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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 1881.

The N. B. and P. E. I. Methodist Conference.

MONDAY, JUNE 23.

The Eighth Annual Meeting of this Conference is now going on here. The first committee meeting in connection therewith was held in the vestry of the Church on Monday. It's duty was to consider the business to be effected at the conference, and to select a committee to act as a committee of conference on matters relating to the Supernumerary Fund. The request was complied with.

TUESDAY, JUNE 24.

On Tuesday several committees met, the first being that of the Stationing committee, which is composed of the Chairman of Districts and one ministerial representative from each District. The business of this committee is to appoint stations for Ministers who may be removing to other fields of labor, and is, we may say, of the utmost importance in the eyes of most of the brethren, clerical and lay, within the bounds of the Conference.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25.

The Supernumerary Fund committee met in the afternoon. During its sitting the Miramichi District was referred to by the Rev. Dr. Pickard in account of the increase in the subscriptions of the brethren in aid of the Supernumerary Fund, and its general satisfactory standing this year in relation to all the connexional funds of the Church.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26.

On Thursday evening the Rev. W. Maggs conducted preaching services in the Church from the words—"Whose heart the Lord opened." He was assisted by Revs. J. V. Jost and G. M. Campbell. At 7 a. m. on Wednesday Divine Service was conducted by the Rev. W. Harrison, who delivered an admirable discourse. The interior of the Church has undergone considerable change, the walls and ceiling having been beautifully frescoed, which gives it a cheerful and bright appearance.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27.

Conference opened this morning, the President, Rev. E. Evans in the Chair. Proceedings commenced with singing hymn 753, "And ye have heard the word, after which the Rev. F. Smallwood and Dr. Pickard offered appropriate and fervent prayers. About sixty ministers answered to their names. The number on the roll is between ninety and one hundred. Others arrived after the opening.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28.

The election of officers was then proceeded with. For President there were nine names before the conference, and on the Rev. D. Chapman, who received 32 out of 50 votes cast, the next in order being the highly respected Chairman of the Miramichi District, Rev. W. Harrison, who received ten votes. The President elect, who is beloved by all the brethren, was greeted with a hearty and cordial welcome at the hall of the retiring President.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29.

The President-elect thanked his predecessor for the kind words with which he had welcomed him to the chair. In all the Conference there has been a marked increase in the number of those who have responded to the call of the Lord. The Rev. H. B. Coville, of the Nova Scotia Conference, was elected Secretary, and W. Weddall, A. B., re-elected Journal Secretary; Revs. H. B. Coville, A. B., and W. Harrison, re-elected Assistant Secretaries; Rev. G. W. Fisher, re-elected Journal Secretary; Revs. John Clark, M. E., and Rev. H. B. Coville, re-elected Corresponding Secretaries; Rev. G. W. Fisher, re-elected Journal Secretary.

MONDAY, JUNE 30.

The annual missionary meeting was held in the evening. The Rev. Dr. Pickard presided. The congregation, led by a good choir, joined in singing that old hymn, "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun is." After which prayer was offered by Dr. Pickard. After introductory remarks by the President, the Rev. H. B. Coville, Secretary, read the Report, which referred more particularly to the Indian, the French and the Japanese work, as well as the work on Domestic Missions in North West Territory. The summary of paid agents was 292 missionaries, 17 native assistants, 29 teachers, 11 interpreters. Total income \$131,291.25; expenses, \$130,210, leaving a small balance in hand. The net amount raised in our Conference are as follows:—Miramichi District \$825.04, Fredericton, \$854.15, Miramichi, \$723.65, Sackville, \$775.68, St. Stephen, \$725.80, P. E. Island, \$204.95. Stirring speeches were made by Revs. Mr. Dobson, Joseph Sellers, Howard Sprague (whose address was a most eloquent one) Mayor Dawson, of Charlottetown, and Mr. James White, who referred to the following resolution:—That the thanks of this meeting are hereby presented to the ministers and collectors

adult and juvenile and other advances of the Society's claims; to officers, teachers and youth of our Sabbath Schools, and to all who have been instrumental in the income of our Conference Auxiliary.

Dr. Pickard remarked that this was the best Conference Missionary Meeting he has ever attended. Closed with singing and prayer. Collection \$15.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23.

As readers of the Advocate will not be interested in the proceedings of the Nova Scotia Conference, asking for the appointment of a committee to confer with a committee of conference on matters relating to the Supernumerary Fund. The request was complied with.

The following were recommended for nomination on Monday evening:—John F. Easty, C. S. Wells, Wm. E. Johnson.

The following are continued on probation:—Revs. D. D. Moore, J. W. Wadman, S. B. Gregg, A. Bell, Thos. Pierce, Wallace B. Thomas and Alonzo McCulley were recommended to return to Sackville for another year.

The following were recommended to be received on trial:—Bros. Clement Williams, Miramichi District; Jas. J. Tait, Miramichi; Frederick Back, Sackville; Samuel Howard, P. E. Island.

Rev. A. Haggarty, who has been called three years, on account of ill health, being compelled to retire from the Ministry.

In Question VII coming up the President said it was caused by devout thankfulness to God that there had been no deaths in the Ministry during the year.

Rev. W. Weddall was granted three months rest from service to enable him to cross the Atlantic.

Rev. Edwin Wells, Fredericton District, unable to continue ministerial labor, is added to Supernumerary list.

Rev. W. Weddall, on account of declining health, is placed on the same list as Rev. J. Colter.

Rev. J. Colter ceases to be a supernumerary, and is approved by the Conference, although health not altogether restored, consented to resume active work.

An announcement was made that Rev. John Shenton is to be transferred from Newfoundland to this Conference and Rev. W. Weddall is to be transferred to effect at the close of the present Conference.

THE ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL MEETING was held in the evening. It was a most successful gathering. After singing hymn 927 and prayer, the Rev. H. B. McKewon, Dr. Pickard, who presided, made few opening remarks.

Rev. T. Deinstadt, Secretary, read the financial report of the Educational committee, which showed the total amounts contributed to the fund to be \$592.58, which has been disbursed as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Victoria College, Arts and Theology, Mount Allison College, Montreal Theological College, and Liquidation of debt.

Total, \$5820.28

After the reading of this statement the Rev. Dr. Pickard read the report of one of the finest of not the best Educational address ever heard here. Prof. Burwash was the speaker, whose eloquent effort was frequently and deservedly applauded. Excellent addresses were also made by Rev. Job Shenton, Rev. D. D. Morris, and Rev. H. B. McKewon.

THIRD DAY.

MONDAY, JUNE 24.

The Conference opened in the usual form. After the minutes were read, church membership and Sabbath school statistics were read from the various districts. The totals are: Church members nine hundred and eighty-five, an increase of thirty. Full membership seven thousand eight hundred and forty-five, an increase of forty-two. Total members of the various churches, 12,521. Sabbath schools—107, an increase of one hundred and fifty-four. Decrease two officers, eleven hundred and twenty-five. Decrease eight hundred and seventy-two, an increase of three hundred and forty-five. Connexional funds for the year are: Missionary Fund, \$5,202.26, an increase of \$261.62; contingent fund \$261.26, decrease \$51.59. Supernumerary fund, \$1,200.00, an increase of \$100.00. General school fund \$55.04, increase \$13.02. Educational fund \$571.63, decrease \$4.04.

Some of the proceedings of the Missionary Committee came up for discussion and the Rev. Dr. Pickard read the report of the proceedings of the Missionary Committee. At the meeting of the Board on Tuesday evening Mayor Dawson, of Charlottetown, moved a resolution, which was carried 7 to 6, condemning the action of the Local Board in withholding honor from the Rev. Dr. Pickard, and that the amounts so withheld be paid to the first claim on missionary fund next year.

There followed an animated discussion pro and con.

The Rev. Marshall moved, seconded by Rev. D. H. Lodge, that the report be referred back to the Committee so as to still better off as regards salary, than the words further sum be added to the Summerside Circuit and a substitution of the names of all other Circuits or Missions in the same rule of Conference be added for the same purpose.

This also occasioned a lively discussion resulting in the following motion, moved by Dr. Pickard and seconded by Rev. Howard Sprague:—

"That the Missionary Committee be requested to report on the subject of the salary of the Rev. Dr. Pickard, and to report thereon to the Conference on the 29th inst. in relation to the Central Missionary Board for rent in the years of 1879 and 1880 to the Circuits concerned."

Among other speakers the second of the amendment made a pointed and logical speech. He did not believe in throwing back the report into the face of the committee. If they had not included other Circuits it was because no other places were named. They simply gave expressive approval by the resolution. Some of the Island ministers showed that action in withholding honor from the Rev. Dr. Pickard was a mistake.

After some further discussion the amendment was carried.

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the last reserved. The subject allotted to the last named Speaker was the Model Teacher, a theme to which he did justice, showing the qualifications required to make successful teachers and the great and noble work to be accomplished by those whose hearts were truly in the work. The closing song during collection on the Anthem "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," the opening tenor solo in which was taken by Mr. J. Anslow, the duet by Miss Humphrey and Miss G. M. Campbell.

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Capt. Drury left for St. John by the express on Friday last, and is expected to return to Sussex to inspect the practice of the Woodstock Field Battery. Battery drilled in field on Friday last.

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illustrated by Miss Burns to the satisfaction of the members of the Institute, many members having never before seen the book and method properly illustrated. The lesson was favourably criticised by Misses Hillock, Rainey, Desbrisay, Burns, and Messrs. Cornier, Cornier, Carruthers and Messrs. McLean gave an object lesson on the sponge to the members of the Institute, and the members of the Institute, the sponge is tough, porous, brown, not compressible, soft, elastic, opaque, colorless, inelastic, etc. Criticisms were made by Mr. Silvan Cornier and others.

The Institute entered upon the consideration of the course of Instruction. Discussion opened by the President, who informed the members of the Institute that he had purposely avoided asking them for an expression of opinion this year, but now that they had been working under and he hoped studying it for at least one year, he desired them to give their candid opinion on its merits.

Many members of the Institute spoke in favor of the course, Miss Ellen Burns, the principal of the Normal School of N. B., gave some remarks in which she characterized the course as the charter of the teacher's liberties, moved the following resolution:—Resolved, That the Institute express its cordial approval of the course of instruction for Common Schools prescribed by the Board of Education, and that the Institute, by its officers and members, shall endeavor to secure the best of the course, and that the Institute shall endeavor to secure the best of the course, and that the Institute shall endeavor to secure the best of the course.

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