

years, at the end of which 270 members were reported for Newfoundland. During this good man's ministry, Rev. W. Black, from Nova Scotia, visited him in his solitude, and in the course of six weeks did much towards the organization of Methodism and the establishment of our cause. Many during his visit were converted, and cast in their lot with those who had in those days to endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ. Passing over names of apostolic men, which, if space permitted, might be honorably mentioned, and the description of a variety of difficulties, than which few countries have presented greater in the way of missionary progress, it deserves to be noted that Newfoundland became a Missionary District in 1815, with six circuits and six ministers, of whom William Ellis was Chairman; and that in 1855 it was constituted a District of the Conference of Eastern British America, with fourteen circuits and ten ministers, of whom Thomas Angwin was Chairman. From the period last mentioned, at which the members of Society amounted to 2,586, the cause went steadily forward year by year, the chairmanship being in the hands of Bros. G. W. Sprague, Henry Daniel, Edmund Botterell, John G. Peach, and Thomas Harris, successively.

In 1873, as the claims of Home Missions had been for several years taking deep hold of the people of the maritime provinces, and evoking their liberality in an unprecedented degree, a fresh impetus was given to missionary work in Newfoundland, by a generous response on the part of Conference to the urgent appeals of the district to send more men into the field, to occupy Home Mission Stations on our sparsely settled coast, where for nearly 500 miles, known as the French Shore, we had never had a solitary missionary, and to supply the lack of other important places, from which had come the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us,"—among which were the French islands, St. Pierre and Miquelon. The Minutes for that year show that 17 circuits and 13 home missions were then organized into two districts, viz., St. John's and Carbonear, with a total membership of 3,552, or an increase over the previous year of 567, besides 1277 on trial; and further, that the Connexional Funds were also increased in a very gratifying ratio. On the 5th of August last, agreeably to the basis of union for the organization of the Methodist Church of Canada, Newfoundland was constituted an Annual Conference, having jurisdiction over Newfoundland, Labrador, and the islands contiguous, comprising 18 circuits and 20 home missions, (one, viz., Moreton's Harbour, being omitted in the printed Minutes), and having with one supernumerary included, the venerable Rev. W. E. Shenstone, 45 ministers or preachers. The returns of membership showed 4,389, and 1,240 on trial, or the very gratifying increase of 837 in full membership during the year. It remains only to say that by the census (now being taken) we confidently expect our adherents to number over thirty thousand, that we have 71 Sabbath-schools, with 4,751 scholars; an Academy, with 124 pupils, presided over by a graduate of London University, who is assisted by two other teachers; 14 Wesleyan day-schools, with about 800 scholars; and that by the Education