METHODIST CONFERENCE

Sunday School Attendance Shows Large Falling Off.

Final Draft of the Station Sheet After Mr. Pickles Had Been Made a Supernumerary — The Ordination Service.

SACKVILLE, N. B., June 23.—After prayer on Saturday morning, the Rev. John A. Clarke delivered an interesting address on "What Kind of a Christian Should I Be?"

Sabbath school matters occupied the greater part of the forenoon, and from the report as presented by Mr. Machum, it would appear there has been a large decrease in the number of scholars. This led to a searching enquiry into the reasons, when it was found serious errors had been made in some of the entries and in tabulating the returns, and yet after making due allowance for these, the fact remains that the showing is not what it should be. There is a feeling with some that the union school idea has had something to do in bringing about the present condition of things. The report was as follows:

1. The committee draws the attention of the conference to the large number of preaching places not reporting any Sunday school, namely, 178 out of 392, and they would recommend that our ministers be urged to organize Sunday schools in all preaching places where it is possible to do so.

2. Your committee notes that with 10,338 enrolled in our schools who are not church members, the number uniting with the church (328) is altogether too small, and they would recommend: That the ministers be urged to make themselves better acquainted with the spiritual condition of the pupils in the Sunday school; that an endeavor be made to more thoroughly arouse the teachers and officers to a sense of their responsibility for the salvation of these scholars, and that the week following the "week of prayer" be appointed a week of intercession for our Sunday schools, and that on the following Sunday a special effort be made to secure decisions for Christ.

3. The memorizing of scriptures, the catechism, our best hymns, and the giving of our pupils a knowledge of God's Word as a book, including a study of its structure, authorship, biography, geography, and institutions is of great importance, and since we believe that these objects can be attained by the adoption of a suitable series of supplemental lessons, and the grading of our schools, we recommend:

(a) That efforts be made to have our schools systematically graded, and that the Sunday school committee be authorized to select material for a course of supplemental study.

(b) That the General Conference be recommend upon the necessity of supplemental systematic Bible study, and asking that a plan for this purpose be adopted.

4. Your committee believe that it would be in the interest of our Sunday schools if the conference Sunday school committee were made a standing committee, and would recommend that it be made such this year, with power to communicate with circuits to suggest improved methods of organization and work and generally to assit in advancing Sunday school interests.

(b) That this standing committee have power to elect from among its members an executive of five persons, whose duty it shall be to assist in carrying out the resolutions of conference and the suggestions of the standing committee above mentioned.

(c) That the General Conference be memorialized to so change the discipline that the Sunday school committee be a standing committee with a sub-committee as a workable executive.

5 Your committee would further recommend that the observance of rally day be again brought before our schools, and that a committee be appointed to prepare a suggestive programme to be published in the minutes and also in the Wesleyan.

6 That greater efforts be made to establish normal classes for teachers' training.

The conference adopted a resolution, moved by Dr. Paisley, of which the following are the sections of interest to the general body of Methodists:

This conference memorializes the General Conference to adopt such legislation as will enable conferences either by themselves individually or in co-operation with one or more other conferences, to appoint a secretary for Sunday schools within their boundaries to provide for his salary and to make such regulations for the government of the office as may be necessary in the premises.

8 That a memorial be sent to Gen-Conference asking that the course of instruction for theological students be so amended as to include lectures on pedagogy, child's study, and Sunday school organization.

The afternoon of Saturday was devoted to a consideration of general conference matters by the joint action of the two conferences. The first matter was the educational. Some adverse criticism of college matters by Rev. Mr. Morton called forth a protest from Dr. Allison, who stoutly maintained that most excellent work was being done at Sackville, but what was wanted was funds sufficient to endow two chairs of theology, and to do that at least $75,000 would be required. Dr. Borden's report was very satisfactory indeed. So large is the attendance that more accommodation will have to be provided before a single additional student can be accepted.

Book room matters were report[illegible] to be in a much better condition [illegible]ed to the past. Rev. Dr. Wil[illegible] than in that some one shou[illegible]on suggested agent in St. Jo[illegible] be employed as Fredericton [illegible]n, Charlottetown and [illegible] as the best means of increasing [illegible] the business. He also urged the [illegible]anging of the shape of the Wes-[illegible]an from an eight to a sixteen page, the page to be one half its present size, and to give a couple of columns each week to general church news under the several headings of Roman Catholic, Episcopal and so on. The paper should be made more attractive.

On transfer matters Rev. Dr. Heartz proposed a resolution to the effect that a certain number of men "shall be" transferred between the maritime conferences during each quadrennium.

Rev. John Goldsmith read the sustentation fund report, which showed a considerable increase in the receipts for the year, in all amounting to $2,484, which gives to each claimant from funds raised on independent circuits the sum of $25 in additon to local contrbutons. The conference highly appreciates Mr. Goldsmith's zeal and effectiveness as secretary.

The committee on trusts on the general conference fund and several other funds submitted their reports.

Revs. James Crisp and J. C. Berrie were elected the reserve delegates to th gnral conference.

L. L. Beer, Joseph Allison and J. D. Chipman, and Revs. Dr. Sprague, S. H. Rice, G. M. Campbell were elected members of the board of regents.

SACKVILLE, June 23.—A ministerial session was held this afternoon, when Rev. Mr. Pickles applied for and obtained permission to be placed on the list of supernumeraries. This required another meeting of the stationing committee, and the list as finally adopted placed W. A. Thomson at Newcastle, Jacob A. Heaney at Harcourt, John B. Young at Keswick, W. H. Spargo at St. Davis, Wm. E. Johnson at Jerusalem and John N. Wilkinson at Alma.

Following is the list as it now stands:

STATION SHEET.

I. St. John District.

1. St. John (Queen square), H. Sprague.
2. St. John (Centenary), Geo. M. Campbell.
3. St. John (Exmouth street), T. J. Deinstadt.
4. St. John (Portland), S. Howard.
5. St. John (Carleton), Henry Penna.
6. St. John (Carmarthen street), C. W. Hamilton.
7. St. John (Courtney Bay), H. D. Marr.
8. St. John (Fairville), W. J. Kirby.
9. St. John (Zion), to be supplied. Walter Wilson, without a circuit, at his own request.
10. Sussex, John B. Gough, E. C. Hennigar.
11. Apohaqui, D. B. Bailey.
12. Springfield, R. W. J. Clements.
13. Hampton, W. W. Lodge.
14. St. Martins, R. G. Fulton.
14. Jerusalem, W. E. Johnson.
15. Welsford, A. C. Bell, one to be sent.
16. Kingston, H. Pierce.

II. Fredericton District.

17. Fredericton, J. A. Rogers, A. M.
18. Kingsclear, ———
19. Marysville, Robert S. Crisp.
20. Gibson, James Crisp.
21. Nashwaak, A. D. McLeod.
22. Stanley, H. S. Young.
23. Bolestown, E. Ramey.
24. Keswick, John B. Young.
25. Sheffield, Harry Harrison.
26. Grand Lake, L. J. Wason.
27. Gagetown, Isaac N. Parker.
28. Chipman, one to be sent.

III. Woodstock District.

29. Woodstock, G. A. Ross.
30. Canterbury, G. Flemington.
31. Jacksonville, J. C. Berrie.
32. Hartland, Geo. Ayres.
33. Richmond, T. Stebbings.
34. Centreville, E. C. Turner.
35. Florenceville, W. E. Johnson.
36. Lindsay, J. A. Ives.
37. Andover, J. S Gregg, one to be sent.

IV. Chatham District.

38. Chatham, W. C. Matthews.
39. Newcastle, W. A. Thomson.
40. Derby, John F. Estey.
41. Richibucto, H. R. Baker.
42. Buctouche, A. E. Lepage.
43. Harcourt, J. A. Heaney.
44. Bathurst, John Goldsmith.
45. Campbellton, H. E. Thomas.

V. Sackville District.

46. Sackville, Geo. Steel.
47. Tantramar, ———
48. Point de Bute, Thomas Marshall.
49. Baie Verte, G. C. P. Palmer.
50. Bayfield, J. B. Champion.
51. Moncton (Central), G. W. Fisher.
52. Moncton (Wesley Memorial), Wm. Penna.
53. Sunny Brae, H. C. Rice.
54. Shediac, T. Pierce.
55. Dorchester, Wm. Harrison.
56. Albert, J. E. King.
57. Alma, J. N. Wilkinson.
58. Hillsboro, Silas James.
59. Petitcodiac, Isaac Howie.
60. Salisbury, C. H. Manaton.
61. Elgin, T. Allen.

VI. St. Stephen District.

62. St. Stephen, John Read.
63. Milltown, Wm. Lawson.
64. St. Andrews, J. S. Allen.
65. St. David, W. H. Spargo.
66. St. James, D. R. Chowen.
67. Old Ridge, Jabez M. Rice.
68. Bocabec, H. C. McNeill.
69. Deer Island, Jacob Heaney.
70. Grand Manan, J. Newton Wilkinson.

VII. Charlottetown District.

71. Charlottetown (First Church), G. M. Young.
72. Charlottetown (Grace Church), J. W. McConnell.
73. Cornwall, W. B. Thomas.
74. Little York, Thomas Hicks.
75. Winsloe, Joseph Parkin.
76. Pownal, Richard Ople.
77. Vernon River, S. H. Rice.
78. Montague, Frank Frizzle.
79. Murray Harbor, A. D. McCully.
80. Souris, Edward Bell.
81. Mount Stewart, William Wass.

VIII. Summerside District.

82. Summerside, Neill McLaughlin.
83. Bedeque, F. A. Wightman.
84. Tryon, G. F. Dawson.
85. Margate, John Distant.
86. Granville, G. A. Sellar.
87. Bideford, A. E. Chapman.
88. Alberton, W. J. Howard.
89. Cape Wolf, W. R. Pepper.
90. O'Leary, one to be sent.

The election for chairmen resulted as follows: Howard Sprague, St. John; James Crisp, Fredericton; John C. Berrie, Woodstock; John Goldsmith, Chatham. President Harrison is chairman of Sackville by virtue of his office; John Read, St. Stephen; Stephen H. Rice, Charlottetown, and George F. Dawson, Summerside.

The financial secretaries are Thos. J. Dienstadt, Isaac N. Parker, John A. Ives, Hebbert R. Baker, Dr. Chowen, J. W. McConnell and William J. Howard.

Senator Wood was elected delegate to the general board of missions, which meet at Brandon.

The ordination service was largely attended. Hammond Johnson and Jabez M. Rice gave brief statements of their conversion and call to the ministry, and after having been set apart by the laying on of hands Dr. Read delivered an appropriate and impressive charge.

SACKVILLE, N. B., June 23.— We are ever learning. Heretofore whenever the conference voted to receive a man into "full connexion," it was understood he was competent to vote on all questions even before he was ordained. The general superintendent has ruled the practice irregular, and that until the ceremony of ordination has been performed he is not in the sense of the Dicipline a member of the conference, and consequently the two young men received this year were not permitted to vote.

Rev. W. E. Johnson submitted the temperance report, upon which there was a good deal of discussion, in which Rev. Messrs. Wilson, W. B. Thomas, Hamilton, G. M. Young and Dr. Allison participated, at the close of which the report was adopted as follows:

Whereas, the evils of intemperance is one of the greatest obstacles to the social and political advancement of our country and one of the greatest hindrances to the estavlishment of the kingdom of Christ in the hearts of men and to the salvation of the world; and

Whereas, the position hitherto taken by the Methodist church has been one of uncompromising antagonism to the liquor tramc; and

Whereas, one way to counteract and overcome this evil of evils is to create a right public sentiment with regard especially to the paramount importance of legal measures of reform.

Therefore resolved (1st), That this conference is of the firm opinion that the entire prohibition of the manufacture, importation and sale of intoxicating liquor would largely contribute to the solution of this burning question, and that earnest effort should be put forth to secure a united purpose and action in this direction.

2nd) That this conference rejoices to hear of the good results attending the enforcement of the P. E. I. prohibition act of 1900, and strongly recommends that the members of the Methodist church endeavor to obtain a similar law for the province of New Brunswick at an early date.

(3rd) That the conference requests its members to bring before their congregations the disciplinary requirements of section 305 and to preach sermons in the interests of the temperance cause.

Rev. Mr. Parkins presented the report on the state of the work. The word "essential" in relation to the observance of the Lord's Supper was objected to by Dr. Wilson, who, while regarding the sacrament as a divine institution and the partaking of it a duty, did not consider it essential to salvation, and urged care in the use of terms that even suggested the doctrine of baptismal regeneration or sacramental salvation. On motion of Dr. Sprague the word "important" was substituted for "essential."

In the selection for chairmen of the respective districts, Dr. Sprague had 44 out of 63; Mr. Crisp, 40 out of 59; Mr. Berrie polled 63 of the 70 cast; Mr. Goldsmith secured 41 of the 68; Dr. Read's vote was 49; Mr. Rice 28, and Mr. Dawson 46.

The enrolment committee reported 91 ministers and 49 laymen in attendance at the conference.

The charge delivered by Dr. Read on Monday evening to the newly ordained ministers was quite unique. Taking it for granted they were sound in the faith and in full accord with Methodist usages, he directed attention to what some might term little things, but which he deemed very important. He advised them to enter the church quietly, take the pulpit with a serious air, handle the sacred books with reverence, never to pound or turn down the leaves; to cultivate the voice, avoid the vociferous, to be natural; to study gesture, to stand erect, not to lean upon the desk, as if they were weak or timid; to read, think, keep abreast of the times, be leaders of men; no need ever to cross the dead line, keep bright, don't be drones, do no careless work; and keep right with God. It was considered an admirable address, and well calculated to prevent or correct errors along the lines above indicated.

At the close of the address a service was held in memory of Rev. Job Shenton, in which several took part and an obituary notice adopted and ordered to be printed in the minutes of conference.

A resolution was passed expressing the regret of the conference at the enforced retirement of the Rev. Mr. Pickles to the ranks of the supernumerary, and assuring him of the sympathy of his brethren in the case.

A telegram announcing the serious illness of His Majesty called for many expressions of regret and sympathy. Revs. Drs. Stewart and Read led in prayer, invoking the Divine help in this hour of national distress, for the recovery of His Majesty, and sincere sympathy with the Queen and royal family in this sore trouble.

On motion of Dr. Sprague it was ordered that the following resolution, embodying the feeling of the conference in refernce to thse distressing circumstances, be entered upon the records of the conference:

Resolved, That the members of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island conference of the Methodist church, in annual session assembled, have received with deepest sorrow the tidings of the serious illness of His Majesty Edward the Seventh on the eve of his coronation, to which, with our fellow subjects throughout the empire, we have looked forward to with patriotic pleasure and pride. We unite in earnest prayer that God, to whose will we bow, may spare the King for many years to come of a happy and prosperous reign, and may give all needed grace and comfort to Her Majesty Queen Alexandra and the members of the royal family in their anxiety and grief.

A motion by Dr. Sprague in favor of responsive reading of the Scriptures in the public service, called forth an animated discussion, in which Drs. Stewart and Read and others favored, and Dr. Paisley and others opposed, was adopted by a vote of 25 to 22.

SACKVILLE, N. B., June 24.—The contingent fund committee recommended that a grant of $100 be given to Rev. Mr. Pickles on account of severe affliction. Rev. Drs. Paisley and Wilson and Rev. Messrs. Fisher, Campbell and Steel compose the conference special committee. Laymen are in future to have equal rights to vote on all matters pertaining to the placing of moneys for the supernumerary fund.

The sustentation meeting was held this evening. The speakers were Revs. Dr. Read, John Goldsmith and John B. Gough. The claims of the fund were presented clearly and strongly, after which the national anthem was sung with great earnestness and much feeling. Rev. John Goldsmith was unanimously re-elected secretary-treasurer of the fund for the current year. The thanks of the conference were given to the manager of the Western Union Telegraph Co. for his courtesy in informing the conference of the illness of His Majesty.

The next conference will be held in Centenary church, in St. John, on the third Thursday in June, 1903.

SACKVILLE, June 25.—Supernumerary matters engaged the attention of the conference a good part of yesterday. The fund belongs to the three maritime conferences, and each is required to raise a specified sum each year. The conference of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island has done its part, but because of the failure of the others, the beneficiaries can only receive 80 per cent. of their claims. A committee was appointed some time ago to devise means for the securing of what was required. One of the recommendations of the committee was the assessment of three per cent. on circuit receipts. This was voted down. A proposal to make the tax two and a half met with a similar fate, and a motion to tax in round figures Nova Scotia $2,000, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island $1,750, and Newfoundland $850, was not entertained. Dr. Paisley, who is an authority on supernumerary matters showed very clearly that no new legislation was needed and that if the present plan was worked out faithfully the required amount would be forthcoming.

There was quite a lively discussion on a motion made by Rev. Dr. Stewart to memorialize the general conference not to eliminate the note in the Discipline concerning dancing, card playing and certain other popular amusements. Dr. Allison moved in amendment that the general conference be requested to modify or revise said note so as to make it more intelligible as to what the preceding rules did or did not mean. Quite a number spoke for and against the motion, and while the feeling of the conference was strongly against indulging in these things, the amendment prevailed.

The Sabbath Observance committee, in presenting its report, called attention to the growing disregard of the Lord's Day by reason of which the rights of the laboring man are interfered with, and the interests of morality made to suffer; to the good done by the Lord's Day Alliance and by the recent visit of Rev. Mr. Shearer; and the claims of the holy day pressed upon the attention of all, both ministers and people, who were urged to do all in their power to help to check the evil referred to.

The following summary of statistics will be found interesting and suggestive:

Amounts raised during the year for the various funds: Supernumerary, $1,460; educational, $1,137; contingencies, $361; general conference, $106; Sunday school aid, $135; sustentation, $2,334; general Epworth League, $71; total connexional fund, $23,085; total for al purposes, $41,124,358. The church received by letter and on trial 1,013 persons; lost by letter, withdrawal and death, 1,064; net decrease, 51; total membership of conference, 13,792; infant baptisms, 932; adults, 128; marriages, 391; burials, 608. During the year there were 71 local preachers, 85 exhorters, 152 class leaders and assistants, 566 stewards, 357 board representatives, 207 Sunday school superintendents, 34 Epworth League of Christian Endeavor presidents; net total, 1,382.

In the evening session sundry matters were attended to at the close of the sustentation meeting, but little interest could be aroused at that late hour. The vote for adjournment was hailed with pleasure, the minutes were signed by the president and secretaries, all standing in solemn silence, the benediction was pronounced, and the nineteenth session of the conference was numbered with the past.

After the conference closed the following changes were made by the district authorities of the districts concerned: Mr. Palmer goes to Newcastle, Mr. Thomson to Baie Verte, Mr. Leard to Alma, and Mr. Williams to Deer Island.

THE INVENTOR'S WORK.

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76,283—Laurent Morin, Maisonneuve City, wood working machine.

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INDIA'S PLAGUE.

A Million Deaths Since 1896.

LONDON, June 22.—A government statement regarding the condition of India in respect to the plague from its first outbreak in Bombay in September, 1896, to March, 1902, shows a total of reported death from the disease during that period of 536,600 in the Bombay presidency, and 315,400 in other parts of India, or a total of 852,000 for the whole of British India and the native states. Making allowance for untraced and unreported deaths, it is calculated that a million died during the period mentioned.

During the first three months of 1902 the deaths reported in the Bombay Presidency were 62,667, compared with 17,866 in the corresponding period of 1901. Other parts of India show a corresponding increase, especially in the Punjaub, where the deaths in 1900 were 515, in 1901, 15,245, while in the first months of 1902 the figures have risen enormously. The deaths reported in March alone numbered 42,788.

Children Cry for
CASTORIA.

SYNOD VOTED FOR UNION.

HALIFAX, N. S., June 24.— The synod of the Church of England in Nova Scotia after spending a whole day discussing the question of federation of Kings and Dalhousie Colleges, this evening took a vote. The clergy gave a majority of ten against federation, but the laity gave a majority of thirty towards federation, only six voting against it. The combined vote shows sixty-two in favor of federation to forty against. The scheme will now doubtless be pushed through to consummation within two years.

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ELDERLY LADY RESIDENT DEAD.

The death took place Monday afternoon of Miss Sarah J. Blakeslee, in the 75th year of her age. Miss Blakeslee will be remembered by older residents as having conducted a private school for many years. In her young womanhood she was a charter member of Brussels Street Baptist Church, but a few years ago united with the Germain street congregation. In both these churches she is remembered as a most zealous advocate and worker in every branch of church work, particularly in missions. One sister survives, Mrs. C. H. Estabrooks, who is residing with her daughter, Mrs. T. H. Hall, Orange street.

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