

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
St. John's District	\$28 70	St. John's District	\$
Carbonear	17 10	Carbonear	
Bonavista	12 18	Bonavista	16 70
Twillingate	14 63	Twillingate	35 00
Burin	19 90	Burin	41 40
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	\$93 10		\$93 10

W. J. HUTCHESON, *Secretary.*

SUSTENTATION FUND.

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
St. John's District	\$409 37	The fund paid at the rate of 16 per cent.	
Carbonear	46 41	to claimants on said fund.	
Bonavista	39 73		
Twillingate	65 97		
Burin	43 88		
Collection, Ordination Service '97	21 65		
Special	2 50		
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	\$629 51		

Resolved:—That Conference recommend that the Superintendent of every Circuit or Mission be required to hold a Sustentation Fund Meeting at which the claims of the Fund shall be presented and a collection taken up in behalf of said Fund, and that no one be permitted to participate in the benefit of this Fund who has not complied with this regulation.

JABEZ HILL, *Sec., Treas.*

SPIRITUAL STATE REPORT.

Carefully reviewing the work of God, we rejoice to note that, as the past success has attended our labours on numbers of our Circuits and Missions, yet we profoundly regret that there is a large falling off in our membership, which should cause great humiliation and personal heart-searching.

We therefore recommend more systematic pastoral visitation and the advisability of securing as far as possible, the most efficient and godly class leaders, that the benefits of class meeting and the privileges of membership be kept continually before our people, also that the distinctive doctrines which as Methodists we profess to believe, be especially emphasized, particularly that of the witness of the Spirit and Christian Perfection.

We recommend that the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be administered at regular periods in all our churches, to which all members shall not only be invited, but the duty of obeying the Lord's command urged upon them.

We also recommend that Sabbath School and Epworth League work be carried forward vigorously, thus training our young people for active Christian Service, within Methodist lines, and as an example for the young people, the more intelligent members of our church be especially encouraged to attend and take part in our social services. We would also urge