F. C. B. CONFERENCE.

v. B. H. Nobles of Sussex Elected Moderator.

> Ministers and Strugdents.

Agency for Denominational Literature-The Boards of Trustees Appointed.

The twelfth annual conference of the New Brunswick Free Christian Baotists opened Saturday morning with a conference prayer and testimonial meeting in the Victoria street church, north end.

At two o'clock in the afternoon the first business session of the confer-ence opened with the usual hymn and prayer, Rev. G. W. Foster, moderator, in the chair. The following answered at roll call: Rev. G. W. Foster, moderator; Rev. J. Roble, Rev. J. Perry, Rev. G. A. Hartley, Rev. T. Cormer, Rev. J. T. Parsons, Rev. J. M. Barnes, Rev. T. V. Deluth, Rev. J. McLean, D. D., Rev. E. Gray, Rev. C. T. Phillips, Rev. J. Henderson, Rev. W. Delhare Rev. J. W. Clarke, Rev. Henry Hartt, Rev. J. J. Barnes, Rev. C. F. Rideout, Rev. W. J. Halse, Rev. O. N. Mott, Rev. W. H. Perry, Rev. G. F. Currie, Rev. C. B. Lewis, Rev. F. C. Hantley, Rev. H. A. Bonnell, Rev. L. A. Carleton, Rev. D. Long, Rev. A. Perry and Rev. S. J. Perry. Licentiates, F. A. Currie, A. M., W. C. Kierstead, L. A. Fenwick, D. Patterson. Representatives second district, J. H. Dickinson and L. O. Seeley. Third district. W. Shephard, P. Smith, Wm. Vanwart, V. Matthews, W. H. Butler and C. H. Jones. Fourth district, J. S. Kenney, Col. Alexander, H. Tracey, Geo. Hayward and W. Kirkpatrick. Fifth district, I. Carpenter, G. J. Warden and J. A. Jones. Sixth district, D. W. Sharp, E. McLeod, W. G. McLeod, J. H. Wetmore and J. E. Slipp. Seventh district, W. Peters, W. Whittaker, D. W. Clark, L. Dunlap, A. W. Case, H. Smith and Alfred Theal. Major D. McLeod Vince, secretary; Dr. Bernard, assistant secretary; and J. Patterson, treasurer; E.W. Slipp, J.E. McCready, W. H. Henry and E. J. Clarke, board of management, and Rev. D. T. Porter corresponding delegate from the Nova Scotia conference. Noble; corresponding Mr. tary, submitted his report, from which

were gleaned the following statistics: Bapt'sd. No. of Drg yr. Ch's. District No. ----179 ... The adoption of the report was moved by Rev. G. A. Hartley and was

supported by Rev. D. Long and Rev. Dr. McLeod. Rev. D. T. Porter, corresponding deegate from Nova Scotia, conveyed the fraternal greetings of that body to the of the board of managers, read their convention and stated that the confer- report. had a prosperous year and that financial work of the denomination they now - numbered - forty-one entrusted to them. The usual annual

churches, mostly in the western part appropriations had been paid, and the on motion of Rev. Mr. Swim the and school edifice at Petitcodiac had of the province Nova Scotia delegate was invi seat at the conference. term. They would like to call the at-Rev. Dr. McLeod, delegate to the tention of the conference to the Free Baptist convention of Nova Sco- need of making an tia, submitted his report, which was effort to increase their national funds, especially The report of the delegates to the fund for alding the sick and disabled conference to the Free Baptists of ministers. A number of these faithful Maine, New Brunswick and Nova Sco- servants of Christ were now old men. tia were also adopted. The moderator appointed Rev. T. C. ing up the churches, and should now Hartley, G. F. Currie, A. Perry, D. be so provided for that they could Long, J. S. Kenney and Wm. Peters as have no worry or anxiety about the a committee on nominations. The meeting then adjourned until the evening, when they met at 7.30, and colleges that they might fit themopening with the usual hymn and selves for prayer. nomination committee partially be aided. Now that the denomination The reported on nominations, which were had no education society would it not adopted and the committee were be well and wise to place in the hands of the conference board money to given leave to sit again. J. E. McCready, corresponding sec-retary of the Sabbath school execu-whom we must so largely depend tive, submitted his report, which show- under God for future prosperity. The ed the schools to be in a healthy state. board felt that both the generation of adoption of this report was mov- ministers going out and the generation ed by I. E. Shipp, seconded by W. C. of ministers coming in should receive Kierstead and supported by Rev. Mr. greater financial assistance, and in a Carey, T. O DeWitt and D. E. Clarke, brotherly way suggested to those Sunday the anniversary confenence whom God had made stewards of His Carey, T. O DeWitt and D. E. Clarke. sermon was preached in the Viotoria means to make such constituons to street Baptist church by Rev. C. T. these funds now while they were hivlips of Woodstock, who took for his ing as they could, and when closing text the passage, "Fruit to God." A up their business affairs to remembe special communion service was con- in their wills these treasuries as well ducted in the afternoon by Rev. G. T. as those of the home and foreign mis Porter and in the evening Rev. G. F. slon boards. What better use could Currie of Tracey's Mills preached. with which the Lord has bles The F. C. Baptist conference resumed business in the Victoria street church on October 5th. The election of officers was taken up first. On the first ballot Rev. B. H. Nobles of Sussex was chosen moderator of the conference and Rev. G. Swim of Cornhill, assistant. Rev. Dr. McLeod introduced the newlyelected officers, who briefly thanked the conference for the honor conferred upon them. The retiring moderator als briefly addressed the meeting. The report on deceased brethren was submitted by Rev J. W. Clarke on behalf of the committee. The only minister that died during the year was John G. McKenzie of Fredericton Junction, aged 72 years. A very worthy tribute was paid to his memory and the loss sustained by the inference in his death referred to. Of the ministers who conducted his ordination Rev. G. A. Hartley alone is now alive, Rev. Mr. McKenzle board recommended for appointm over forty years a minister, and in all that time tabored faith-Rev. Mr. Pickles of the Methodist was here introduced and ked to take a seat on the platform. A. Hayward. The report on literature was read Rev. Frank A. Curier and taken Margeson. up section by section. The first three sections were adopted without com-ment, but the one relating to the ad-Dow, G. Clynick. visability of establishing a book room caused considerable discussion. The secretary, Mr. Vince of Woodstock, biam Smiley, Charles Smiley. held that in view of the keen compe tition in the prices of books, it would Leed, Re not be advisable to establish a book Parsons. to have a headquarters for de-

nominational books where samples of such books might be kept, and which could be advertised in the church pa Rev. Mr. McLeod endorsed these views. Rev. C. T. Phillips of Wood-stock thought that a committee might be appointed by the conference to keep posted on the books which would be required by members of the church, so that when desired it could give such information, either through the Intelligencer or by other means. At the proper time he would move a resolution suggesting that such a committee be appointed. The section was

inally carried. The fifth section referred to the inadequate supply of hymn books and regretted that so many churches select such books as they choose without regard to the denominational nature of the books. It was adopted. The last two sections endorsed the Religious Intelligencer as a denominational paper, regretted that in some cases it was so poorly supported by

the laity, and suggested that the conference should devise some means by which the editor of the paper may be better remunerated for his work. This section was adopted and the report received. whole

Rev. Dr. McLeod then moved the following resolution, which was carried:

Resolved, That the committee on literature be instructed to arrange for an agency for denominational literature.

Rev. G. A. Hartley reported that he had attended to the duties of having the Hand Book bound and pre-sented to the treasurer, assigned to him last year.

It was decided that better paper should be used in the Year Book and that 3,500 copies be printed and circulated. It was also ordered that the report of the Young People's Provincial league be printed in the Year Book.

Rev. B. H. Nobles stated that aid had been asked of the Norton church at a district meeting by the Moncton church. The Norton church did not feel able to offer any assistance and Rev. Mr. Nobles moved that the conference take the matter up and deal with it. Major Vince thought the home mis-

sion executive should settle the matter.

Rev. Mr. Hartley moved that it be referred to the co.nmittee on correspondence.-Carried.

The report on absent ministers was presented by Rev. Mr. Foster. It showed that twelve members were absent, six of whom were ill, three were out of the province, two were detained by business, and one gave no excuse for being absent. The committee suggested that no minister be excused who gave no reasons for being absent, and that secular business be not accepted as an ex-The report was cuse for absence. adopted.

AFTERNOON SESSION. In the afternoon the conference sat

for a couple of hours. Rev. Geo. A. Hartley, the secretary They had attended to the

of other denominations could not be wed for another three years ld, where a which would be injurious to the de- 27 years ago. But from that time the nominational interests. There was no people had never heard a Free Baptist sermon. Mr. Bonnell gathered doubt but that the sentiment of the especial denomi times demanded an educated ministry. the people together, reorganized the and in some way this conference church and added one to it by bapthe should undertake to meet that de- tism. In the fifth district a grant was mand. The conference should not be made to Rev. C. B. Lewis' pastorate discouraged by the past, for if the One was added by baptism to They had done much towards buildwork was right then forward should church at Greenwich. In be their watchword. However, the sixth district the church at conference noted with pleasure the Moncton received the usual grant. fact that a number of the young men, Rev. E. S. Parker had charge during with commendable zeal and indomitthe year and reported unusual prosable will, had educated themselves and perity, eighteen being added by baptaken their degrees in some of the tism. Rev. W. H. Perry was pastor higher institutions of learning, and more efficient work for of the churches on Grand Manan Is-Christ and the churches, who should that others were following the same land, to which a grant was made course. It was the duty of the conduring the year. Mr. Perry's report erance not only to give sympathy to was highly satisfactory. At these young'men but to provide some Cove eighteen were baptized, four at way to extend to them some financial Grand Harbor and one at North Head. They had assisted thirty-one help. The committee on the Sabbath rechurches, which reported 126 bapported that in looking over the reports tisms and 160 additions. of the previous years they felt con-Rev. Dr. McLeod then read the revinced that no one could mistake the port of the executive of foreign misuncompromising loyalty of the desions. It showed that the foreign nomination to the faithful observance sion work of the conference was carof the Christian Sabbath, and Instead ried on in connection with the Free of making a lengthy report begged Baptist mission in Southern Bengal, eave to re-impress the deliverances past years as an expression of their present faith, coupled with the earnest hope that the-Lord's day might kept holy with the Lord. The report of E. W. Shpp, the treasurer of the foreign mission executive, showed that the expenditures during we make of a portion of the property the year were \$914.73. There was a balance due the treasurer. than by using a liberal part of it in gently sloping the pathway of the needy ministers as they go down to The treasurer of the home mission executive reported an expenditure of \$591.85, which left a balance of \$268.01 the quiet grave, and by grading and making more easy the uphill road now on hand. The report of the home mission exbeing climbed by our young ministers, together with assisting our weak churches and sending the gospel to cutive set forth what the executive had endeavored to accomplish during the year, how the plans had been carthe lost and ignorant souls of India. were 7 ordained preachers, 19 ried into execution and then offered It was gratifying to know that in many localities throughout the dea few thoughts suggested by the nominational field evidences of ma-terial prosperity abounded. New church buildings and convenient parwork. The executive had had in mind the pushing of the work into new fields and also the helping of pastorates and churches failing sonages were being built, much to the secure pastorate labor during comfort of the pastors and of the peothe year. It had also been our wish that ple themselves. The board highly commended this, and hoped like good all the young men who were coming up having the ministry in view, and works might characterize every con gregation in the denomination until all especially those who were endeavoring to better qualify themselves for might be supplied with good churches the work, should find employment and comfortable parsonages. The among the churches during the sumby the conference the following local mer months. This was important, for if it was not done the young men boards of trustees for the next year, would either find employment across the line or spend their time in secular or until others are appointed in their stead, the board of managers to retain employment, and so lose what benetheir usual jurisdiction over said trusit might be derived from preaching and acquaintance with the people. Waasis-G. McFarlane, G. F. Grass, They had also continued the policy of previous years in assisting such Lakeville-Charles Tracy, William pastorates as were unable without assistance to secure pastorate labor. Canterbury-John Feero, William With one exception they had re-frained from making grants to indifrained from making grants to indi-vidual churches, properly included, in and work. They welcomed her home Erb Settlement-Howard Erb, Wil Newtown, K. Co.-D. W. Mannin pastorates, having a pastor. Soon and were glad to have her present a after last conference arrangements this session. Though she now forn were made with Revs. S. J. Perry and by ceased to be their missionary George W. Manning, John A. Goeline. Mapleton, York Co.-Rev. Dr. Mc. T. O. DeWitt by which their labors might not again return to the m Leod, Rev. F. C. Hartley, Rev. J. T might be in part under the direction the executive, express of the executive. Mr. Perry began of the conferen of the executive. Mr. Perry began of the conference and the people gen work with the church at Upper Gage- erally, desired to make a record her Upper Kent-Byron Shaw, John Bloodsworth, Clopper Tompkins,

Wheaton Se town. nt-John Brown. Frederick Lutz, William Murray, sr. Chocolate Cove-John N. Fountain, William H. Henny,' John W. Stover, Oliver S. Fountain. Fairhaven-George A. Simpson, Jas. W. Mosely, W. Rufus Cummings, Theodore Holmes, Stephen O. Ferris.

WEEKLY SUN ST. JOHN, N. B. OCTOBER 14, 1896.

Northern Harbor-Samuel Butler. Stephen Ferris, Asa N. Lord. Waterville-John Whitney, Wm. Culberson, Jacob Palmer. Bath-Samuel Barker, Elijah P. Shaw, A. F. Giberson

Woodstock-Chas. VanWart, Daniel A. Grant, Zebulon Connor, Benjamin Clark. Wickham-Milton Worden, Jacob

VanWart, James T. Belyea. diac-J. Wesley Lowrey. Eltere Cochrane, Harry O. Bleunes. Victoria Road. Moneton -John Farland, Henry Budds, Phillip Kelley. Station-Milton McLeod, Norton William Heinie, O. R. Patriquin, T. B. Bassett, J. E. McCready. Perth-George Morehouse, Charles

H. McLauchlin, Frederick Grant. Jacksonville-Elisha Shpp, D. W. Smith. Upper Millstream-Malcolm Mason

Warren Mason, B. Ensley Keith, Zebulon Gaunce, W. A. Patterson. Apohaqui-Matthew Fenwick, Robrt Williams, Joseph Ricker. Waterville, Y. Co .- Clement Ander-

ion, Allen Scribner, Rev. H. A. Bonnell.

m, K. Co.-G. W. Sharp, hos. McFarlane, Edward McLeod. Bumfrau-Michael Craine, D. V. Boyer, Burdis Kearney. Stanley-James Wade, Thomas Jef-

frey, W. Steward. Lower Millstream-George W. Mc eod, W. D. Fenwick, James E. Good.

Westfield, K. Co.-Geo, T. Flewell ing, Wm. S. Bonnell, Geo. A. Neale. This, with the report of the treasarer of the board of managers, was adopted, the latter being referred to the auditors

## EVENING SESSION.

In the evening the church was prowded to the doors and the choir of the church furnished good music. The following reports were read and adopted without liscussion: The report of the committee on temperance was as follows: We wish to reiterate the principles of our fathers on the question of temperance. While other evils which are around us are essened by coming in contact with holy influences and the power of inemperance: is steadily warning the ning effects still remain. We 4.5 8. conference are as determinedly opposed to the liquor traffic in all its work as we have ever been. We are looking forward with hopeful expectations that in the near future the cause of temperance will gloriously triumph. Your committee would xhort all advocates and friends of the cause to play the man at the ballot box. The committee on education recom-

mended that the suggestion of former educational committees be carefully considered and carried out, viz., that something be done immediately to place the educational work on a better and more satisfactory basis. That the conference had not even a connection or interest in any institution of learning was a matter of profound regret, and the fact that the young people were being educated in schools

During his stay, his labors of the high esteem in which she was were faithful and profitable. A re- held, of the faithful and even heroic quest having been made for mission services she had done during the ten abor in the first district, Mr. Perry was sent to labor there under the direction of Messrs. Noble and Phillips. He held special services with the churches at Bath, Bumfrau, Upper Kent, Lower Perth, Wicklow and Canaan. The services resulted in so strengthening these churches that they were enabled to retain the services of Mr. Perry as a regular pastor. He reported five baptisms and the organization of a young people's society in one of his churches. Mr DeWitt began work under the executive's direction about the middle of November with the church at Clarington. Three were baptized there and added to this church. In December he visited the church at Upper Hainsville, where he held services for three months. Fifteen were baptized and added to the church. Part of February and all of March were spent

at Beaver Harbor, where help was much needed. The Lord generously owned the labors of the missionary in this neighborhood. Twenty-one were baptized and added to the church. Part of Ap i' was spent at Hainsville, where for r others were baptized. The not place visited was Millville. Formerly in this place the conference had a thriving little church, but of late years from various causes the interest had gone down and the church much scattered. Mr DeWitt reorganized the church and added to its membership by baptism.

In May some labor was given to the church at Blissville, one being baptized. During August and September special services were held at Staple Settlement, where eight persons were bantized and a branch church organized. On the 27th ult. a new church building in that neighborhood was decated to God. During April, C. T. Coombs, a licentiate of the Wood stock church, was given a month's mission to the churches at Southampto, Campbell Settlement, etc. In that time Mr. Coombs made a place for himself among these people and at its close was engaged as regular pastor for the remainder of the year. Seventeen were baptized at Campbell Settlement as a result of his special services. All the young men who made application to the board for work during vacation were provided for. W. R. Reid, who was now study ing at Cobb's Divinity school, was introduced to the Prince William Queensbury circuit. His fabors were greatly blessed. Frank S. Hartley another student of the same school was sent, under the direction of the secretary, to labor with the church at Lincoln, where his labors greatly appreciated. L. A. Fenwick had labored at Beaver Harbor. In addition to those already mentioned, the executive had given assistance to the following pastorates and churches: A grant was given to the circuit in the second district of which Rev. J. N. Bannes was pastor. He ponted that twenty-nine had added by baptism and two by letter.

In the third district a small grant was made to Rev. W. C. Kierstead for care extended to Kingsley church. Five were baptized and seven added to the church. The usual grant was continued to the Stanley church, of which Rev. A. H. Bonnell was pastor. He visited the people at Bloom-

years spent in India as a representa-tive of this Christian body. Wherever her lot might be cast, she might be assured that she was and would be held in tender memory by the people who had learned to love her "for her work's sake," and that they who had been praying for her for ten years would continue to pray for the best ngs on her and hers. The work in India was reviewed at some length, statistics being given to show that be tween 1886-1895 there had been a net addition to the membership of 1,977. More workers were needed out there. The work suffered for lack of them. After the adoption of the report Mrs. Boyer addressed the meeting on mission work in India, and the meeting closed with the doxology and benediction

The F. C. Baptist conference reassembled in the Victoria street church at 9 o'clock on October 6th, with the moderator, Rev. B. H. Nobles in the chair. The committee on Free Baptist Union, appointed at the request of

the F. B. conference of Maine, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, to meet with a committee of that conference and a committee of the Nova Scotia Free Baptist conference, reported: 1-That it was arranged to hold a meeting of the joint committees in

St. John on Thursday, Oct. 1st. 2-That Revs. D. T. Porter and E. Crowell, the committee appointed by

the Free Baptist conference of Nova Scotia, and the members of the committee met at the time appointed. 3-That no member of the committee of the conference of Maine, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia was present, but that a card was received on the 2nd inst. from Rev. M. P. Or ser, one of the committee, saying that he could not attend, and expressing the hope that the other members (Revs. A. D. Glberson and D. E. Brooks) would attend.

4-That the two committees which met discussed, as well as was possible in the absence of the other committees, the question of the union of the three bodies and were agreed that while the union of all Free Baptists is desirable, there does not seem a probability of union of the three bodies being satisfactorily arranged.

5-That the committees of the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia conference had also an informal talk about the closer association in some departments of their work of the conference they represented, and agreed that possibly co-operation in some things, as education and foreign missions, might be advantageous, but not being charged with the duty they did not consider any plan of co-operation

6-That the question, as it relates to the conference of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, may properly receive further consideration from the conference.

The report was taken up section by section.

Rev. Mr. Phillips opposed the union for the present at least, and Rev. G. A. Hartley and Mr. Vince were in favor of it. The whole report was adopted Rev. G. A. Hartley then moved the following:

Whereas, This conference believes

AFTERNOON SESSION. The session opened with singing and rayer by Rev. T. O. DeWitt. Rev. E. S. Parker or Monoton took his seat as a member of the confer-

The following resolution, moved by Rev. J. J. Barnes, passed:

Whereas, The Religious Intelligencer the only recognized organ of the F. C. Baptists in the province of New Brunswick, and we believe one of the best papers of the kind published in this province; and whereas, it has been since its start among us a most able and faithful exponent of the views of our denomination and a trustworthy helper to us in our denominational work; and whereas, we believe that every F. C. Baptist family ought to take the paper, for the reason that those who do now take it are as a rule more loyal to the principles of the denomination, and therefore contribute more freely of their substance to the different funds of the church, and have a better and wider knowledge of her spirit and struggle and de sires than they possibly could have without the aid of the paper; and whereas, we believe it quite possible to widen the present circulation of the

Intelligencer; therefore Resolved, That the members of the conference and also the clerks and officers of the churches be urgently reted to bring, as far as possible the Religious Intellegencer into the nomes of their respective con The following report was then submitted by F. A. Currier on behalif of the committee appointed to arrange an agency for denominational literature We would recommend the appointment

some member of our conference, who shall act as a corresponding medium through whom persons desir ing information concerning Free Baptist publications can be supplied with the title of books, periodicalls, pamphets. etc., with the names of the publishers and the price at which such publications can be had. We believe that our ministers are hampered ir their studies and in the selection of books from their libraries by not knowing what are really the best books. We have consulted with Dr McLeod, and he has kindly expressed his willingness to act as an agent for denominational literature. We would recommend that from time to time Dr. McLeod advertise helpful books in the Religious Intelligencer, and that persons desirous of purchasing such publications should order them through our denominational literature agency. The report was adopted.

It was decided that the meeting of the Coverdale church for the election of trustees should be held on the second Tuesday in September in each and every year.

The following resolution was moved by Rev. G. A. Hartley: Whereas, it is lesirable that our sisters of the Woman's Mission Society may know at what time it will be agreeable to this conference for them to hold their anunal meeting; therefore resolved, that Monday afternoon of the session of this conference next year be at the disposal of our sisters for their work. beginning at 3 p. m.-Carried. Gideon McLeod, the treasurer of the

committee for sick and disabled ministers, made his report, which showed that the receipts, with the balance on hand at the close of the year, amounted to \$312.79. The committee found it necessary during the year to extend assistance in a number of cases. The sum of \$103.50 was expended, which left a balance of \$209.29 on hand. The report was adopted. Rev. G. F. Currie moved a resolution roviding that each minister ordained and licensed of this conference he requested to furnish the corresponding ecretary of conference with a written report each year of where and how be has spent the year, if he has been at work, the results of his work, the religious condition of the field he has occupied, the prospect for the work. etc. This passed. The moderator then left the chair and the conference went into committee of the whole on licentlates, Rev. John Perry in the chair. The conference reassembled later on, when Rev. Mr. Perry read the following report from the committee of the whole: Your committee on licentiates beg leave to recommend: 1. That Bros. F. A. Currier, A. M., David Patterson and W. C. Klerstead be ordained. 2. That Bros. L. A. Fenwick, S. J. Case, C. T. Coombs and A. H. Will-liams be licensed by the conference. EVENING SESSION. The church was crowded in the evening on the occasion of the ordination service. The moderator. Rev. B. H. Nobles, was in the chair, and several of the most prominent ministers had seats on the platform. The order of service was as follows: Invocation by Rev. G. W. Foster; first hymn, by Rev. G. F. Currie; reading of scriptures, by Rev. T. O. DeWitt; first prayer, by Rev. W. J. Halse; second hymn, by Rev. J. T. Parsons; sermon, by Rev. Dr. McLeod; preparation of candidates, by Rev. D. Long; questions put to candidates by Rev. J. W. Clarke; ordination prayer, by Rev. Joseph Noble: hand of fellowship, by the G. A. moderator; charge, by Rev. Hartley; benediction, by Rev. F. A. Currier. The candidates ordained were: F. A. Currier, David Patterson and W. C. Kierstead. The sermon by Dr. McLeod was a very able effort, and Mr. Hartley's charge was a good practical ad-The conference sat for an hour or so after the ordination in order to get through with what business remained to be transacted. . The auditor pro tem, D. McLeod Vince, submitted the following report: That he had examined the books, vouchers and accounts of the treasurer of the Home Mission executive, and found the same correct. Balance on hand, Oct. 8th, 1995..\$299 54 Received from W. M. society.. 50 00 Received from board of man-

India. The region contained 713,637 houses and a population of 3,610,995 people. There were 13 mission stations in the territory, at each of which was a church organization, the total church membership being 743, the native Christian community numbering 1,600. To the churches 46 were added by baptism during the year. The Sunday schools had 2,924 pupils. Other schools of various kinds, each contributing something to the work of evaluating the people, had in them 3,575 pupils. The working force of the mission now in the field was composed of 24 missionaries, 7 men and 17 women. The native workers

> chers, 6 colporteurs, 5 other lay workers, 23 Bible women, 16 Zenana teachers and 72 Ohristian school teuchers. There had been steady advance in many ways during the year particularly the increasing disposition of the native churches to support their own work. Out of 13 cha and branches five of the largest wer or expected soon to be quite independ ent of mission aid, and some of the were helping pay others. Dr. McLeod then quoted from the report from the field, showing the difficulties and disments of he mission. Dr. Mccoursigements of he mission. Dr. Mc-Leod then referred to the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Boyer for that field ten years ago. After five years of earn-est, faithful and effective work Mr. Boyer was called up higher. Mrs. Boyer continued the work alone nearly five years more, bearing burdens and meeting difficulties which it was not possible for us to fully appreciate. The conference honored her and The conference honored her and thanked God for the true Christian de-

that our mission work is of the greatest importance, and feeling anxious that the interest may be deepened; Therefore resolved, That the annual report of the corresponding secretaries of our home and foreign mission executives be read and discussed in regular business session of conthe ference before being adopted at the the usual missionary session, as has been our custom. Carried.

The committee on collections reported as follows: From the following sources money has been received for ministers' relief fund: First Church, Westfield .....\$ 2 16 Grand Manan ..... 7 15 Waterloo street, St. John ..... 5 00

St. John, north end ..... 20 25 Staples Settlement, 3rd district 18 Total .. .....\$34 74

The report was adopted. Rev. F. C. Hartley here extended

an invitation to the conference to meet next year in the church at Fredericton. The invitation was accepted.

Rev. Messrs. Marshall, Shenton and Crisp were then introduced to the conference by Rev. Dr. McLeod and invited to seats on the platform. Rev. Thomas Marshall said the St. John Methodist district had appointed him and Mr. Shenton to extend fraternal greetings to the conference. He was pleased to be able to meet the Baptist ministers and wishd them

success in their work. Rev. Job. Shenton reiterated ane expressions of Mr. Marshall, and spoke of the pleasing relations existing between the Baptist and Methodist bodies.

Rev. James Crisp also expressed pleasure at being present, and congratulated the conference on the choice it made in a moderator. Vernon Matthews submitted the

report on district meetings, recommending the time, place and number of ministers to attend. The report was adopted.

Rev. J. T. Parsons submitted the following report, which was received: Rev. E. S. Parker, from the Nova Scotia conference, presented creden-tials to the elders' conferences, accompanied by a letter of honorable dismission, and requested membership with them. On motion of the ministers' conference it was resolved, "That the credentials of Rev. E. S. Parker are satisfactory to this conference, and we recommend the gen-eral conference to admit him into its

In accordance with such resolution we ask the admittance of Rev. E. S. Parker as a member of the general onference. The committee on correspondence

stated that they had carefully con sidered the state of affairs in the Moneton circuit, and recommended that a special committee be appointed to investigate, and, if possible, amf-cably settle the difficulty there, Revs. Dr. McLeod, David Long, F. C. Hartley and Gideon Swim, and Gideon McLeod were appointed the ommittee to investigate the affair.

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\$850 76 Expenditures .. ..... 581 85 Balance on hand .....\$268 91

He had examined the books, vouchers and accounts of the treasurer of the Foreign Mission executive and found them correct.

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