

# METHODIST CONFERENCE

## MORNING SESSION (June 27th.)

Session opened with singing hymn 99, and prayer was offered by Revs. Broughton and Harris. Journal of previous session was read and adopted. The Conference placed on record its appreciation of the kindness of His Excellency the Governor in giving a reception to the Conference. It also extended votes of thanks to the ex-president, Dr. Saint, and Secretary Rev. C. A. Whitmarsh, M.A., B.D., and assistant secretaries for their efficient work during the year. State of the work minutes from the districts were read by the secretaries.

This was followed by the Conference minute on the state of the work, and a discussion on the same. It was regretted that the Conference had to report a decrease in membership of approximately 200. Several members of Conference, both clerical and lay, spoke on the spiritual condition of our church in this country, some pessimistically and others hopefully. There is no reason for gloominess, but we need a progressive campaign in membership recruiting. Many good Christian men and women in our church are not included in our membership list. Figures can never be relied upon in gauging spiritual success. Nevertheless the conference voiced through the various speakers a conscious need of a deeper spirituality in the lives of the people. More time should be spent in prayer, and all should seek to live in closer fellowship with the Divine.

At noon the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

Hymn 91 was sung and Revs. J. C. Elliott and C. Blount led in prayer. The discussion on the state of the work was postponed till a suitable time, when a fuller Conference is in session.

The matter of appointing a Methodist Chaplain for the soldiers of our church in St. John's was introduced, and the Conference voted the appointing of a chaplain.

After the reading a few resolutions, which were referred to committees for consideration the Conference adjourned to allow the Board of Governors to meet.

## EVENING SESSION

The members of the Conference, their wives and friends were invited to a sumptuous banquet in Gower Street Church basement at 6.30 by the kind ladies of Gower Street Church. Needless to say, the members of Conference did generous hospitality of the Gower Street ladies. A vote of thanks was tendered Rev. N. Guy, and ably seconded by Judge Penney. It was carried unanimously.

An interesting missionary programme, which followed, was introduced in a forceful manner by the President, Dr. Curtis.

The Superintendent of Missions, Rev. Dr. Fenwick then read the report of missionary givings during the year. It was a most satisfactory report. The objective set for last year was \$21,000, the amount actually raised was \$24,332, an increase of \$4,953 on last year, and \$3,332 above the objective set. Of this amount St. John's district gave \$9,825, an increase of \$1,264 or 15%. Cochrane Street Church had the largest increase, \$375, while Red Bay, the smallest mission in the district, had the largest percent increase. Carbonear district raised \$3,401, an increase of \$657 or 24%; Lower Island Cove the largest increase, \$128, while Western Bay had the largest percent increase of 73%. Bonavista district raised \$2,647, an increase of \$563 or 27%. Bonavista had the largest increase, \$78, while Catalina had the largest percent increase, 53.1-3%. Twillingate district contributed \$4,676, an increase of \$518 or 48%. Twillingate had the largest increase, \$379. Burin district contributed \$3,783, an increase of \$922 or 32%. Grand Bank had the greatest increase, \$210. Fortune the largest percent, 135%.

Eight years ago we were drawing \$11,000 more from the Mission Board than we were contributing to-day. We are paying our men larger salaries and sending back to the Mission Board after meeting all expenses over \$4,000. A splendid showing for eight years work.

The objective of the Methodist Church in Canada and Newfoundland for 1919 is \$1,000,000 for missions. If Methodists gave one cent per week there would be 40% increase. We can do it, we ought to do it and we will, is our slogan. What shall be the share of this \$1,000,000 which our Conference will raise? At this juncture of the meeting owing to the increasing numbers entering the room, it was found necessary for the Conference to remove to the main body of the Church. After the Conference had reassembled and come to order with Dr. Moore, Prof. Shaw, Drs. Smyth and Delano on the platform. Arthur Mews, C. M. G., Secretary of the Missionary Committee, presented the Missionary Report, a copy of which will be debated item by item and most interesting were the discussions that followed.

Section 2 of report was moved by Mr. A. Soper. Mr. Soper in moving the adoption of this section counted himself happy to do so, as this was the day of missions, and we must seize our opportunity ere it passes. The spiritual note must be struck, and we must carry forth the work to a successful completion.

Rev. J. T. Newman seconded the motion and in doing so emphasized the idea of striking the Evangelistic note, for if the spirit is right the giving will follow. Carried unanimously.

Rev. Dr. Bond moved the adoption of the second clause. He considered himself the youngest member of the Conference although he had had much experience in connection with it, being twice President. He had visited mission fields from Labrador to the highlands of Tibet, and became absolutely convinced that the greatest thing in the world is the Gospel, and the greatest task to give that Gospel to the world. American Methodism aims to raise \$115,000,000. We must catch that spirit.

Mr. R. F. Horwood seconded the motion. The Methodist Church, he said, should not be held down by small enterprises, as big undertakings bring inspiration. The command of Christ to preach the Gospel was stimulating and inspiring. The motion was put and carried.

Section 4 was moved by Mr. Arthur Mews, C.M.G. In moving that \$20,000 be the objective of the Conference for 1919, he declared that we can do it. He pointed out the wonderful progress of the past eight years which certainly gave encouragement for 1919. We ought to do it. Methodism is able to do it. She has competent leaders in her ministers, many of whom could command 5 to 6 times as much salary in other work; she has worked loyally for the cause of work of Christ. We will do it. We can depend upon the loyalty of our ministers and our people. Methodist people are always ready to take the stand on any moral issue, and can be depended upon to carry out any work to look to the extension of the kingdom of God.

Rev. T. B. Darby seconded the motion although he considered the objective too low and not commensurate with the prosperity of the people. He thought the objective should be much higher. In order to measure up to our needs we must attempt big tasks and get a wide vision. The motion was carried unanimously.

Section 5 was moved by Rev. W. H. Browning. In making this motion he declared we must not wait until Sept. 22nd but begin now, by asking blessing of God and beginning to organize. Mr. J. C. Puddister seconded the motion. He thought the objective should have been higher. Organization was needed. He cited the instance of his own church which in 1910 raised \$365 for missions and in 1917, \$1,100. Comparisons were made with the amounts contributed by the people to missions and those spent on such trivial things as gum, candies, etc., showing how much a percentage was given missions in comparison with these. The motion was carried unanimously.

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## Girls, if You Cannot Go Yourself, You Can Bake Cakes

Company Sergt. Major Bartlett has kindly consented to look after all cakes sent to him on Monday morning next, for the purpose of giving the boys now in barracks a chance to taste home made cooking again. Only one hundred and fifty cakes are required. We know we need not ask again.

Look forward to July 7th when that charming play, "The Heaven of Dreams," will be staged at Cannon Wood Hall by some of our leading artists with Music and Dances; a play that has lately been such a favorite in London and New York. Remember July 7th.

## Returns To-morrow

Hon. J. C. Crosbie, Minister of Shipping, who has been abroad for some weeks past in the Colony's interest, is a passenger on the incoming express, due tomorrow, accompanied by his wife and two daughters.

During his absence Minister Crosbie visited some of the principal places in Canada and the United States, discussing with the proper authorities business in connection with his Department.

A young girl from Carbonear who has already been in the asylum arrived in town in charge of Constable Dawe last night. She is still held at the Police Station, the reason assigned being that the asylum is filled and that there is no room until a patient is removed to make a place for the unfortunate girl.

W.P.A.—Members of the Women's Patriotic Association who intend marching in the procession on Monday next, are requested to be at the Parade Grounds at 10 o'clock that morning. It is hoped every member and worker in the W.P.A. who can make it convenient to do so, will take part in the parade. A. N. GOSLING, Hon. Secretary.—jnc28,21

imum salary, \$1200.00 to married ordained ministers, \$800.00 to single ordained, and \$600.00 to probationers.

8. We nominate Messrs. C. P. Ayre, R. F. Horwood, Albert Soper, W. H. Peters and J. C. Puddister as members of the Standing Missionary Committee.

## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Friday, June 28th.

2.30 p.m.—Conference session; addresses by Rev. Dr. Moore, Rev. Dr. Smythe and Dr. Delano.

3.30—Conference adjourns for committees to meet.

8 p.m.—Open session. Report of the committee on social service and evangelism, to be followed by a Round Table Conference to be conducted by Rev. Dr. Moore.

(In aid of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.)

An Exhibition of War Films

will be held in the Casino, Thursday, July 4th.

at 8.30 p.m.,

followed by a short address from Sergeant Loveys and Songs by our most popular singers.

Reserved Seats, 50c. General admission, 30 and 20c. Plan of Hall and tickets for sale at Gray & Goodland's on Saturday, June 29th.

Under the auspices of the W. P. A. jnc28,31,eod

Dr. Lehr's Office

Hours from Monday

June 24th to Tuesday

October 1st will be

9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.

m., 2 to 5 p.m.

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Mr. J. G. Stone, who was at Mr. Grace on official business, returned to the city last night.

A number of soldiers who were along the railway on furlough came in by the express last evening.

## City Council Weekly Meeting

The regular weekly session of the City Council Board took place last evening.

The condition of several streets in the city was subject of discussion and the best possible means will be taken to remedy the defects.

A. N. Gosling, on behalf of the Church of England Orphanage, applied for connection with the water pipe for Steer's farm. Enquiry will be made.

C. R. Thompson wrote saying that consideration of the Council be given to the opening up of his property between Water and Hamilton Sts.

Plan of the land will be submitted by the Engineer.

M. L. Hitchen, Topsail Road, asked that some attention be given to drain near his residence. The order about building is to be required into.

L. E. Emerson wrote regarding cars standing and blocking the approach to sidewalks on Water Street. The police will be asked to give some attention to the matter.

William Tracey asked permission to repair house 121 Cabot Street. He will have to submit plan.

Plan of garage for Percie Johnson, Leslie Street, was submitted by F. Russell. Deferred for enquiry by the City Engineer.

Charles Haggood submitted plan of addition to house, Wood St. Passed, provided water and sewerage is installed.

The Solicitor reported that an order of mandamus could not be secured from the Supreme Court to compel the Street Railway Co to repair the road near the street car tracks.

The matter of the alleged piling of materials on public land, South Side, by Mr. Cousins, was reported on by the Solicitor. A plan of ground will be prepared.

The Solicitor reported in the matter of James Murdock's application that the Council could not refuse to grant him a permit to build on the north side of the Cockpit Road. The City Engineer is to prepare a plan showing location of water and sewerage pipes in this locality.

The City Engineer reported on a number of hoppers required in various parts of the city, which were agreed to, and also on the installation of water and sewerage in houses, Alexander Street.

A full report on those notified was made by Inspector Rooney.

A number of applications for sewerage under the Small Homes' Act were granted.

The Health Officer's and Road Inspectors' reports were read. After disposing of some routine business and passing pay rolls, bills, etc., the meeting adjourned.

## THE ROYAL Nfld. REGIMENT.

Permission to wear uniform is granted to all discharged soldiers for the purpose of taking part in the commemoration parade on Monday, July 1st.

A. MONTGOMERIE, Major.

District Officer Commanding, Newfoundland. jnc28,21

## Supreme Court

Court met pursuant to adjournment. Present, the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Kent.

True Bill Against John Chislett and Uriah Fowler

The Grand Jury was present this morning and were addressed by His Lordship the Chief Justice on a Bill of Indictment against John Chislett for perjury; also on a bill of indictment against Uriah Fowler for larceny under Sec. 13 of the Larceny Act, 1915. The Grand Jury retired at 11.15 o'clock and returned into Court at 1 o'clock and say they have found a true bill against John Chislett for perjury, and against Uriah Fowler for larceny. On motion of Mr. Hunt the prisoners, Chislett and Fowler, will be arraigned at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Andrew H. Murray and Ivan A. Bayley

It is ordered that the motion in this case for coreclosure of a mortgage be acceded to and the costs of the reference and the application be paid by the defendant.

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## REGISTRATION of BIRTHS

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## CITY OF ST. JOHN'S

Whereas the Government of this Dominion and the Municipal Council of the City of St. John's have arranged for the engagement of a Community Nurse for service in the said City during the next three months, especially with reference to the saving of infant life;

And Whereas it is necessary that such Nurse should get at once into touch with all newly born infants and their mothers;

On recommendation of the Acting Medical Health Officer, it is ordered that in respect of the City of St. John's Consolidated Statutes, as amended by the provisions of Section 8, Cap. 28, Section 4, Cap. 9, 1899, will be enforced. This Act provides that when any birth takes place information of the same shall be furnished or posted within forty-eight hours thereafter to the proper officer appointed to receive the same, under a fine not exceeding \$10 for every neglect to do so.

The obligation to furnish such information rests in the first instance upon the father of the child; or, in the case of his death or absence, upon the mother; or, in the case of the inability of both parents, then successively upon any person standing in their place, the nurse in attendance, or the occupier of the house within which the births occurs.

As the office of the Registrar General is situated in St. John's, it is ordered that the notification of all births in the City of St. John's from 1st July next, shall be furnished or posted within forty-eight hours thereafter to the Registrar General of Births, Marriages and Deaths, 268 Duckworth Street, upon cards which may be procured from any Post Office or Postal Telegraph Office in the City. Such cards when filled in and signed may be mailed free of charge.

It is not intended that the notification of births as set forth above shall interfere with the reporting of births for registration at present carried out by the Clergymen, who will still continue such registration, transmitting a correct copy of the same to the Registrar General as usual.

W. W. HALFYARD,

Colonial Secretary.

Department of the Colonial Secretary.

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