

assure him he will always have a warm place in our sympathies and prayers.

DR. EVANS AND PROF. C. H. PAISLEY.

Resolved, That this Conference desires to place on record its pleasure in greeting in our midst the Revs. Dr. Evans and Prof. Paisley, the official representatives of the Supernumerary ministers' and Ministers' widows' fund.

We express our gratification at the business-like presentation of the affairs of the fund, and thank these brethren beloved, for their indefatigable labors. We assure them of our continued interest in this department of church work, and commend their work very earnestly to the practical sympathy of our people.

SUPERNUMERARY MATTERS NEXT CONFERENCE.

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Conference, in the General Conference year, there should be laid on the table of our Conference, at its next session, only for the inspection of its members :—

1. A precise statement of the mortgages, debentures, bank stock, notes of hand and other securities held by the Supernumerary Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund, and that this statement shall include particulars in regard to last payments of interest, and any other items of information necessary to a clear understanding of the present indebtedness of persons who are under obligations to this fund.

2. A careful estimate of the present values of the securities held by this fund. The Sec'y-Treasurer in preparing this statement, shall consult as far as possible, business men of experience and knowledge.

REV. JAMES BLESDELL.

At a special ministerial session held on Monday afternoon, June 21st, the following resolution was passed, viz :—"That this Conference, feeling satisfied that the Rev. James Blesedell is a minister in good standing with the Congregational church, and that he is in full sympathy with our doctrines and polity, does hereby accede to his application for admission to membership in this Conference."

Mr. Blesedell has, for some time past, been pastor of the Congregational church at Economy, Colchester Co., N. S. He is appointed this year to labor at Five Islands and Economy in deference to a request from a committee of the Congregational church at Economy, to this Conference, for pastoral supply.

ORAL EXAMINATIONS.

The following resolution was adopted : Inasmuch as the oral examinations of the districts have of late years, in the opinion of the brethren generally, been more or less unsatisfactory, therefore *resolved*, That it be the instruction of this Conference to the chairmen and members of all the districts to insist upon a careful and thorough oral examination of the candidates and probationers that may from time to time appear before them, and that their recommendations be based upon the merits of such examination.