295
1897	63	3,766	25	613	64,490	2,871	258	30,043	1,277	88	8,715	8,715
1898	49	3,159	22	593	62,947	2,620	260	32,030	1,436	103	9,302	9,302

Year.	INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
	Subscriptions.	Affiliation Fees.	Secretary's Fees.	Miscellaneous and Special.	Totals.	Salaries, Traveling, and Secretarial Expenses, &c.	Brooklet, District and Miscellaneous Expenses.	Totals.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1881	44 3 6	4 19 6	...	4 5 5	44 3 6	19 15 8	12 8 1	40 12 9
1882	54 9 6	12 2 6	38 14 5	2 13 3	63 14 5	245 0 10	26 17 2	32 3 9
1883	231 14 6	13 11 0	19 9 6	2 6 9	285 4 8	246 5 3½	21 19 7½	271 18 0
1884	215 15 0	19 13 6	36 9 4	1 0 3	251 2 3	250 19 11½	37 8 0	268 4 11
1885	203 15 6	16 12 9	39 11 7½	...	261 1 7	243 7 6	29 0 1½	288 2 11½
1886	207 2 0	21 0 0	40 10 6	3 15 3	263 6 4½	249 13 5	25 8 10	272 7 7½
1887	202 7 6	21 13 6	46 10 2	308 16 4½	263 18 0	256 18 0½	24 15 2½	275 2 3
1888	184 12 0	25 16 0	45 1 7	18 14 7	256 10 11	252 18 6½	67 10 1½	281 13 3
1889	189 0 3	28 0 6	50 2 5	27 19 7	308 6 8	256 19 10	49 12 7½	320 8 8
1890	211 9 2	29 5 0	48 17 0½	14 0 9	303 9 7½	264 5 10½	44 13 1	306 12 5½
1891	197 8 0	31 9 0	57 18 0	15 5 9½	295 0 9	266 7 2	50 11 3	308 18 11½
1892	191 13 0	31 9 0	79 16 0	11 5 0	302 0 6½	274 13 8	44 18 8	319 12 4
1893	174 17 9	32 1 0	62 14 10	44 7 4	281 8 7	267 6 4	53 5 9	320 12 1
1894	174 17 9	32 11 0	84 4 9	12 5 1	334 13 4	279 15 7	87 14 10	317 10 5
1895	173 0 6	33 0 9	83 11 4	4 19 0	281 16 11	276 12 11	28 7 10	305 0 9
1896	151 13 6	34 7 0	117 2 0	56 12 3½	311 13 0	277 0 0	41 8 5½	318 8 5½
1897	154 2 6	35 9 6	85 12 11	...	339 15 2½	278 1 1	31 14 4½	309 15 5½
1898	160 3 0	37 7 0	136 17 0½
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The Special Income from 1889 to 1898 was increased more than £460 by the proceeds of Bazaar, with interest.

ECUMENICAL METHODIST CONFERENCES.

THE idea of an Ecumenical Methodist Conference first took a practical shape in the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States, at a Conference held in the city of Baltimore, on the 31st day of May, 1876. On the suggestion of Chancellor E. O. Haven, who came as a deputation from the Methodist Episcopal Church, to the British Methodists in 1878, it was determined that the first Conference should be held in Wesley's Chapel, City Road, London. That Conference was opened on 7th September, 1881, and continued until the 20th. It consisted of representatives of all Methodist Communities from every part of the world.

The various Sessions of the Conference were highly instructive, spiritually quickening, and calculated to draw the varied Methodist Churches into closer and warmer fellowship.

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED.

I. METHODISM: ITS HISTORY AND RESULTS.

1. The Grateful Recognition of the Hand of God in the Origin and Progress of Methodism.
2. Statistical Results.
3. Methodism, a Power Purifying and Elevating Society.
4. The Influence that Methodism has exerted on other Religious Bodies, and the Extent to which they have modified Methodism.

II. EVANGELICAL AGENCIES OF METHODISM.

1. The Itinerant Ministry.
2. Lay Preachers.
3. Women and their Work in Methodism.
4. Scriptural Holiness, and the special fitness of Methodist Means of Grace to promote it.

III. METHODISM AND THE YOUNG.

1. The Training of Children in Christian Homes; so as to bring them to Christ, and attach them to Methodism.

2. The Training of Children in the Sunday School and Church ; so as to secure the largest Evangelical Denominational Results.

IV. THE LORD'S DAY AND TEMPERANCE.

1. Methodism and the Lord's Day.
2. Relation of Methodism to the Temperance Movement.
3. Juvenile Temperance Organisations and their Promotion through the Sunday School and the Church.
4. Civil Measures to suppress Intemperance, and the Relation of the Church to such Movements.

V. POSSIBLE PERILS OF METHODISM.

1. From the Papacy ; from Sacerdotalism, and its connected Errors.
2. From Modern Scepticism in its different Forms and Manifestations.
3. From Formality, Worldliness, and Improper Amusements among our own Members.
4. From Innovations upon Established Methodist Usages and Institutions.

VI. EDUCATION.

1. The Higher Education Demanded by the Necessities of the Church in our Time.
2. The Duty of the Church to Maintain Schools which are Christian in their Influence and Character.
3. The Education and Special Training of Ministers while engaged in Ministerial and Pastoral Work.

VII. THE USE OF THE PRESS FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF CHRISTIANITY.

1. Denominational Literature and its Publication.
2. The Newspaper, and the Use to be made of it by the Church.
3. Methodist Hymnology.

VIII. HOME MISSIONS.

1. The Maintenance of Home Missions among the most Degraded Populations.
2. The Important Work which the Methodist Laity have performed in this Direction, and the great Opportunities which they have in the Future.
3. The Best Methods of Reaching the Unconverted Sections of the Richer Classes.
4. Methodism and its Work for Orphans, for the Aged, and generally for the Dependent Classes.

IX. FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1. The Results of Methodist Missions in Heathen Lands.
2. How to Avoid Waste, Rivalries, and Confusion, arising from different Methodist Bodies occupying the same or contiguous Fields.
3. The Establishment and Support of Training-Schools for Native Converts and Native Ministers in the Foreign Field.

4. The Use of the Press in non-Christian Countries for the Promotion of the Gospel.
5. The Missionary Work required in Papal and Semi-Infidels Nations.
6. The Resources of Methodism for the Work of the World's Conversion, and the Duty of Developing and Employing those Resources.

X. CHRISTIAN UNITY.

1. How Christian Unity may be maintained and increased among Ourselves, and made manifest in the World.
2. The Catholicity of Methodism.
3. Methodism as a Bond of Brotherhood among the Nations.

Papers on three of the above subjects were read by our own ministers. The one on the Papacy and Sacerdotalism, was by the Rev. J. Guttridge ; the one on Denominational Literature was by the Rev. J. Swann Withington ; and the one on the Catholicity of Methodism, was by the Rev. John Myers. Invited addresses were also given by the Revs. S. S. Barton and J. Kirsop.

A second Ecumenical Conference was held in Washington in 1891, and arrangements are being made for a third in 1901. Lists of our representatives are given below.

UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCHES' REPRESENTATIVES.

1881 Revs. R. Chew, W. M. Hunter, A. Holliday, J. Myers, R. Abercrombie, M.A., S. S. Barton, J. Kirsop, J. Swann Withington, J. Guttridge, W. Griffith, T. Newton, Captain King, Messrs. T. Snape, Ald. J. Green, J.P., T. Watson, J.P., H. T. Mawson, G. Luckley, T. Boddington W. Butler, R. Ellis, J.P., R. G. Rows, E. S. Snell.

1891 Revs. M. T. Myers, J. Truscott, G. Turner, A. Holliday, E. Boaden, R. Abercrombie, M.A., J. S. Balmer, D. Brook, M.A., B.C.L., W. Redfern, W. R. Sunman, J. Swann Withington, Messrs. J. G. Addison, J. E. Balmer, W. H. Butler, Ald. J. H. Crosfield, J.P., Coun. J. Duckworth, H. G. Gregory, S. Hartley, Coun. W. Penrose, R. G. Rows, J.P. C.C., T. Snape, C.C., R. Turner.

METHODIST CONCERTED ACTION.

AN invitation having been sent to the Annual Assembly of 1894, by the Free Church Congress to appoint six representatives to meet in conference on the over-lapping of Churches, it was resolved that the invitation be accepted. The outcome of the Conference has been the formation of a Committee of all the English Methodist Churches, which is elected from year to year. The composition and design of that Committee are set forth below.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE UNITED COMMITTEE IN 1896.

Resolved—That Concerted Action among the Methodist Churches is eminently desirable, and that in order to its promotion the following suggestions are recommended to the respective Conferences for their adoption and for publication in their printed minutes:—

(a) That a United Committee be annually constituted by the appointment of representatives by the several Conferences for the purpose of Mutual Defence, in the following proportions—viz., Wesleyan Methodists, 16; Primitive Methodists, 8; United Methodist Free Churches, 6; Methodist New Connexion, 4; Bible Christians, 4; Methodist Reform Union, 1; Independent Methodists, 1.

(b) That a United Meeting of Ministers and an equal number of Representative Members of the various Methodist Churches be held once a-year whenever practicable, for devotion, fellowship, and counsel; and that a United Lovefeast be held on some Sunday afternoon during the year, preferably on Whitsunday, but if that day should be unsuitable, on some other.

(c) That it approves of the publication of a Methodist Year Book on the terms and in the manner agreed to generally by the Representatives of the Book Rooms of the respective Churches, as contained in documents in their possession; and it hereby requests the respective Conferences to give all necessary authority to the respective Book Stewards or other agents to carry out the details of the arrangement for the publication of the volume.

(d) The Committee expresses the belief and hope that the better understanding which now prevails between the different Methodist Churches will issue in the avoidance of the unnecessary multiplication of Chapels,

especially in small places, and recommends the several Conferences to direct their respective Chapel Committees to correspond with one another to promote this result in any case of local difficulty and disagreement that may arise.

(e) That in "Mutual Defence" it has memorialised Lord Salisbury, the Duke of Devonshire, and Sir John Gorst on the Elementary Education Policy of the Government, in accordance with the views held by the various branches of the Methodist Family.

The Annual Assembly resolved:—

1. That the Report of the Committee be adopted and inserted in the printed minutes.

2. That the Rev. E. Boaden, Chapel Secretary, be empowered and directed to correspond with the Chapel Committee of any Methodist Church, in reference to any case of over-lapping which may come to his knowledge; and that should an emergency arise in relation thereto, and no settlement can be arrived at locally, he take counsel with the Connexional Officers on the subject.

In 1897, the Committee reported that all the Methodist bodies had moved in opposition to the Government proposals on education, but without effect, and it could only re-affirm its principles on the subject, and enter its protest against the course pursued by the Government.

Financial and other difficulties hindered the issue of the proposed Methodist Year Book.

Much ministerial exchange had taken place, and goodwill and co-operation had been promoted.

No instance of over-lapping in respect to chapel building had, so far as was known, occurred.

The following report of the Committee was presented to the Annual Assembly of 1898 by the Rev. A. Crombie, and adopted:—

1. That it has promoted the holding of united meetings for devotion, fellowship, and counsel; and united lovefeasts as elsewhere recommended.

2. That it has re-affirmed its conviction as to the importance of the publication of a Methodist Year Book, but postponed further action in the matter until some near future.

3. That it has heard with great satisfaction of the sanction given by the last Wesleyan Methodist Conference to the proposal of the Committee of the Children's Home to invite the Annual Conferences of the Methodist New Connexion and the Bible Christian Church, and the Annual Assembly of the United Methodist Free Churches, each to nominate two gentlemen for appointment as additional members of the General Committee, and it believes that in this important work for the children and the poor, all these Churches will most heartily co-operate.

4. That it has heard with much pleasure of the appointment by the Wesleyan Methodist Conference of a deputation to the Centenary Conference of the Methodist New Connexion, on which occasion the other Methodist Churches also sent by deputation assurances of brotherly goodwill, and it trusts that these may be harbingers of much similar intercourse among the Governing Bodies of all the Methodist Churches.

5. That it has received information of the establishment of the "Association of Methodist ministers of Manchester and its neighbourhood," and invites the Assembly, by the adoption of this Report, to commend this example to our Methodist brethren in all parts of the United Kingdom.

6. That it rejoices in the evidences of growing fellowship shown in the united Action of all Methodists in such social questions as the Sunday closing of public-houses, &c., and in the reception of the local preachers of the Methodist New Connexion into the Local Preachers' Mutual Aid Association.

7. That this Committee endeavours to foster all similar movements, and believes its influence is promoting cordiality in feeling and in action more than appears at first sight between all the Methodist Churches, greatly to the advantage of Christ's Kingdom in this country and the world.

FREE METHODIST REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES.

1894 Revs. E. Boaden, 1; R. Chew, 1; G. Turner, 1; Messrs. J. H. Crosfield, J.P., 1; J. Duckworth, J.P., 1; W. H. Hart, J.P., 1.

1895 Revs. W. R. SUNMAN, *Pres.*, 1; E. Boaden, 2; G. Turner, 2; H. T. Chapman, 1; Messrs. J. H. Crosfield, J.P., 2; W. H. Hart, J.P., 2.

1896 Revs. G. TURNER, *Pres.*, 3; E. Boaden, 3; H. T. Chapman, 2; Messrs. W. H. Hart, J.P., 3; T. Snape, J.P., 1; E. S. Snell, 1.

1897 Revs. R. SWALLOW, M.D., *Pres.*, 1; H. T. Chapman, 3; E. Boaden, 4; A. Crombie, 1; Messrs. W. H. Hart, J.P., 4; E. S. Snell, 2.

1898 Revs. E. D. CORNISH, *Pres.*, 1; H. T. Chapman, 4; E. Boaden, 5; A. Crombie, 2; W. H. Hart, J.P., 5; E. S. Snell, 3.

MARRIAGE ACT, 1898.

(61 and 62 Vict. c. 58.)

GENERAL FEATURES.

THE purpose of this Act is to free Nonconformists in England and Wales generally, and our Churches among the number, from the obligation of having the presence of the Registrar at marriages in their registered buildings, and to enable the Trustees or other Governing Body of each registered building, to appoint the minister or some other person, called in the Act "*The Authorised Person*," to fill the office of Registrar in respect thereto.

The adoption of the Act in any instance, however, is quite optional. Former Acts remain in full force, and the presence of the Registrar will be necessary as heretofore in every registered building which is not specifically brought under the operation of this Act.

If the Trustees, who almost invariably constitute the Governing Body of registered buildings in our Churches, desire to take advantage of this Act, they must appoint the minister, or some other competent and responsible person, as the Authorised Person* to attend marriages in the building and register the same, and the Trustees must certify the appointment to the Registrar-General and to the Superintendent Registrar of the Registration District in which the building is situate, in the manner required by rules issued by the Registrar-General.

All marriages in such a building must be solemnised in the presence of the Authorised Person certified for that building or in the presence of some other Authorised Person certified

* It is not necessary to appoint more than one Authorised Person for any building; but more than one may be appointed if it be deemed desirable.

for some other registered building in the same Registration District, and such Authorised Person may act as Registrar only, or as *both Registrar and officiating minister*.

The Registrar-General will supply the Authorised Person with Register Books in duplicate and Forms for certified copies of the entry therein, and also with Rules and Instructions for his guidance.

Nevertheless the Registrar-General, before supplying Register Books, &c., must be satisfied that due provision is made for the registration of the marriages solemnised in the building, and for the safe custody of the Register Books and other official papers. If not so satisfied, he may refuse to allow any marriages under this Act to be solemnised in it. But marriages in such buildings may continue to be solemnised in the presence of the Registrar.

No marriage under this Act can be solemnised in any building until it has been supplied with Register Books, &c.

The same notices to the Superintendent Registrar of the District as are required by former Acts, are necessary under this Act. But such Registrar will not attend the marriage in any registered building for which this Act has been adopted unless he is specifically required to do so at the time the notice of marriage is given.

An Authorised Person failing or refusing to comply with all the requirements in force for the time being under this Act, is liable to a penalty.

For a period of ten years from 1st April, 1899, the date of the Act becoming operative, Superintendent Registrars are entitled to special fees on the issue of the certificate or the certificate and licence for a marriage to be solemnised under this Act. His fees are the following: For a marriage without Licence, 6s., with Licence, £2, 11s.

DUTIES OF THE AUTHORISED PERSON.

1. To attend the solemnisation of the marriage in the building for which he has been appointed; and also in any other Registered Building in the same Registration District by request and at his own option.

2. To receive from the parties to be married the Registrar's certificate, or certificate and licence, as the case may be.

3. To see that each of the parties contracting the marriage shall, in some part of the ceremony, repeat the following declarations:—

- (a.) "I do solemnly declare that I know not of any lawful impediment why I, A B, may not be joined in matrimony to C D."
- (b.) "I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, A B, do take thee, C D, to be my lawful wedded wife (*or husband*);" or, in lieu of the latter declaration, the following may be used:—
"I, A B, do take thee, C D, to be my wedded wife (*or husband*)".

These declarations to be made in his presence, and in the presence of two or more witnesses.

4. To correctly enter the names of the parties, and all other particulars required, in both Register Books and in any forms supplied by the Registrar-General for the purpose.

5. To see that the parties sign both Register Books, and any other necessary forms, in the presence of two witnesses at the least; these witnesses to sign both Register Books, and to sign the same himself.

6. To take charge of the Register Books and other official papers, and be responsible for their safe custody.

7. To make and deliver once a-quarter to the Superintendent Registrar of the District, on forms supplied by the Registrar-General, a true copy under his own hand of all the entries of marriage in the Register Book since the date of the last certified copy; and he will be allowed 6d. for every entry; and if there has been no marriage registered in the book since that date, to certify the fact under his hand on a form supplied by the Registrar-General.

8. When the Register Book is filed, to deliver one copy thereof to the Superintendent Registrar of the District, and to keep the other copy in safe custody.

9. To allow searches to be made in the Register Books, and give certificates when required so to do. His fee for a search within a year is 1s., and 6d. for every additional year; and 2s. 6d. for the certified copy of any entry.

10. To keep and also produce the certificate, or the certificate and licence, with the Register Books, as and when required by the Registrar-General.

11. To carefully observe all the rules and regulations from time to time published for his guidance by the Registrar-General.

DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS TO CONNEXIONAL FUNDS.

The following Table shows the District Membership and Contributions for the year 1898 to those Funds of the Connexion which are under the control of the Annual Assembly. Seeing that minute accuracy is not of much moment here, all sums above ten shillings are counted as £1, and all under as nothing. The totals in each column are not the sum of the particulars here given, but are copied from the printed Minutes.

Names of Districts.	Church Members.	Mission Fund.	Chapel Fund.	S. and E. Fund.	P. Children's Fund.	Theological Institute.	Totals.
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Birmingham	2353	431	14	20	105	8	578
Bristol	5441	991	34	50	243	22	1340
Cornwall	5364	618	22	20	268	9	937
Leeds and Bradford . .	10775	1531	61	62	490	48	2192
Lincoln	4024	486	9	16	154	6	671
Liverpool	3711	558	31	28	141	20	778
London	6165	703	37	30	314	18	1102
Manchester	7777	1277	83	73	322	78	1833
Newcastle-on-Tyne . .	7580	917	51	52	311	33	1364
Norwich	2908	258	9	20	127	7	421
Nottingham	5088	491	17	17	242	12	779
Rochdale	5899	907	67	58	253	89	1374
Sheffield	4070	622	39	28	172	28	889
Home Missions . . . .	...	46	...	...	...	...	46
Miscellaneous . . . .	...	1944	233	7	63	3563	5810
Australia	2501	...	...	...	...	...	5,011
East Africa	504	*50	...	...	...	...	50
West Africa	2866	*1834	...	...	...	...	1834
China	1773	*594	...	...	...	...	594
Jamaica	3508	*1014	...	...	...	...	1014
	82305	15272	707	481	3205	3941	23606
Grants from Book Room profits							352
Sunday-School and Local Preachers' Fund							138
Connexional and Incidental Fund							365
Temperance League							284
Connexional Evangelism							493
Bowron House							1675
Fire Insurance Association							368
London Chapel Extension Fund							268
Religious and Denominational Instruction for the Young							60
Wesley Memorial Fund							11
							£27620

* These sums include Foreign Local Income.

GRAND TOTALS.

The following is a brief summary of all the moneys contributed from the first to the support of Connexional Funds. Though by no means inconsiderable, all things taken into account, yet they are only a trifle compared with what has been raised and expended locally for the erection of Chapels, Schools, Ministers' Houses, the support of the Ministry, Sabbath Schools, and the like.

Care has been taken not to reckon twice those sums that have been passed over from one Fund to another. Moreover, only the profits of the Book Room actually appropriated have been reckoned.

Sums under 10s. have not been counted at all, and sums over 10s. have been counted as £1.

Mission Fund	£655,117
Book Room Grants to different Funds	26,179
Thank-offering Fund	3,974
Sunday-School and Local Preachers' Fund	5,859
Preachers' Children's Fund	85,747
Beneficent Fund (Old)	2,063
Beneficent Fund	740
Superannuation and Beneficent Fund	103,653
Chapel Fund (Old)	2,016
Chapel Relief Fund	22,786
Chapel Loan Fund	13,810
Home Mission Chapel Extension Fund	8,774
Theological Training Institute	39,134
Ashville College	12,202
Temperance League	5,011
Connexional Evangelism	9,011
Commemorative Fund	30,111
Ecumenical Conference	515
Wesley Memorial Fund	8,479
The Deaconess Institute (Bowron House)	6,446
Connexional and Incidental Fund	401
Fire Insurance Association	2,063
Religious and Denominational Instruction for the Young	213

Total from 1836 to 1898	£1,044,304
Total from 1836 to 1886	620,642

Total from 1886 to 1898	£423,662
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CHAPELS, SCHOOLS, &c.

Total Amount raised towards Chapels, Schools, Ministers' Houses, &c., from 1836 to 1898	£1,971,621
Do. from 1836 to 1886	1,385,885
Do. from 1886 to 1898	£585,536

ASSOCIATED INSTITUTIONS.

WESLEYAN METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' MUTUAL-AID ASSOCIATION.

ESTABLISHED 1849.

OFFICERS FOR 1898.

PRESIDENT :

JOHN BROXAP, Esq., Manchester.

TREASURER :

JOHN CARTER, Esq., 30 Beaufort Street, Chelsea, S.W.

HONORARY SECRETARIES :

Mr. A. R. JOHNSON, London ; Mr. M. L. CLAPHAM, London.

GENERAL SECRETARY :

Mr. JOHN HARDING, 15 and 16 Temple House,
Temple Avenue, London, E.C.

This is a self-governing Association of Local Preachers belonging to one or other of four Methodist communities—viz., the Wesleyan Methodists, the Wesleyan Reform Union, the United Methodist Free Churches, and the Methodist New

Connexion. It is, therefore, eminently a United Methodist Institution, and a good one too. It affords to Local Preachers in humble circumstances advantages of an unusual character.

The Association was formed in 1849 by Wesleyan Local Preachers. On the disruption which followed the Conference of that year, the terms "Wesleyan Methodist Local Preachers," and "Accredited Local Preachers," were interpreted without prejudice to those preachers who were associated with the Reformers. The same width of interpretation was applied to the preachers who were identified with the United Methodist Free Churches, after the Amalgamation of 1857. It was not until the Annual Meeting of 1896 that Methodist New Connexion Local Preachers, on the payment of the sum of £1500, became eligible for Benefit Membership. This union was indeed a happy event, perhaps prophetic.

Our own preachers played a prominent part in the early history of this Organisation. Some of them filled its chief offices. The venerable James Wild was for a long time Treasurer. John Unwin was President in 1853, James Wild in 1854, J. B. Sharpley in 1857, J. Massingham in 1859, Thos. Cuthbertson in 1860, John Wade in 1861, Thos. Hirst in 1862, Wm. Bowron in 1869, and G. C. Amphlett in 1885. Our Mr. Clapham is now one of the Honorary Secretaries. Of late years, our position has been comparatively in the rear. This, in one sense, is as it should be. The greatly increased practical sympathy of the Wesleyans, combined with the increased membership from the ranks of their Local Preachers, has lifted them to their true position. For our own people there are two things we specially desire—1st, That our Local Preachers generally should join the Association—those in humble life for their own sake, and the well-to-do for the sake of their poorer brethren. 2nd, That our Churches should liberally contribute to its funds, both by public collections and private subscriptions.

The income for 1897-98 exceeds £12,000, but an increase is being earnestly sought. Next year being the Jubilee of the Association, it is proposed to celebrate the event by seeking to extend the operations and usefulness of the Association—(1) By forming new Branches in Circuits where none exist, (2) By largely increasing the number of Benefit Members, and (3), By securing 1000 additional Honorary Members before 31st December, 1899.

The brief statement appended is instructive.

The objects of the Association are to afford relief to its Members during periods of sickness and in old age, and also to provide funeral allowances.

It has now (1898) 9339 Members; of these 2383 are Honorary Members, receiving no relief from the funds. The total amount paid in relief is as follows—

Sick Claims	£56,577	2	8
Funeral do.	19,192	6	4
Superannuation Allowances	98,940	3	1

Total to 31st March, 1898	£174,709	12	1
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The following is a brief summary of the Rules relating to Membership and Benefits:—

1. Local Preachers, in connection with the Wesleyan Methodist Church, the Wesleyan Reform Union, the United Methodist Free Churches, and the Methodist New Connexion, are eligible for Benefit Membership.
2. The entrance fee for benefit members of any age under 35 years is 10/-; for 35, and each year above, a small addition.
3. Benefit members subscribe 3/- per quarter.
4. The allowance during sickness is 8/- per week.
5. The funeral allowance is £8 to members.
6. The highest annuity in old age is 10/- per week; and to widows 4/- per week.
7. Persons subscribing One Guinea a-year and upwards, are Honorary Members.

The payments made by Benefit Members are sufficient to provide for the Sick and Funeral claims; but for the Superannuation Allowances to aged Local Preachers and Widows in destitute circumstances, the Association is *entirely dependent* upon public collections and the annual subscriptions of friends interested in the work.

517 Local Preachers and Widows are now (1898) receiving Superannuation allowances; the sum of £6559, 14s. 11d. was paid to them last year, and it is estimated that £7300 will be required for this purpose during the current year.

THE CHILDREN'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE.

FOUNDER AND PRINCIPAL:

Rev. T. B. STEPHENSON, D.D., LL.D.

PRESIDENT:

Rev. HUGH PRICE HUGHES, M.A., President of the Wesleyan Methodist Conference.

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

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SECRETARY:

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FREE METHODIST REPRESENTATIVES ON THE COMMITTEE:

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CHIEF OFFICES—BONNER ROAD, LONDON, N.E.

LONDON BRANCH Bonner Road, London, N.E.
GORDON HALL MISSION Globe Road, E.
CHILDREN'S MISSION Hartley Street, Bonner Lane, E.
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WORKING GIRLS' LODGE Bonner Road, N.E.
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EPILEPTIC HOME Victoria Park Road, N.E.
CRIPPLES' SCHOOL AND PARLOUR Bonner Street, E.

LANCASHIRE BRANCH.....	Edgworth, near Bolton.
MILTON BRANCH	Farnboro', Hants.
MANX BRANCH	Ramsey, Isle of Man.
PRINCESS ALICE BRANCH.....	New Oscott, Birmingham.
SOUTH COAST BRANCH	Alverstoke, Hants.
CANADIAN BRANCH	Hamilton, Ontario.

Contributions should be sent to the Rev. Dr. STEPHENSON, The Children's Home, Bonner Road, London, N.E.

The Children's Home dates back to 1869. It is a monument to the zeal and energy of the Rev. Dr. Stephenson in the cause of philanthropy. Its wonderful growth may be seen from the number of its branches as given above, and from the facts and figures of last year's report as given below.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Income,	24,076	2	1	Expenditure,	25,798	18	7
Deficiency,	1,722	16	6				
	<u>£25,798</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>7</u>		<u>£25,798</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>7</u>

STATISTICS FOR 1897-98.

Total number passed through the Home	3236
Total number now resident	1020
Total number received to 31st March, 1898	4256

DISPOSALS.

In the United Kingdom :—

To Situations, or the care of Friends, &c.	1506
Adopted	61
Died	119
	<u>1686</u>

By Emigration :—

To Canada	1504
To Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, &c.	46
	<u>1550</u>
	3236

RESIDENT 31st MARCH, 1898.

London Branch	435
Edgworth "	210
Milton "	146
Birmingham "	139
Ramsey "	44
Canadian "	25
Emigration "	21

1020

Additional Children resident during the year	157
Other Children and Young Women benefited by the Agency of the Home during the year	32
At the Holiday House, Edgworth	100

TOTAL DEALT WITH DURING THE YEAR 1309

In addition to these, 40 children will be received in the first month of the new year. We therefore begin the year's work with a total of 1060 in residence.

The primary aim of the Children's Home is to benefit orphan and outcast children without distinction of creed. The most needy case has the best chance of admission. Recently an effort has been made to rescue all children of Methodist parents and needy children of all Free Church parents from the workhouses. About 100 such children have been already received.

The Home is conducted on the family principle, and the results are excellent. No less than five "Old Boys" entered the ministry of various Churches during the year ending March, 1898. Many of the inmates are orphan children of Christian workers in the various Methodist Churches.

The Children's Home is under the direction of the Wesleyan Conference; but among its Vice-Presidents and its Committee are representatives of the great Evangelical Churches.

In 1898, an invitation was given to several Methodist bodies to nominate two members each to represent them on the Committee. A favourable response was given by the Methodist New Connexion, the Bible Christian Methodists, and the United Methodist Free Churches. The following is the reply of our Annual Assembly :—

A document addressed to the Annual Assembly by the Rev. Dr. T. B. Stephenson, dated July 8, 1898, having been read, setting forth that his Homes received children of all Methodist Churches, that he is desirous of receiving into the Homes all Methodist children who would otherwise go into the workhouse, and that he is wishful that two brethren should be appointed by the Annual Assembly to serve on the General Committee of the Homes—

(a) Resolved: That this Assembly rejoices in the great and benevolent work done by Dr. Stephenson's Children's Homes, and in the comprehensive scheme respecting Methodist children which he is contemplating, and it earnestly commends the Homes to the sympathy and support of our people.

(b) That thanks be given to Dr. Stephenson for his communication, and that two brethren be now appointed to represent our Churches on the General Committee of the Children's Home.

(c) That the Rev. E. Boaden and Alderman J. R. Heape be our representatives on the General Committee of Dr. Stephenson's Homes for next year.

By these resolutions we have as a denomination become identified with "The Children's Home." We have practically avowed, without disparagement to other institutions of a similar character, that this is pre-eminently the Orphanage entitled to the sympathy and help of Free Methodists. In the interests of the orphan children and of our beloved Methodism, it is to be hoped that the association now entered upon will be a living and active one. A number of our churches and Sunday schools have already made collections on behalf of the Institution.

CONCLUSION.

As we bring our task to a close, and think over the facts of varied kinds chronicled in these pages—the increase in our Church membership; the growth of our Sunday Schools; the development and efficiency of our Educational establishments, Ashville College and Manchester College; the Academic Distinctions acquired by our Ministers and Laymen; the many civic positions of trust and honour Free Methodists are now called to fill; the greatly augmented value of our Connexional property, and the accelerated speed with which its financial burdens are being removed; and the Consolidation and Extension of Free Methodist Institutions generally: we are reminded that in the religion of Christ there is vitality and force; that it serves not only to uplift men, morally and spiritually, but educationally, socially, and materially.

We are also reminded that though, as Churches, we are but little, comparatively, amongst the families of Israel, we have our place in God's great field of toil, and constitute a real and tangible force for good in the world. And though we have our deficiencies and failures to mourn over, we have our achievements and successes to rejoice in; and, happily, the latter are greater than the former.

We are gratified to see the improved relationships brought about between the different Free Church communities of our time, and especially between the various branches of Methodism.

After all the vicissitudes of our Connexional life, we can truly say with Israel of old, on her release from captivity: "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad." In resuming our spiritual toil, we would echo the ancient prayer:—"Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants, and Thy glory unto their children. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it."

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