## F. C. B. CONFERENCE.

Report Showing Status of the Denomination.

Greetings from Conferences of Maine and Nova Scotia.

Proposal that N. B. and N. S. Conferences Become Integral Part of F. B. Church of America.

(Staff corrspondence of the Sun.) Fredericton, Oct. 9.—According to usage, a social conference was held in the F. C. Baptist church this merning, led by the pastor of the church. After the address of welcome testi-mony was given by ministers and laymen, men and women, concerning the preciousness of the faith of Jesus and the blessedness of the Christian life.

The first regular business meeting of the conference was opened at 2.30 with singing of Coronation, the reading of Psalms 122 and 125 by Rev. B.
H. Nobles, the moderator, and prayer by Rev. Gldeon Swim. There was a good attendance. The pretty church was tastefully decorated for the occa-sion with crossed sheaves of wheat on the front of the gallery, and petted plants and palms on the platform. Suspended from the sanctuary arch was the motto, "Conference 1897, Wel-come," in large white letters on a

pale green ground.

The moderator extended a welcome to all present and expressed gratitude to God for the mercies of the past year. He invited all present to jo'n

in singing the Doxology.

The roll call followed, when a large number of cierical and lay delegates nswered to the call. CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S

Rev. Dr. McLeod submitted the fol-

lowing report: The summaries sent by the district clerks are, presumably, as full and accurate as could be made of the material furnished in the reports from the churches. The clerks have, also, at the request of the corresponding secretary, kindly permitted him the use of their records and the 1897 reports of the churches.

Of the ministers twenty-eight (21 or-

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Of the ministers twenty-eight (21 ordained and 7 licensed) have sent reports as required by resolution of the conference of 1596; from twenty-six (22 ordained and 4 licensed) no reports have been received. The non-reporting brethren will, perhaps, at the proper time state their reasons for net complying with the request of conference.

Rev. F. A. Currier, M. A., who has a Four-Revs. Thos. Connor, J. S. Jones, T. W. Carpenter and L. A. Cosman, on account of age or ill-health, have not beenable to engage in the work of the ministry. The working force of the ordained ministry has, therefore, been thirty-four. Of these, four-Revs. J. Noble, T. O. Dewitt, H. Hartt and J. Henderson-have been engaged in general mission work, brethren Noble and DeWitt the whole year-Noble and DeWitt the whole year—
the former some of the time under the
direction of the W. M. society, the
latter some of the time under direction
of the conference H. M. executive;
Brethren Henderson and Hartt, part of
the time, independently.

Twenty-nine—Revs. John Perry, G.

Twenty-nine—Revs. John Perry, G. A. Hartley, J. T. Parsons, J.N. Barnes, T. S. Vanwart, E. B. Gray, C. T. Phillips, W. DeWare, J. W. Clarke, J. J. Barnes, W. J. Halse, O. N. Mott, G. W. Foster, G. F. Currie, B. H. Nobles, W. H. Perry, G. Swim, C. B. Lewis, F. C. Hartley, H. A. Bonnell, A. G. Downey, D. Long, A. Perry, I. D. Harvey, S. J. Perry, J. R. Daggett, E. S. Par-S. J. Perry, J. B. Daggett, E. S. Par-ker, W. C. Keirstead and D. Patter-son-have been pastors; and one, Rev. Jos. McLeod, has been editor of the inational paper—the Religious

Of the conference licentiates, C. T. Coombs and A. H. Williams were in charge of pastorates the whole year; S. J. Case was teaching at Horton academy, and is now teaching in a Free Baptist school at New Hampton, N. H.; L. A. Fenwick was pursuing his studies at Acadia university, and is now there; both these breithren did some preaching during the summer vacation.

Of the district meeting licentiates, F. S. Hartley who is at the divinity

F. S. Hartley, who is at the divinity school, spent the summer vacation with chlurches in the third district un-T. Patterson, who is at the Bible school, spent part of the summer with churches in the sixth district; A. D. Paul has been rwo years in Ma'ne, part of the time attending the Bible school, and he thinks to continue ins school, and he thinks to continue institutes there another year; J. E. Puddington was engaged with some churches in the second district; A. Stoeger with churches in the third district; C. Stirling with churches in the fourth district; and Z. Doody gave some care to a church in the fifth

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Of the church licentiates, M. L. Gregg and G. D. Milbury spent the summer, under direction of H M executive, with churches in the seventh district: B. McKim gave some care to a church in the fifth district.

As ordinations take place only at conference there could not be any addition to the list of ordained ministers during the year. To the list of licentiates there have been added since last conference—by the first district meeting, Z. Doody: by the second district meeting, Chas. Stirling and J. E. Puddington; by the third district meeting, A. Stoeger; by the sixth district meeting, Talmage Patterson; by Rredericton church, G. Douglas Mil-

bury; by Sniper Mountain church, M.
L. Gregg; by Fifth Wickham church,
Rebert McKim.

Of the pastors only ave have had but one church each. The others have had the care of pastorates embracing from two to seven churches each, the pastorates averaging four churches each.

Churches.—The number of churches connected with the conference, according to the enrollment in the several districts, is one hundred and fifty-five (155). Of these one hundred and eighteen (11a) reported to their respective

district meetings this year.

The following table shows the number of churches in each district, the number reported and the number unreported this year:

District. Churches. Reported. ported-First . . .... 21 Second . . ... 26 Third . . .... Fifth . . . . . 21 Sixth . . . . . 29 Seventh . . . . 14

Churches having pastors.—One hundred and fifteen of the reported churches had pastoral care during the additions during the year were

By baptism, 185; by letter, 62; total, 247. The net increase is 46.

The membership of the reported The membership of the report bership of the unreported churches is 2,790, making a total of 11,959. New churches - Churches were or

ganized as follows: At Havelock, K. Co., June 12th, by Revs. J. N. Barnes and A. G. Downey, with 17 members. At Riley Brook, V. Co., a church long dormant was resuscitated in January by Revs. C. T. Phillips and

S. J. Perry. buildings-A new church building at Connell, Car. Co., was dedicated to public worship. Church buildings are nearing completion in the following places: Victoria, C. Co.; Kingsley, York Co.; Bloomfield, Y. Co.; Wassis, S. Co.; Westfield, K. Co.;

Besides the foregoing several church buildings have been much improved at considerable cost, among them the at considerable cost, among them the following: Gibson, Marysville, Lincoln, Brown's Flat, Portage, Coverdale, Upper Millstream, St. John.

Church property—There are twelve parsonages—three in the second district, two in the shirth district, four in the sixth district, and three in the

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Financial statement—The money

raised for all purposes, by the reported churches, was \$28,907.48. Some of the items which go to make up the total (\$28,907.48) are incomplete. For instance, the reports of only two districts make mention of money raised for Sabbath schools. It is not to be understood that the other districts understood that the other districts understood that the other districts failed in this branch of work. The explanation of the omission is that the clerks of five districts, knowing that a report dealing exclusively with Sabbath school work is presented by

nd last it is seen that the additions to

Comparing the salaries and other expenditures for church purposes, it is shown that there is an increase in

this year of \$2,415.59 The increase was chiefly in expenditures on church buildings, the increase in salaries being only \$15.39.

There has been a falling off in the tions to home mi 312.14; and in those to foreign mis-

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The conference fund is larger this year than last.

Besides the financial record, the table of attendance at conferences and mid-week prayer meetings, and the statement of additions to the churches—each of which indicates something of the religious condition of the churches—the reports from ministers throw considerable light on the situation. The following are brief summaries of the reports received from ministers. They are given in the order of seniority—as the names are recorded in the year book:

year of his pastorate in Carleton, St.
John. Sunday services "well attended, and mid-week meetings fairly so."
All branches of church work well sustained. Finances very good; \$1,722 for
the year. Three added.

Rev. J. T. Parsons is in his "— year at Marysville Baptized three. Church has raised \$903. Y. P. society in good condition. W. M. society doing good work. Outlook good. Preacher also at Penlac, fortnightly. Church there small."

Rev. T. S. Vanwart has been "paster one year at Upper Hainesville, Millville and Staples Settlement. No special interest, but churches in heal-thy condition. The field is too small thy condition. The field is too small to sustain a pastor without H. M. aid. It is an important field, and should have care of denomination. Other denominations are in all parts of the field, and unless our people have regular care our cause will suffer loss."

Part of Deliver in the case will suffer loss." Rev. T. O. DeWitt "spent six months under direction H. M. executive—three months at Upper Gagetown and three at Rusiagornish. Revival in both places; baptized sixteen. Last three places; baptized sixteen. Last three months of year was acting pastor at Rusiagornish. Upper Gagetown and Greenfield churches must have regular care or they may be lost to us."

Rev. E. B. Gray has been pastor one year "at Tracy Mills and Knoxford. No revival. Meetings good, especially the conference at "the Mills," Not so encouraging at Knoxford."

Rev. J. Henderson "visited Rusagornish several times during winter, Held special meetings in Geary: nine Held special meetings in Geary; nine were baptized. During the summer went to Geary fortnightly."

Rev. J. J. Barnes pastor (this year) of "Rockland, Coldstream, Gordonsville and Windsor churches. Rockand has a measure of spiritual life; prayer meeting has interest well sus-tained though attendance is small; members are scattered. Coldstream ing well. Fine mid-week prayer meet-

Hampstead, Upper Hampstead, Jerusalem and Hibernia. Gave some care to Gagetown also. Held special meetings at Upper Hampstead, Hibernia and Gagetown

and Gagetown, Five baptized at Gagetown, four at Hibernia. Churches in fair spiritual condition, yet not as bright and flourishing as should be. In one church there are some difficul-ties, to make the work more successful we need a deeper, more complete consecration to 3od."

Rev. G. F. Currie first year "at Nor-ton, Midland, Long Point and Brb Settlement. Norton in good condition; meetings are seasons of spiritual refreshing. Midland has good Sunday congregations. Difficult to maintain mid-week prayer meeting. Many live long distance from church; some are old; but chiefly trouble perhaps is low spirituality. Long Point a small church. Not much chance for enargement. Cordial feeling between our people and those of other denominations. Long Point and Kars, directly across the Belleisle, would be helped by uniting in work, have same pastor, and go back and forth to meetings. They are practically one community, especially in winter. Erb Settlement is small church. A grant of \$20 to \$25 from H. M. board would help the church. No special metings help the church. No special metings during year. No additions. In aggressive work we are not doing ture, what we ought. The good features sow on this field are (1) peace, (2) church buildings In good condition, and no debt on any, (8) good parsonage, with only \$200 debt, and that to be paid in few months. We ought to occupy new ground here—Case Settlement

Rev. B.H. Nobles has three churches -"Sussex, Penobsquis and Newtown.
Pastorate too large for one man to
successfully carry on all branches of the work, and build up strong interests. Not easy, if even possible, to make proper arrangement of appoint-meats. Sussex is a most promising field, if rightly cared for; but cannot become the strong church it is cap-able of being unless the pastorate is divided. Spiritual condition of pastorate might be better. Feel, as prob-ably other pastors do—that to awaken deeper splattuality there should be one

Rev. W. H. Perry has been four years pastor of North Head, Grand Harbor and Seal Cove. Seven have or more evangelists in our field." een added. The cause on the island vas weakened by the secession of 1888, but is gaining.

Rev. G. Swim has "Petlitcodiac. Cornhill, Lower Ridge and Portage. Spiritual condition of church not all he desires, but hopeful. Graves Settle-ment church is in the pastorate, and is visited occasionally. It is small and weak, and should have H. M. help if it is to live and grow.'

hity school. Preaches every Sunday, and says, "I am happy to say that I am preaching the gospel with all the love and earnestness of my being, and rejoice that the message finds accept-

these there are seven district meeting licenstiates, and three church licentiates, and three church licentiates.

Of the ordained ministers five are out of the province—Rev. J. H. Brb, in Teras, on account of his health; in the control of the province—Rev. J. H. Brb, in Teras, on account of his health; in the control of the province—Rev. J. H. Brb, in Teras, on account of his health; in the control of the province—Rev. J. H. Brb, in the control prayer neetings. Regrettable that so small proportion of members realize responsibility to God and His cause. Outlook not so cheering as would like, but am hopeful that seed of Divine truth, though sown in weakness, will bear fruit to the glory of God. Held special meetings at Shannon and 6th Wickham; two baptized, four others

Rev. F. C. Hartley "spent the year as pastor in Fredericton. No revival. Several baptized and received into

Rev. H. A. Bonnell has had "four churches—Westfield, Brown's Flat, Oak Point, Hamilton Mountain. A good year. Revival at Hamilton Mountain and Brown's Flat. Ten baptized. Oak Point church is low spiritually; the others are in good condition. Have received \$300 from the churches. It has been the best year of my life spireas been the best year of my life spir-

Rev. D. Long spent the year "with Lower Millstream, Upper Millstream, Millstream Mountain, Snider Moun-tain and Apohaqui churches. Interest in churches fairly good. No special work during year. No debt on churches or parsonage. Need of special work on the pastorate." Rev. J. B. Daggett "spent part of

Rev. J. B. Daggett "spent part of the year at the U. N. B. During this time he visited several churches, as Lincoln, Rusiagornish, Bear Island, Lower Queensbury and Prince William. Went to assistance of Brother Stirling at Wasis, and baptized and administered Lord's Supper. Attended at Lincoln fortnightly several months. Spent some weeks in spring and summer visiting churches in interest of Intelligencer. Supplied some pulpits nearly every Sabbath – four Sabbaths in the Congregational church, St. John. During year preached 69 times—60 in F. B. churches."

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Rev. E. S. Farker, Moncton, reports struggles and triumphs. Prayer meetings well attended. Conference regularly held. C. E. meetings good. Church building has been improved. An ef-fort is being made to pay off the bur-lensome debt. If faith be considered and faithfulness: if perseverance and hope are not lost sight of in making an estimate it may be said that our spiritual interest is good. The church.

Rev. W. C. Keistead cared for Keswick, Douglas, Kingsley and Gibson and completed his junior year at the U. N. B. Keswick has done well financially, and spiritual condition is good. Douglas is low spiritually, and has not met its small financial obligation. Needs a revival of righteousness Kingsley has done well. Build ness. Kingsley has done well. Building a church at cost of \$1,500. Will soon be ready for dedication. Gibson has had good year; 30 new members.

Rev.D.Patterson cared for "churches on Campobello-Wilson's Beach and North Roads. No additions. Religious condition of churches very good. Dif-ferent departments work done with good degree of faithfulness."

istors, and Rev. Dr. McLeod in sum ming up the work given above, stated that the statistics given were made up from district reports, supplemented by reports from ministers. He treed that all the non-reporting Lrged es be looked after, pointed out that compared with earlier years a larger proportion of the churches and the pasterless church were nearly identical. There were 41 churches without pastors, and 37 un-reported, against 115 with pastors and 118 reporting. Pastorales were beregarded as a good sign. The ministers of conference were self-sacrificing men, who with salaries that dld not average \$400 did not complain. Better provision should certainly be made by the denomination for its aged and disabled ministers. This had not been a year of large accessions to the churches, and the gains by conversions were smaller than for many years past.

conclusion Dr. McLeod pointed out that the Lord was with them today as He had been with their fathers, and expressed the earnest hope that He would not leave or forsake them.

Rev. C. T. Phillips of Woodstock, in moving the adoption of the report, praised its suggestiveness, its richness in hints. General Neal Dow said they had carried Maine for prohibition hy sowing it knee deep with litera-ture, and the Baptist church should sow the prevince kree deep with denominational literature. The church needed more men. No man the pastor of seven churches had time to hold special meetings. The statistics of accessions by baptisms might not be the best index of the church's growth. The years when large numlers were brought in by evangelists were not the richest in spiritual progress. The greatest years with some churches were the years of quie steady growth. Other thoughts had been suggested by the report, but he

would not touch on them now. Rev. G. A. Hartley, in seconding the motion, heartily endorsed the report, which he said spoke for itself. A real lion needed no lionizing. As people Baptists had a mission from God in this province; He had entrusted them with principles not common to other religious bodies. As Free Baptists they were first Christians, second Baptists, and third "free" Baptists. They stood for free grace, free will, salvation and the free comion of the saints. All desired the additions of the year had been larger, but enlargement did not always mean growth. The history of the church taught them that. But he had faith that the God who had planted the church would lead it on to grand re-

The motion to adopt the report was carried and its further consideration set down for Monday.

Rev. G. F. Francis, corre delegate from the Free Baptist general conference of Nova Scotia, was eral conference of Nova Scotia, was called to the platform by the moderator. He reported about 4,000 people and 17 ministers, 13 in active work; their young people were well organized; the church was decided and united for temperance and Sabbath observance. In forign work it was also aggressive. In educational work they were he recreated not up work they were, he regretted, not up to the a.g.. On behalf of the Nova delegation be continued.

On motion of Rev. J. W. Clarke was resolved "that this conference has heard with pleasure the report of the corresponding delegate from the Nova Scotia Free Baptist general conference and highly appreciate and reciprocate the Christian greetings of our sister conference and cordially invite our brother to a seat with us." Rev. Prof. Anthony of Cobb Divinity school, delegate from the Main state conference reported 253 churches and general progress along denominational lines. He paid a high trib ute to the completeness and character of the report presented this after noon by Rev. Dr. McLeod. He brought the most fraternal greetings from Maine and a desire for closer union of the churches on both side of the line. He read a resolution passed at the late meeting of the Maine association at Gardner urging the Free Baptists of New Brunswi and Nova Scotia to become an in-tegral part of the Free Baptist church of America. On this resolution he asked permission to speak at a later

On motion of Rev. G. A. Hartley seconded by Rev. Dr. McLeod, the thanks of conference were expressed to the speaker, who was invited to a

to the speaker, who was invited to a seat on the platform.

Rev. Gideon Swim, delegate to the Free Baptist general conference of Nova Scotia, submitted his report, which was received and adopted. Sabbath school interests formed the topic of Saturday night's meeting of conference The church was thronged.

J. E. McCready, corresponding secretary of the executive committee for retary of the executive committee for

J. E. McCready, corresponding secretary of the executive committee for Sabbath schools, submitted his annual report covering the returns from 86 schools with 5,203 scholars and 451 teachers. A smaller number of schools reported than for the preceding year. After Revs. Messrs. Swim, Bissett, G. A. Hartley and Col. Alexander had stoken to the report it was magnificant.

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Fredericton, Oct. 11.—All Protestant pulpits today were filled by delegates to the conference.

Hon. Mr. Foster writes from Ottawa to the conference secretary regretting his inability to attend.

Fredericton, Oct. 9.—The evening session was opened at 7.30 o'clock by singing Stand up for Jesus, the reading of Mark iv. by Rev. Gideon Swim, prayer by Rev. G. W. Foster and the singing of hymn 505. The large church was completely filled with delegates and attendants of the local church. The topic of the evening was Sabbath The topic of the evening was Sabbath

Minutes of the preceding session were read and approved, and a number of delegates who had arrived during the afternoon answered to the The committee on nominations sub

mitted its first report, which was adopted, as follows:

nmittee on absent good degree of faithfulness."

Revs. S. J. Perry, Geo. McLeod, Chas.

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Knox, Col. Alexander, Alfred Slipp,

J. McFarlane, Joseph Morrill. Feels His Oats



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Peters. Committee on deceased brethren-Revs. Joseph Noble, J. W. Clarke, A. G. Downey, G. W. Foster, W. H. Perry.

mmittee on correspondence-Rev. David Long, E. L. West, J. E. Mc-Cready, Rev. T. W. Carpenter,

Committee on district meetings-Rev. S. J. Perry, Rev. J. N. Barnes, T. S. Vanwart, Jas. S. Kinney, H. A. Bonnell, T. B. Bassett, E Slipp. Committee on literature-Revs. C. Kierstead, Gideon Swim, F. C. Hartley, C. T. Phillips, B. H. Nobles.

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT. Jas. E. McCready, corresponding secretary of the Sabbath school executive, presented the annual report, which was adopted on motion of Rev. Mr. Swim, seconded by T. B.

The report stated that returns had been received from 86 schools, representing a total of 5,203 scholars and 451 teachers—on the face showing a to the failure of schools to make returns, as compared with the preceding year. The returns received, taken by districts, were as follows: 1st district—4 schools, 138 scholars and 12 teachers. Five conversions

during the year. 2nd district—15 schools, 806 scholars, and 77 teachers; 26 conversions.

3rd district—11 schools, 696 scholars, 66 teachers; 28 corversions.

4th district-14 schools, 672 scholars, 54 teachers; 22 conversions, a gain of 3 schools, 150 scholars and 9 teachers. 5th district-9 schools, 339 scholars, 33 teachers; 11 conversions.
6th district—21 schools, 1,092 scholars, 95 teachers; 15 conversions, a loss of 3 schools, 233 scholars and 18 teachers.

7th district-12 schools, 1,460 scholars, 113 teachers; 17 conversions. Ten of the schools in this district are

The seven districts reported in libraries 7,194 volumes, against 7,534 last year; \$1,448.75 cash received, against \$1,887.64 last year; property to the value of \$3,108.79, against \$2,104.29 last denominational literature, which,

The sixth, heretofore the banner district, has fallen back to second place, the seventh district taking the lead. The committee urged renewed efforts on the part of all school workdren came the hope of the church. Rev. Gideon Swim, in moving the

adoption of the report, emphasized the fact that 174 young people had been converted to God through the Sunday schools last year, as encouraging to teachers and parents and as demonstrating to Sabbath school workers that their labors had not been churches today, said the speaker, were those who had been converted young. T. B. Bassett seconded tion in a pointed speech.

Col. Alexander said he was not satisfied with the report, as it showed that the people had not done their duty by the Sunday schools. One phase of the report, however, gladdened his heart was that evergreen schools were increasing every year.

Rev. G. A. Hartley was the last speaker. He pointed out that the report ded not cover the whole field, and was therefore to a considerable ex-tent misleading when comparisons were instituted with the figures preceding years. This was not the fault of the committee, but was due to the failure of districts to send in the preceding speakers, urged the necessity of standing by this great brench of the work of the denomina-

ing's session the Rev. Gideon Swim of Hampstead was elected moderator and Rev. F. C. Hartley of Fredericton, as-sistant moderator. Brief addresses were made by the incoming and retir-

ing moderators.

The nominating committee submitted its second report, which was ad-

opted as follows:
Committee on education—Rev. E. S.
Parker, J. B. Duggett, W. C. Kierstead,
S. J. Case, D. Patterson.
Committee on the Sabbath—W. H.
Perry, C. B. Lewis, J. N. Barnes, T. O.
Lewitt, G. J. Worden.
Committee on temperance—Revs. A.
G. Downey, E. B. Grey, Wm. Doware
and Bros. J. W. Carpenter and G. W.
Sharp. egate to Nova Scotia conference

Rev. D. Long: substitute, G. Poster.

Delegate to Maine conference—Rev. Executive committee home missions

Rev. D. Long, corresponding secretary; J. W. Clark, treas.; Dr. Burnett, B. H. Nobles, Wm. Peters, C. T. Philips, F. C. Hartley. Executive foreign missions—Rev. G. F. Currie, cor sec.; E.W.Shipp, treas.; Dr. McLeod, John Perry, G. W. Foster, A. Perry, H. A. Bonnell, G. A.

Executive Sunday schools-James E McCready, cor. sec.; Rev. J. T. Par-sons, O. N. Mott, Fred Bloodsgood, C. W. Weyman,

AGENTS, MONTREAL. treas.; Rev. G. A. Hartley, Jos. Noble T. S. Vanwart, J. J. Barnes. Board of managers-G. A. Hartley. A. C. Smith, B. S. Palmer, W. H. Heine, E. J. C. Clark, James E. Good,

> SARBATH OBSERVANCE The committee on the Sabbath reported as follows: 1.-That in our opinion there are few

questions of more vival importance to the Christian church than that of the proper observance of the Lord's day. 2.-We would emphasise and urge that our people keep close to the teaching of the Rible and the practice of the fathers in that the Sabbath day be a time when all business be suspended and that the day be spent in spiritual exercises and worship of our Heavenly Father. We feel that any departure from this standard would be fraught with serious consequences to the church and nation. 3.—We express our sympathy with and approval of the Sabbath day as now observed, and would give our disapproval of any and all efforts to

make any change in the day as now 4.-We view with alarm the growing tendency to devote the Sabbath day ning of Sunday excursions; on the one hand in the rursuance of business; on the other of pleasure; and we think this conference should give no uncer-tain sound in condemnation of all such believing them to be serious forms of

Sabbath desecration.

The report was signed by J. B. Daggett, W. H. Bonnell, H. Hartt, John Henderson and Peleg Smith.

On motion the report was adopted. Consideration of the report of the corresponding secretary, tabled on Saturday, was then resumed, and much information was gathered from egates present in verifying and supplimenting the number of churches in the various districts reported to conference. This is the first attempted revision of the list since the secession of the Reformed Baptists from the body a few years ago.

Rev. G. W. Foster, from the committee on sick and disabled ministers, reported that but one clergyman, Rev. P. Compor of Woodstock, had been un-

denominational literature, which, after a brief debate, was referred back for consultation with the executive of conference as to its recommendations.

The committee on collections reported total Sunday collections of \$49, of which \$41.52 were in Fredericton.

Rev. J. T. Parsons, rrom the ministerial conference, recommended that the request of Rev. W. J. Halse of St. John for letters of dismission be com-piled with.—Adopted. Rev. Mr. Kierstead read the report

of the committee on temperance, which was taken up section by sec-tion and adopted as follows:

Sec. 1.—At each successive conference this denomination has declared itself to be in direct antagonism to the liquor traffic. It is hardly necessary to re-state our position. We believe intemperance the greatest evil of our country, the ensmy alike of the individual home, church and state. We demand total abstinence of the individual. We impress upon him his duty to labor for prohibition for the state.

Sec. 2.—We think a question so vital should be made a supreme issue, so that on either

made a supreme issue, so that on either of it political lines would be drawn. urgs upon our members their duty at the naries, party caucuses and at the pollominion, provincial and municipal matto bring the temperance question to forefront.

properly presented, we urge our people to do all in their power to make the election a victory for temperance. Sec. 4.—We think the license law passed at the session of 1896 by the local legislature was not in the interests of temperance. As we will in the near future have a provin-cial election, we urge our people to be very careful in the selection of candidates. No bad man "an be a good citizen or lead a good caus".

report called out very tittle desate and that little on the section re specting provincial legislation. In answer to a question by Wm.
Peters of St. John, Rev. Joseph Mc-Leod, D. D., vigorously contended that the legislature had taken a retrograde step when it provided for the regulation of liquor license by com-

were alike when they got into power so far as this great moral reform concerned. Adjourned at 12 noon until 2 p. m.

mission. There was no politics in the conference, he said. Both parties

AFTERNOON SESSION. Conference reassembled at 2 p. m., the moderator in the chair.

The moderator welcomed the Rev. Mr. Freeman, pastor of the Frederic-ton Baptist church, and on motion of Rev. Dr. McLeod he was given a seat on the floor of conference.

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