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 13. Jerusalem—Henry J Clark.
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 25. Gagetown—James A Duke.
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 33. Upper Kent—William Penna.
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 38. Baie du Vin.
 39. Tabusintac.
 40. Bathurst—J Howie.
 41. Campbellton—William Tibbett.
 42. Derby—D H Lodge.

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 61. Bocabec—Richard Opie.
 62. Deer Island—Thomas Hicks.
 63. Grand Manan—One wanted.

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66. Little York—H R Baker.
67. Pownung—William Maggs.
68. Bedouque—W W Percival.
69. Tryon—J S Phinney.
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73. Murray Harbor—John Barrie.
74. Montague—George Steele.
75. Souris—A Hagerly.
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77. Alberton—Joseph Sellar, A.M.

RECORDINGS OF THE NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION.

Confession opened as usual. After devotional exercises and reading of the minutes, the Conference sat for a while with closed doors.

At ten o'clock, Dr. Sutherland, Missionary Secretary, and Rev. Mr. Shaw, President of Toronto Conference, were invited to the platform, and introduced to the Conference.

Mr. Shaw made only a few remarks, stating that he came bringing the greetings of 200 ministers, and 30,000 members of the Methodist Church. Besides this, his principal duty was to watch Dr. Sutherland, to make sure that he discharged the duties of his important mission faithfully and well.

Dr. Sutherland congratulated the President upon his elevation to his position. Quite agreed with the remarks made in reference to his elevation when introduced, that he belonged not to any one Conference, but to all the Conferences. He passed over other subjects to which he would like to refer, to bring to the notice of the Conference the fact that in the Western Conferences a measure had been already inaugurated for the purpose of paying the missionary debt and aiding Connexional Funds, and hoped that it would receive their cheerful co-operation.

The President gave expression to the pleasure which he himself felt, and which he was assured was participated in by the Conference, in welcoming these brethren into our midst. Dr. Sutherland had ever shone himself not only the friend of the West but also the friend of the East. He congratulated Mr. Shaw upon his fine physical appearance after so many years of toil, and especially after the discharge of duties connected with his presidential office. Very encouraging to us engaged in the itinerant work.

On motion it was resolved: "That an afternoon session be held for the purpose of considering the scheme for the raising of a Thanksgiving Fund for the liquidation of connexional debts and purposes."

MONDAY AFTERNOON

Conference opened at 4 o'clock. After reading the minutes, the report of the Contingent Fund Committee was read and submitted to Conference. From this report it seems that after paying some unavoidable expenses there would be but little left to meet even customary demands.

The Stationing Committee having reported that it was necessary to secure a man from Sackville for our work, it was moved and seconded that the vote in reference to Bro. G. O. Robinson be reconsidered. The vote was carried almost without debate by a large majority.

The order of the day was then taken up. Dr. Sutherland opened the subject of a Thanksgiving Fund by making some explanations in reference to the origin of the scheme. He read a series of resolutions passed by the Committee of Finance in order to bring the matter before the different Conferences.

Conference had taken the same position, except that they recommended the liabilities of the Missionary Society should be paid first, and the remainder divided equally between the Supernumerary Funds and the other general funds of our church. He proceeded to lay before us several considerations in reference to our work. The debt was likely this year to be increased by some eight or ten thousand dollars. What was to be done? The grants to the missions are so small already that many men were compelled to live on salaries of less than four hundred dollars. To send men out of the work on the Domestic Missions was almost impossible, so long as they did not actually starve. He reviewed the French, Indian, German and Japan fields, and came to the same conclusion in reference to these. He referred to the cry of hard times and argued that, perhaps, we had permitted ourselves, as ministers, to sympathize too deeply with these complaints or rather with the excuses given for neglecting the duty of giving to the Lord. Every Christian man should give at least one tenth of his income. Had our church come up to the Old Testament standard, to say nothing of the New Testament standard? Perhaps the Lord was having a controversy with this people, because, in the days of their prosperity, they had not given of their abundance as freely as they should. He related a very interesting incident to show what might be done by earnestly preaching the duty of systematic benevolence and the close connection between liberal giving and spiritual prosperity. He closed by referring to the manner in which the Fund, if raised, might be appropriated so as to do justice to the claims of the Conferences east and west.

His speech was able and effective and received with evident satisfaction and approval.

President Shaw said but little to say, for he knew when Dr. Sutherland got started he would most effectively cover the ground. He referred to the action of the Toronto Conference when at the close of the session, at a late hour, a subscription list was opened and about 60 men subscribed on the spot, \$2,500. He closed by expressing the hope that the matter would be heartily taken up and pursued to a successful issue.

Mr. Nicolson moved for a committee to take the matter into consideration and to submit resolutions to the Conference. A committee was appointed composed of Bro. F. Watson Smith, whose wise and well-timed counsels were especially helpful to me. The work of grace was a gradual work in my case, but light and assurance came and I had peace in believing. Then life seemed to be real, and an impression was made upon my mind that my life should be spent in some department of Christian work. During my course of study, I thought and prayed over the matter, and the impression was deepened into conviction. It seemed to me that the Methodist ministry afforded an admirable sphere for a life usefulness. It is now four years since I became a candidate for the ministry. During these years God has blessed me in my labours, and given me indubitable evidence of my call to the Christian ministry. With the intelligent conviction that my life should be spent in preaching the Gospel, I come to you, dear Fathers and Brethren, to receive ordination at your hands for this work. I am thankful for the good providence which has brought me to this hour and here give myself anew to God and Methodism.

We have no report of Bro. Wright's address, whilst Geo. Johnson (n) and Jas. Sharp, owing to lack of time, were not required to speak.

The solemn Ordination service, as prescribed by the Discipline, was then conducted by the President, after which Dr. Sutherland delivered the

ORDINATION CHARGE.

We took lengthy notes of this address for the WESLEYAN, but having read them and compared them with the impression made upon our own minds, we concluded that thus to meddle with it is only "muddle" it, and that unless it could be given entire it were better simply to say that it was an exceedingly eloquent and masterly effort. It was generally considered, we think, superior even to the sermon of Sunday evening; and for breadth of thought, power of appeal, soundness of teaching, and felicity of expression, to be one of the best, if not the best, ordination charge ever delivered in the Nova Scotia Conference.

We may also refer here to the excellent music furnished by the Brunswick Street Choir on this and other occasions, and which added so much to the interest of the different public meetings in connection with the Conference. Not only was there a manifestation of much musical ability, but what always gives even greater pleasure, proof that labor had been given to preparation for the different occasions. Their efforts received privately if not publicly, warm commendations from members of the Conference and others best calculated to judge in such matters.

The letter writers were directed to give letters of introduction to Bro. Hertz and Lathern to the British Conference.

The order of ordination services was read by the Secretary, and approved by the Conference.

MONDAY EVENING—ORDINATION SERVICE.

Monday evening witnessed a very large and deeply interested audience gathered in Brunswick St. Church, on the occasion of the Ordination Service.

The Saviour when to heaven he rose
La splendid triumph o'er his foes,
after which prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Shaw, President of the Toronto Conference.

The candidates to be ordained were now called to the platform and introduced by the Secretary. In performing this duty he referred to the several steps which must be taken by the candidates, and the examinations to which they must submit, in order to secure admission to the ministry of the Methodist Church.

The candidates were then called upon by the President to give a statement of their conversion and conviction of their call to the ministry. In response to this call—

JOHN ONE SAID.

Mr. President, Fathers and Brethren,—
I think I may regard this hour as the most solemn period in my history. Of this time I have thought and prayed. To-night I feel profoundly thankful to Almighty God for a clear and sound conversion. For my conversion to God I am deeply indebted to the training I received in the Sabbath School; and to the prayers and good example of my own dear mother. My call by the Holy Ghost to the office and work of the ministry, is clear, constant, and abiding. I feel that "woe is me if I preach not the Gospel." During my probation I have had fruit. By the grace of God my labors have not been in vain. Respecting my present religious experience, I may say that by the grace of God I am what I am. "The law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus, hath made me free from the law of sin and death."
I thank God that I have now the testimony of the Spirit to my adoption. I know that I now labour under renewed obligations to love and serve God with all my ransomed powers. I trust that I shall perfect holiness in the fear of the Lord. I would now for myself dash into the work of soul-saving with true zeal and holy fervour. I feel the great necessity of being a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost. By the mercies of God I now render myself a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God which is my reasonable service. Friends, I beg of you to pray that upon my brethren and upon myself may ever rest the power and presence of the Holy Ghost. Pray that at all times we may have the Spirit of Power, of Love, and of a sound mind. Pray that our fidelity to God, and man may be pure and lasting, so that by and by we may gain the true disciples reward.

Geo. F. JOHNSON, A. B., SAID.

Dear Brethren and Friends,—
I was blessed with Christian parents. The exemplary life of my father had much to do in the formation of my mind and character and had much to do in the formation of my mind and character and had much to do in the formation of my mind and character. I believe that it was through the prayers of a pious mother that I was brought to God. I know that my mother was praying for me. This knowledge so impressed itself upon my mind that I would now for myself dash into the work of soul-saving with true zeal and holy fervour. I beg of you to pray that upon my brethren and upon myself may ever rest the power and presence of the Holy Ghost. Pray that at all times we may have the Spirit of Power, of Love, and of a sound mind. Pray that our fidelity to God, and man may be pure and lasting, so that by and by we may gain the true disciples reward.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY CONFERENCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE RELIEF FUND.

1. That this Conference has listened with deep interest to the communications of Dr. Sutherland and President Shaw, respecting a scheme for paying the debt of the Missionary Society. The Conference is in perfect sympathy with the efforts of the Committee of Consultation and Finance and the Western Conferences to launch such a scheme at the present time. That though the prevailing commercial depression would seem to discourage such an enterprise at the present, yet regarding such depression as a call from God to review the principles on which we have discharged our stewardship, we resolve to consecrate ourselves and our substance afresh to God, to embark in this grand undertaking, and commend it to our people in faith in the Divine Providence, and to do all in our power to promote its success.

2. We suggest that a principal object of this movement, next to that of extinguishing the missionary debt, should be the collection of, and payment of debts upon Parsonages, as having a two-fold advantage of securing the comfort of our ministers and the relief of the Mission Fund in the item of rents. The distribution of the amount to be raised in the Maritime Conferences should, we think, be in the proportion of three-fourths to the Missionary debt should it be required, and the balance to be left at the disposal of the three eastern Conferences, each Conference to control and appropriate for connexional objects the amount raised within its own bounds above the three-fourths for the Mission Debt as referred to.

Halifax District, in reference to the introduction of questionable practices and amusements into temperance organizations was taken up.

After considerable conversation the following resolution was moved by Rev. J. S. Coffin and seconded by Rev. G. W. Tuttle, and passed unanimously.

"That while we hereby rejoice in every well directed effort which is put forth for the advancement of the temperance movement, we cannot refrain from placing upon record our earnest disapproval of the introduction of such amusements and practices into the gatherings of temperance organizations as one calculated to alienate from this most important and vital reform, the sympathy and co-operation of the members and ministry of our Church."

Some reference was made also to the change contemplated in publishing missionary lists and fears expressed that it would not tend to the increase of the funds, but the matter was dropped without any definite action.

A vote of thanks was passed unanimously to the Halifax friends for their kindness in entertaining the members of the Conference. Directed to be published in the local papers and inserted in the minutes.

Mr. Hennigar requested Mr. Shaw to take the chair, and addressed the Conference at some length upon two subjects, which had pressed heavily upon his mind, invitations to circuits, and inequality in the salaries of ministers. His remarks seemed to elicit a hearty response from the members of the Conference present.

The following resolution was then moved by Ex-President Taylor, seconded by Rev. J. McMurray and passed unanimously by a standing vote.

"That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. Dr. Sutherland for the able, comprehensive, eloquent and soul-inspiring ordination charge delivered by him last evening, and which so greatly added to the interest and spiritual profit of this solemn service, and that he be requested to furnish the address for publication and circulation among our people."

Resolved also that the cordial thanks of this Conference be given to Rev. J. Shaw and Dr. Sutherland for the ever able and encouraging sermons preached on Sabbath last, and that they be requested to provide these sermons also for publication.

Dr. Sutherland and Mr. Shaw thanked the Conference for their kindly appreciation of their efforts, but feared that the labour involved in preparing them for the press might interfere with their wish to gratify the Conference in regard to their publication. Dr. Sutherland, however, stated his intention if time could be procured, of putting some of the leading thoughts contained in his ordination charge into such a form that they might be readily circulated among the people.

The Report of the Committee on the Relief and Extension Fund was submitted as follows:—

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3. On motion it was resolved that three ministers and three laymen elected by nomination be a committee for carrying out the objects contemplated in the Relief Fund, the first minister elected shall be our representative to the central committee of the fund. The following were elected as the committee: first, the President of the Conference, and Dr. Alder Temple, A. W. Nicholson, Geo. H. Starr, J. B. Morrow and Joseph Burrill.