H. Price, Rev. James Crisp, Rev. Geo. Harrison, Rev. Wm. Lawson, Rev. Thos. Stebbins, Rev. R. W. Weddall, Rev. N. Parker, Rev. M. R. Knight, Rev. Thos. Pierce and Hiram Trueman, Wm. Colter, Leonard Inch, Martin Trueman.

Committee for disbursements of conference collections—Rev. Thos. Allen and Rev. J. K. King.

The matter of appointing the other committees was referred back to the nominating committee.

The secretaries of the various districts reported, nominating the following committees:

Stationing committee—The President and Revs. R. Wilson, E. Evans, J. Read, T. J. Deinstadt, D. Chapman, G. Fisher, S. T. Teed, C. H. Paisley, J. A. Clarke, G. M. Campbell, Job Shenton and Geo. Harrison.

Nominating committee—Rev. W. W. Brewer, Rev. J. Sellar, Rev. W. J. Kirby, Rev. J. S. Allen, Rev. W. Lawson, Rev. J. J. Colter, and J. R. Woodburn, J. J. Weddall, Thomas Atkinson, G. R. Sangster, U. W. Toal, Wm. Heard.

Sabbath school committee—Rev. Thos. Marshall, Rev. J. C. Berrie, Rev. W. J. Kirby, Rev. S. R. Ackman, Rev. L. S. Johnston and Rev. S. H. Rice.

James W. Tait was recommended by the quarterly board of the Miramichi district for ordination, which recommendation was adopted.

Rev. W. J. Clements and Geo. F. Dawson of Fredericton and Miramichi districts respectively were, on recommendations of the quarterly boards, ordered to be continued on trial, as were also Alonzo B. Calder, Allen P. Taylor and Neil McLaughlin.

Messrs. Walter A. Taylor, Wm. C. Mathews, G. W. Locke, Frank Frizzle, and Thos. A. Wright were received on trial.

On motion of Rev. Robt. Wilson, a resolution was adopted that the New Brunswick and P. E. Island conference sends cordial greetings to Nova Scotia conference: See Corinthians, twenty-ninth chapter, tenth and eleventh verses.

A telegram was read from Revs. John Lathern and John Cassidy, of the Nova Scotia conference, sending greetings and asking that a committee be appointed to confer with them with a view to the reunion.

On motion of the president, Rev. Messrs. Weddall and Paisley were appointed such committee.

The conference then adjourned until morning.

SACKVILLE, June 17.—The conference met at nine o'clock this morning, an hour having previously been spent in religious services in the basement of the church. The president occupied the chair and the attendance of members, both ministerial and lay, was large. Hymn 592 was sung. Rev. Robert Wilson read a portion of Scripture and Hon. N. G. Strong and Rev. J. A. Clark offered prayer. The minutes of yesterday's session were read and adopted.

On motion, the nominating committee was permitted to retire to complete the work entrusted to it.

On motion, it was reported that there were the following supernumerary ministers in the conference: St. John District—Rev. Messrs. Payson, Daniel, Narraway, Pope, Duncan, Sprague and Tweedie. This was accepted.

The Miramichi district reported in favor of placing Rev. Duncan Chapman and Rev. S. S. Wells on the supernumerary list and the recommendation was referred to a committee.

Sackville district recommended that Rev. Messrs. Pickard and Prince be continued.—Accepted.

St. Stephen district recommended the continuance of Rev. Mr. Dutcher as supernumerary, and P. E. Island district the continuance of Rev. J. B. Jost and Rev. F. Smallwood.—Accepted.

Rev. Mr. Dutcher was given permission to spend the winter in the south, and intimated that during the remainder of the year at Carleton, St. John.

On motion of Rev. Job Shenton, it was decided to ask what supernumerary brethren have returned to the full work of the ministry.

It was reported that Rev. Messrs. Pepper and Thomas Allen of Fredericton district, had returned to the full work.

Rev. Robert Wilson, of the St. John district, reported that the complaint against Rev. Robt. Duncan was fully inquired into, and everything was satisfactorily explained by Rev. Mr. Duncan.

On motion, Rev. Mr. Duncan was continued on the supplementary list.

On motion of Rev. J. C. Berrie, the Rev. Mr. Appleby of the East Maine Conference, was introduced to the conference and made a long address. Rev. Mr. Appleby was also invited to sit in the conference.

The president then asked the question:

WHO HAVE DIED

since the last conference? stating that this was the proper time for considering it. He said before proceeding to this solemn business, he would ask all the members who were on committees to return to the church.

After a hymn, appropriate prayer was offered.

Rev. Robt. Wilson of the St. John district reported no deaths during the year.

Rev. John Read of the Fredericton district reported that at Benton on July 3, 1885, Rev. A. R. B. Shrewsbury was removed by death. The deceased came from England to enter the ministry and continued in the good work until his death.

Rev. Mr. Smallwood moved that in the minute reference be had made to his parentage, his father having been one of the most distinguished of the West Indian missionaries.

It was decided to leave this matter in the hands of Rev. Messrs. Read and Smallwood.

Rev. Mr. Howie referred in kindly terms to the Rev. Mr. Shrewsbury, whose death occurred only a few days subsequent to the last meeting of conference. He had no doubt of the deceased's triumphant entrance into glory.

Rev. Mr. Read said the deceased gentleman's sufferings were very acute. The last sermon he ever preached was to have been his farewell sermon to the congregation he was leaving. During the evening he said he felt this was the last occasion on which he would appear in the pulpit.

The president spoke very highly of the deceased's abilities.

Rev. Mr. Read also reported the death at Debec Junction on Dec. 14, 1885, of Rev. Edwin Mills. Rev. Mr. Mills was converted in early life and entered the ministry in 1868, and continued in it until failing health compelled him to enter into a supernumerary relationship with the church. His consistent Christian life and child-like faith commended him to the confidence of all. His dying testimony was very clear and distinct that the blood of Christ had fully cleansed him.

Rev. Mr. Howie spoke briefly of Rev. Mr. Mills, who was, he said, an excellent man, a true Christian and a useful minister.

Rev. Mr. Swallwood spoke of Rev. Mr. Mills' conversion and of his natural goodness.

Rev. Mr. Johnston made reference to the life of Rev. Mr. Mills as a boy and a student. He heard with regret of his death, and he did not for an instant doubt that he had received his reward.

Rev. Mr. Lucas said the name of Mr. Mills was on the lips of every one in Havelock and Petitcodiac, and no minister was as much loved as the deceased during his labors there. The report was adopted as a minute.

The other districts reported that there had been no removals from the ministers laboring in them by death.

On motion, R. W. J. Clements, W. C. Mathews, Geo. T. Dawson, Neil McLauchlin were, on recommendation of the districts, allowed to attend Mount Allison as probationers.

The nominating committee reported, recommending the appointment of the district secretaries as statistical committee.—Accepted.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

On motion, the appointment of the contingent committee, the parsonage aid committee and the committee on the disbursement of conference collections chosen yesterday was reconsidered.

The following were then appointed the contingent fund committee: Rev. F. W. Harrison, Rev. T. W. Deinstadt, Rev. J. S. Allen, Rev. Robt. Duncan, Rev. W. W. Brewer, Rev. W. W. Lodge, Rev. R. W. Weddall, and Geo. D. Barnes. C. W. Strong, W. E. Dawson, Allan McKendrick, D. Smith and W. Colter.

The following were appointed the Parsonage Aid committee: Rev. H. R. Baker, Rev. John Prince, Rev. Isaac Howie, Rev. George Steele, Rev. W. E. Reynolds, Rev. I. N. Parker, and Geo. Ritchie, W. E. Taylor, Enoch Price, Geo. A. Henderson and M. E. Asa Burpee.

The Presidents of Conference—Rev. Dr. Pope, Rev. E. Evans, Rev. Douglas Chapman, Rev. C. H. Paisley, Rev. John Burwash and M. C. Harrison, Thos. Ayers, Allen McKendrick, Joseph L. Black, M. P. P., and a secretary-treasurer were appointed the educational committee.

Rev. Dr. Pickard and Rev. C. H. Paisley were appointed the committe to examine students.

Rev. Thos. Allen and W. E. Dawson were appointed the committee for the disbursement of conference collections.

Rev. Thos. Marshall moved that the committee on statistics have ready at the specified time, their report. Carried.

Rev. Mr. Tredrea asked that the action of the conference with reference to Mr. Whitman be reconsidered, and at the suggestion of the president it was decided to let it lie over until the general superintendent again takes the chair.

The election of representatives to the Central Board of Missions, and Sabbath school board, was, on motion of Rev. Job Shenton, deferred for the present.

The programme for the educational meeting this evening was presented as follows: Devotional exercises by Rev. I. N. Parker; address by the chairman; music; secretary's report on education; address by Rev. G. M. Campbell and Hon. W. G. Strong and Geo. Holyoke; music.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The conference resumed work at four, the president in the chair, with a large attendance of members and a number of ladies present.

The first question asked by the president was, What is the number of church members and of those on trial, and what are the statistics of Sabbath schools?

In answer, the secretary read reports of the the district boards. The following is a synopsis of these reports:—

P. E. Island district received 391, removed 261, present membership 2,732, an increase of 155, the value of church property $134 360.

St. Stephen District—Number received 121, removed 55, increase, 67, present membership, 612, value of church property $47,985.

Sackville District—Number received 212, removed 130, present membership 1 990, increase 173, value of church property $291,825.

Miramichi District—Number received 181, removed 41, present membership 608, increase 133, value of church property $41,790.

Fredericton District—Number received 430, removed 170, present membership 1.956, increase 205, value of church property $162 580.

St. John District—Number received 422, removed 45, present membership 2 294, increase 278, value of church property $239,595.

Sunday Schools.

District.	No. of schools.	No. of scholars.	Average attendance of scholars	No. taken total abstinence in pledge.	No. vols. in lib'ry.
P. E. Island	58	3,107	2,193	288	2,880
St. Stephen	20	940	701	213	1,758
Sackville	42	2,110	1,593	505	3,568
Miramichi	12	374	271	86	775
Fredericton	41	1,885	1 383	471	3,546
St. John	31	2,843	1,924	1,086	5,709
	204	11,254		2 649	18,242

There are 1,453 officers and teachers, and the Sunday school literature used, in the way of papers, was 115,000.

Contingent Fund.

District.	Amount
P. E. Island	$63 48
St. Stephen	16 87
Sackville	49 85
Miramichi	19 90
Fredericton	61 60
St. John	60 52
	$269 22
Payment of half year's interest from St. Andrews	24 00
From Relief and Extension Fund	120 00
	$4 3 22
Last year	393 29
Increase	$19 83

Educational Fund.

District.	Amount.
P. E. Island	$155 88
St. Stephen	28 47
Sackville	142 43
Miramichi	43 11
Fredericton	179 74
St. John	106 40
	$6.5 98
Last year	619 00
Increase	$36 97

Rev. Mr. Weddall, of the committee appointed to confer with the Nova Scotia conference with a view of arranging a joint meeting of the two conferences, reported that the committee met today and decided to recommend to the respective conferences that a joint meeting be held on Saturday morning. They recommended that the following be the subjects for discussion: The question of the general superintending of missionary matters, the sustentation fund, the book room and educational qualifications.

On motion of Rev. Job Shenton, the report was adopted, and Rev. Mr. Weddall announced that the report had been previously adopted by the Nova Scotia conference.

A discussion followed as to the possibility of considering these subjects in so short a time, as the Nova Scotia brethren would be here.

The programme given above was also adopted.

After general announcements the conference adjourned until morning.

SACKVILLE, June 18.—This is the third day of the third session of the N. B. and P. E. I. conference. Up to the present time the business done has not been extensive, but the conference settled down to work in earnest today and transacted more than the amount of business usually done at any one sitting. The presence of the General Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Williams, seemed to stimulate the members, both ministerial and lay, to greater effort.

The conference opened this morning with the usual devotional exercises, the president in the chair. The first business called was the election of delegates to the general conference. It was decided to meet this afternoon at two o'clock when this election will take place. The appointments for Sunday next as published in the *Wesleyan*, the chairman said were authorized by the conference and were expected to be carried out.

Rev. J. C. Berrie said he was expected to preach in Moncton on Sunday when the anniversary Sunday school service will be held, but according to the conference plan he was to supply in Baie Verte.

On motion, the appointments as made were ordered to stand.

Rev. Mr. Spargo was voted to fill Queen Square church, St. John, on Sunday next.

Rev. Mr. Howie was voted to preach in the Portland church, Rev. Mr. Lawson in Carleton, and Rev. Mr. Tippet in Centenary church.

Returns were submitted showing the following

INCREASE IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

St. John district	291
Fredericton "	222
Miramichi "	117
Sackville "	170
St. Stephen "	67
P. E. Island "	235
Total	1102

This was followed by the singing of a hymn.

Rev. J. C. Berrie submitted the report of the Sabbath school committee, which was as follows:—

The Sabbath school committee met in the preachers' room and elected Rev. Levi S. Johnson chairman and Rev. J. C. Berrie secretary-treasurer. The committee are gratified to find a general increase, both as to membership and moneys raised for school and mission purposes, and also that there is more accuracy in the returns presented by the several districts to the conference. They would earnestly urge upon all superintendents of circuits and Sabbath schools the importance of teaching our catechisms. It is further hoped that earnest endeavors will be made to gather the young people into society classes on all our circuits and missions, and that parents and teachers will not relax their efforts to bring the young to a saving acquaintance with the Lord Jesus Christ through the knowledge of His word.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Number of preaching appointments, 407; schools, 204; officers and teachers, 1,458; scholars, 11,254; number of conversions during the year, 484; meeting in class, 1,698; number who have taken the temperance pledge, 2,669; total volumes in library, 18,242; Sunday school periodicals, 115.000; moneys raised for mission purposes, $1,665; moneys raised for school purposes, $3,298; moneys raised for Sunday school aid fund, $122, without the collection at the public meetings.

On motion these reports were adopted.

Rev. Mr. Lucas moved the following resolution which was carried by an unanimous vote: That whereas, in the opinion of this conference the work of our Sunday schools and, indeed, the work of Methodism generally, is greatly aided by the exceedingly valuable though cheap periodicals edited by Rev. W. H. Withrow; therefore resolved, that we do hereby express our satisfaction with the management of our Sabbath school work and paper and also of the magazine.

Rev. J. C. Berrie, reported the following programme for the Sabbath school meeting this evening: Opening services, hymn; prayer by Rev. Mr. Rice; hymn; address by John E. Irvine; address by Rev. E. C. Turner; address by John Henry; address by Rev. Mr. Spargo; address by Henry J. Thorne.

This programme was on motion accepted.

The matter of considering the case of Mr. Wightman, previously before the conference, was the next business. On motion the matter was laid over.

Rev. Dr. Williams, the general superintendent, took the chair, and said he had several matters on which he desired to say a few words. He had been informed that somewhere in the maritime provinces was a young man preaching who had never been a member of the Methodist church. It was generally known that ministers came here from England and were employed as preachers and some of there were not members of the church.

Rev. John Read was, on motion, given permission to employ B. Gaskin and G. C. E. Palmer to preach in the Fredericton district.

W. E. Dawson of Charlottetown, moved that a committee consisting of the district secretaries and two lay members, be appointed to make some necessary alterations to schedule F of the district minutes.—Carried.

On motion, W. E. Davidson and John E. Moore were appointed the lay members of the committee.

REV. ROBERT WILSON

moved the following resolution from the St. John district minutes:—

Whereas, the contribution on the mission stations throughout N B and P E. Island Conference for material support, when supplemented by the missionary society's grant for the last year, have been so inadequate to meet the legitimate claims of the ministers occupying this large portion of our conferential territory as to impose upon each of them the distressing loss of $379, leaving their net income to be $371;

Therefore resolved, that this district earnestly recommends the annual conference to memorialize the general conference at the approaching session upon the subject for the purpose of appealing to them for the institution of a sustentation fund from which grants in further aid of such missions be made.

This was on motion referred to the missionary committee.

Rev. S. T. Teed, of the Shediac district, read the following memorial, which was received:—

It was resolved by the quarterly meeting that in view of the oversight or error concerning the division of this district that was petitioned for last year, that we, through the approaching annual district, beg the conference (to be held in June) to provide in the same way for the removal for this past year, of the assessment of $65 towards the children's fund, as we are unable to pay it.

This was, on motion, referred to the children's fund committee.

Rev. John Clark, of St. Stephen district, moved the following:—

Resolved, That this district confirms its resolution of last year regarding the application of Deer Island circuit, to the parsonage aid fund committee.

This was referred to the parsonage and fund committee.

STATISTICAL RETURNS.

Rev. Job Shenton of Charlottetown read the following:

Whereas, The present statistical returns are unsuitable for our purposes in these maritime provinces, therefore this district meeting respectfully suggests to the conference the advisability of preparing in conjunction with the Nova Scotia conference returns better adopted to our requirements.

Referred to the memorials committee.

Rev. Job Shenton also moved that permission is requested from conference to sell or remove the old Methodist church of Lot Seven on West Cape circuit.

On motion, permission was granted the congregation.

At the request of Rev. J. C. Berrie, Rev. W. E. Johnson was appointed to preach at Point de Bute and Rev. Mr. Berry at Moncton.

Some discussion took place as to the question of the seal and it was eventually found that there was in the secretary's hands the seal of the general conference.

Rev. Mr. Wilson made a verbal memorial from the Courtenay Bay (St. John) district asking that people be permitted to become members of the church without taking the sacrament.

After some little discussion the matter was dropped, no action being taken.

The contingent committee reported that Rev. W. W. Lodge had been elected chairman, and that the following amounts were reported from the several districts:

St. John district	$60 52
Fredericton "	61 60
Miramichi "	19 19
Sackville "	46 85
St. Stephen "	16 87
P E. Island "	63 48
Interest on legacy from St. Stephen circuit per district superintendent	24 22
	$293 22

The following amounts on motion were ordered to be paid:—

District expenses	$16 41
President's expenses	20 00
Expenses connected with committee of investigation at Scotchtown	42 68
Conference special committee	10 00
Secretary's expenses	85 77
Method st book room accounts	70 73
Funeral expenses of late Rev. E. Mills	40 00
	$284 99

leaving a balance of $98.23 on hand to be carried over to next year.

On motion this report was adopted.

Rev. Dr. Richard moved that the conference thank Rev. Job Shenton for faithful and able services as president of conference during the past year.

This was seconded by the president and carried.

Rev. Mr. Shenton returned thanks to the conference for its cordial vote of thanks. Last year was, he said, one unexampled in his experience of 25 years. The work had been onerous, and he and others had spent many sleepless nights. He had endeavored to discharge the duties of the office as well as he could.

Rev. John Read moved that the thanks of the conference are due and are presented to Rev. Robt. Wilson for his valuable services as secretary during the past year, and also a vote of thanks to Rev. Mr. Rice, the journal secretary for 1885.

Rev. Mr. Wilson thanked the conference and said he had endeavored to perform the work in an acceptable manner, and hoped he had succeeded.

Rev. Mr. Rice also returned his thanks.

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said he had received a letter from Rev. Dr. Carman, who agreed with him that the case of the N. B. and P. E. I. Conference against Rev. Mr. Percival was a proper subject for appeal to the General Conference.

The question was referred to the committee already appointed on this matter.

Rev. Robt. Wilson moved that the thanks of the conference be tendered Rev. I. N. Parker and Rev. Mr. Chappell and W. H. Stevens, the sub-secretaries, and also to the press for their full reports.

These were carried, Rev. Geo. Steele remarking that it was early to thank the press, as the conference might, before completing its work, have occasion to censure the press.

Rev. Mr. Shenton said he noticed in the *Guardian* some time since that some person wished to know the standing of the general conference fund. He now desired to give the figures, which were as follows last year:—

Received from treasurer	$ 20 00
" " St. John district	50 11
" " Fredericton district	65 88
" " Miramichi "	13 37
" " Sackville "	24 51
" " St. Stephen "	11 05
" " P. E. Island "	64 50
	$249 40
Expense of remittance	1 40
Remitted to general treasurer	$248 00

On motion, the secretary was instructed to insert in the minutes the full schedules as presented to the conference.

Rev. Job Shenton was appointed treasurer of the general conference fund.

Rev. Mr. Chappell announced that the members of the Nova Scotia conference would arrive here at 8 30 tomorrow morning, and would remain here for dinner. He asked the residents of the conference to intimate to their hosts that the number of their families would be greatly increased tomorrow.

The president announced that a meeting of the Alumni Society of Mt. Allison would be held tomorrow afternoon to elect some additional members to the board of governors.

Rev. Dr. Pickard moved that during the afternoon the election of representatives to the central missionary board and transfer committee take place.—Carried.

The conference closed with the benediction by the general superintendent.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After usual devotional exercises, the conference proceeded to the election of delegates to the general conference of the Methodist church, which meets at Toronto in September. During the election, Dr. Williams left the chair, which was taken by the president.

The following clerical delegates were chosen: The President, Revs. Robert Wilson, Edwin Evans, John Read, Job Shenton, Dr. Sprague, Dr. Pickard, C. H. Paisley and S. H. Rice. The first alternate chosen was Prof. Burwash, and W. W. Brewer was elected second alternate.

The lay delegates selected are: John E. Irvin, J. R. Woodburn, of the St. John district; J. J. Weddall, Geo. L. Holyoke, of the Fredericton district; J. R. Inch and J. L. Black, of the Sackville district; N. E. Dawson and Hon. W. G. Strong of the Prince Edward Island district, and John D. Chipman of the St. Stephen district.

Josiah Wood, M. P., was elected first reserve delegate, and John Windsor second reserve delegate.

Rev. Dr. Daniel was elected representative to the tranfer committee of the general conference.

The conference adjourned after the evening announcements had been made.

SACKVILLE, Jane 19.—The joint meeting of the members of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference and the Nova Scotia Conference held today in the Methodist church was one of unusual interest. Eight years since the N. B. and P. E. I. Conference which met here and the N. S. Conference which was in session at Amherst had an union service in Amherst and another here, and this present meeting was looked forward to with interest by all. The Nova Scotia men arrived here on the early morning train and were met near the station by the members of the N. B and P. E. I. Conference and escorted to the church. The morning was one of the finest of the season and the Nova Scotians were very much pleased with the appearance of this beautiful village.

At nine o'clock the members entered the church and Rev. Dr. Stewart, the president of the N. B. and P. E. I. Conference, ascended the platform. He explained that the meeting would be of an informal character, as it would not be a meeting of either conference, but an union of the two. He suggested that Rev. Job Shenton take the chair, and Rev. Mr. Shenton was unanimously elected chairman.

Rev. Mr. Shenton invited Rev. Mr. Jost, the president of the Nova Scotia Conference, to take a seat at his right.

Hymn 599 was sung by all present, after which Rev. Mr. Nicholson of Nova Scotia and Rev. Edwin Evans offered prayer. The Lord's prayer was then recited by all present.

On motion of Rev. H. Daniel, Rev. A. D. Morton, the secretary of the Nova Scotia Conference, was elected secretary of the meeting.

Rev. Mr. Nicholson of N. S., moved that the meeting limit each topic to one hour, and each speaker to five minutes, except by permission of the meeting, and that the opener of each topic be allowed ten minutes.—Carried.

The chairman said the N. B. and P. E. I. Conference were very much pleased to have this visit from their brethren of the neighboring province.

Rev. Mr. Weddall gave

THE LIST OF SUBJECTS

which the committee had recommended as follows: The general superintendency, missionary subjects, the sustentation fund, educational qualifications of candidates and probationers, the children's fund.

Rev. Mr. Jost said that last year had been a year of great prosperity. The increase in membership in 1885 was in the vicinity of 1,200. In Nova Scotia it had been concluded that it was absolutely necessary to do something more to assist the men laboring in the home missions.

Rev. Mr. Shenton said he was glad to be able to report that the nett increase in membership in this conference was 1,192 and the amount raised for missions was over $1,000 in excess of that contributed last year.

Rev. Henry Daniel made some remarks with reference to the remuneration of the ministers of the Methodist church of the maritime provinces. It was imagined by some that the clergymen were amply provided for, but such was not the case. In some places they were inadequately paid and suffered somewhat.

Rev. Dr. Lathern of Amherst, opened the discussion on the topic of the sustentation fund. He explained what had been done in Nova Scotia. As 51 per cent. of money raised in the church for missionary purposes was devoted to home missions, he thought some arrangement might be made by which each of the conferences should receive its share of the grant. This would form a large item in the sustentation fund. The contingent collections might be brought up to a much larger sum and would form another source and the children's fund a third source. These would make a large amount for use in assisting the poorer missions and the salaries could be brought up to a minimum of $750.

Rev. Mr. Nicholson of N. S. moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Rev. John Read: Resolved that we have reached a period in our work in the maritime provinces when the circuits commonly known as domestic missions in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick should be no longer connected with our foreign mission work, but left to their own conferences for support.

Rev. S. F. Huestis of N. S said the impression was abroad that the general board had not taken any action with reference to the sustentation fund. This was wrong, as the board had entertained the idea favorably and resolved to work out some scheme to be formulated at the next conference.

REV. JOHN READ

said he appreciated the straitened circumstances of the missions throughout these provinces, but with the exception of the Presbyterian ministers, the Methodists were as well provided for as any clergymen in the provinces. Still he wished it understood that they could stand a little more than they receive. Some years ago we in these provinces had two sets of missions and the collections then were larger than now and the salaries paid were larger than at the present time.

Rev. Mr. Nicholson said the difficulty was not that we did not raise as much money now as then, but that we did not contribute as much in proportion to our ability to give.

John E. Irvine spoke in favor of the resolution, stating that the time had arrived when the change proposed should be made. When a person gave a dollar in aid of foreign missions it should be used for them.

Rev. J. G. Angwin, of Liverpool, N. S., spoke in favor of the plan of a district percentage being granted to each conference by the general mission board, whilst leaving to the people the choice as to the department of work to which contributions should go.

Rev. Robert Wilson was in favor of a simple plan dividing our work into home and foreign missions, holding two meetings, appealing directly for home and foreign work. He believed both funds would be advantaged thereby.

Rev. C. H. Paisley agreed with the previous speaker and believed much money would be saved by the division suggested.

Rev. T. Watson Smith said we are

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abroad in order to support weak churches at home. We should copy the English brethren rather than the American.

Wm. Heard, of Charlottetown, said as a layman he took a layman's stand. When the people were asked to give, the speakers requested that it be given for the brethren, and when these people found that much of the money was expended for home missions it was regarded as a piece of deception. He moved the following motion, which was seconded in a brief speech by Rev. James A. White, of St. John:

Whereas, the method of appropriating the monies collected for missionary purposes of the Methodist church in Canada has been largely misunderstood and has resulted in great privations among the ministers employed on our domestic missions, therefore

Resolved that this united conference recommend earnestly to the general conference to separate the interests of Home and Foreign missions, and allow the contributions of our churches to go to either object as it is given believing that both objects will be fully sustained.

Rev. E. Evans, said he felt we must have two funds and must do something in the way of sustentation or take a secondary position as a church.

Rev. J. R. Narraway, spoke next. In opening he remarked that it was the easiest thing in the world to make objections. It was easier to tear down than to build up. Increase of membership does not necessarily mean increased ability to give. The coming into the church of families who before their conversion gave liberally did not increase the amount of money raised by that church. Appeals may be made for the heathen and you get the money but you do not send it all there. When clear full statements were not made mystification was the result. He knew what the work of the ministry was. It was hard work and the pay was small. He did not know how some of these men managed to live respectably and clothe their families decently and at the same time keep out of debt. He only hoped that their sufferings would be of brief duration and their work made easier. He would favor a foreign mission fund and

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fund for the assistance of the weaker missions. He would urge all present to carry the matter to the general conference, but in the mean time he would recommend them not to cry out too loudly about the deficiency.

Rev. S. H. Rice of Charlottetown spoke next.

Rev. W. H. Heartz of Digby moved the following motion, which was seconded by Rev. Mr. Heustis:—

That in the judgement of this united conference the necessities of our domestic missions imperatively demand legislation that will permit each of these conferences the utmost freedom in raising and appropriating money for these missions under conferential direction.

Therefore resolved that we recommend the organization of a sustentation fund in each conference to supplement the grants to our domestic missions, with the understanding that a stipulated amount be raised for missionary society from each of the conferences during the quodrennium.

Rev. James Taylor, of Aylesford, and Rev. W. C. Brown, of Horton, spoke in favor of a division of the funds and the establishment of a sustentation fund.

Rev. H. Daniel thought the question was, will we have two funds, a foreign mission fund and a sustentation fund or just the one?

Rev. W. C. Brown moved the following motion: Shall we have a sustention fund? This was

PUT TO THE MEETING AND CARRIED

by almost an unanimous vote of the large assemblage.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Lathern the three resolutions given above were referred to the movers and seconders of each with Rev. Dr. Lathern, Rev. W. C. Brown, Dr. Allison and John E. Irvine, to consider them and submit to the meeting a resolution containing what is contained in the others.

Rev. Mr. Weddall announced that it was desired that the members of the N. B. and P. E. I. conference invite the N. S. conference to dine with them at the houses at which they are staying. Any who were not invited were requested to meet in the vestry where arrangements would be made for giving them a dinner.

The conference then adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The meeting resumed at 1 30, being opened with singing and prayer by Rev. Mr. Lathern.

Some discussion took place as to the creation of a sustentation fund, and Rev. Mr. Nicholson read the following report:—

The committee appointed to consider several resolutions on the relation of our domestic missions to the missionary society beg leave to report: That they have agreed only on one point, namely, that a sustentation fund should be created, but they leave it to the united conferences to decide as to whether said fund should be of a general or a provincial character.

On motion, the report was adopted.

Rev. Mr. Lathern said that the committee could not agree to make any recommendation to the meeting.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Lathern, it was decided that the principle of creating a sustentation fund be left to the conferences to make what recommendations they see fit to the general conference.

Rev. Mr. Heartz drew attention to the fact that eastern Methodism had a very small representation on the general board of missions. It was true Nova Scotia had one representative on the board, but New Brunswick, P. E. Island and Newfoundland were not represented. He moved the following resolution: The representatives of the conferences of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and P. E. Island do hereby express their opinion that the representation of eastern Methodism appointed by general conference on the general

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is inadequate, and requests the general conference of the church to increase the same.

This was seconded by Dr. Allison and carried without a dissenting voice.

The next topic discussed was the Halifax Book Room and Publishing House. This was introduced by Rev. Mr. Heustis who made a lengthy speech, explaining the business of the last few years, as compared with the previous four years. The sales for the year ending 1882, amounted to $57,905, and for the four years up to the present time, to $72,059. The profits during the previous period were $12,783, and of the latter $13,470. The gross percentage of profits in the sales were in the four years ending 1882, was 22 per cent. and since then 18.06. The profits of the *Wesleyan*, apart from the salaries of the editor and the management expenses, have averaged about the same during the past twelve years, being in the vicinity of $1,450 per year. The financial statement at the end of the year 1882, showed $1,868 were on hand, and four years later there were on hand $1,072. The liabilities in 1882 and 1886 were respectively $24,953 and $24,579. In 1886 the running expenses were $21.442, and the deficit at the present time is $1,657.

Rev. T. W. Smith, editor of the *Wesleyan*, spoke of the paper, asking the ministers to send to the office all the items of interest.

On motion the thanks of

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were presented to Rev. Mr. Heustis, the book steward, and Rev. Mr. Smith, the editor of the *Wesleyan*.

The gentlemen thanked all present for the vote of thanks and expressed the hope that their services in the future will be as acceptible as they appear to have been in the past.

The next topic discussed was the educational qualifications of students and probationers for the ministry.

Rev. Dr. Lathern spoke first and moved that delegates to the general conference endeavour to secure discretionary power with regard to the examination of young men.

The general superintendent made a brief address. He said this was a very wide question and it was true that the conference required discretion. They wanted discretion in regard to every candidate that came up. The difficulty was not in the curriculum, but in going to England and telling young men what will be done for them out here and then discovering that they cannot carry out their promises. Each young man who was brought out from England should be tested and brought up as a candidate. If a man had not read Wesley's sermon he would not know what to preach. It is necessary for each candidate to have gone through the curriculum. If the Methodist church is going to take this country it would first have to take it by the head and then by the heart. He deprecated any interference with provisions of the discipline.

Rev. C. H. Paisley seconded Rev. Dr. Lathern's resolution, which was spoken to by Rev. John Read.

Rev. Dr. Stewart thought there could be found in Canada young men for the ministry equally as good as those brought out from England.

Rev. G. O. Huestis, of Ritey's Cove, made an admirable speech. He thought there should be some discretionary power. A man should not be rejected because he was slightly ignorant of some science. If he has grace, gifts and fruit, a man should not be rejected.

Rev. J. C. Berrie said he was a Canadian, although he was brought out from England. Canada is a fine off-spring of

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but as in many instances the daughter had become more beautiful than the mother. He believed that Canada should supply her own ministers and it should be the best boy in the family that should be educated for the ministry.

Rev. James Strothard of Yarmouth said it was a matter of regret that these provinces could not supply ministers for their churches. He was proud to say that he was an Englishman born, and glad that he was connected with the Methodist church in these provinces. He was a Canadian now and his hopes and aims were in Methodism in Canada. One important thing was to educate our young men for lay preachers. If the church had local preachers, when they were required she could call upon these.

Rev. C. Jost of Bridgetown, president of the Nova Scotia conference, spoke next. He thought the course of study was a very low one. His opinion was that in some of the studies lads could be found in the common schools who could pass a very creditable examination in them. The difficulty was with the superintendents of the candidates. The want of the superintendents to give a little oversight was a difficulty that was felt.

Dr. Allison, superintendent of education for the province of Nova Scotia, opposed the resolution of Rev. Dr. Lathern, as its passage would be deprecating. It was proposed in the resolution to ask the general conference to allow them to take into the ministry a young man who can generate in the hearts of the conference feelings of sympathy for him. No young man desiring to enter the ministry would be willing to go back one, two or even three years rather than feel that he received the ordination parchment as a gift of charity.

Rev. Thomas Marshall said he was an Englishman by birth and he was proud of it. He wished it understood that despite some remarks dropped by several that

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than native born members. Those who were of opinion that men could be obtained here in Canada for the ministry better qualified to perform the work than Englishmen could improve the ministry, by paying those in it better salaries.

Rev. A. D. Morton of Pugwash, N. S., secretary of the Nova Scotia conference, thought that a successful minister should be proficient in the lower course of study as well as the higher.

Rev. Joseph Gaetz of Yarmouth believed we Canadians were greatly indebted to the Englishmen who have come to this country to work in the church here.

Rev. Dr. Lathern spoke, after which the vote was taken on Rev. Dr. Lathern's motion, which was defeated, the vote standing for 55 and against 60.

(Continued next week.)

PRESBYTERIANISM.

Close of the General Assembly Session.

(Special to THE SUN.)

HAMILTON, Ont., June 15.—The Presbyterian General Assembly received a number of reports. The aged and infirm minister's fund, eastern section, report showed a balance on hand of $676 and capital of $26,324.

A resolution was passed, referring to the synod of the maritime provinces the question of appointing a successor to the late Dr. McGregor and that in the meantime Miss McGregor continue the work of her father. The report of the widow's and orphan's fund showed gross receipts of $22,698 and a balance in hand of $4,459.

The clerk made a statement from the fund of the maritime provinces, showing there are twenty-two annuitants. The receipts were $5,277, expenditure $3,051, leaving a balance of $2,222 to be added to capital account, which now amounts to $65,350. The report of the committee on temperance deliverance recommended presbyteries, sessions and congregations to secure the adoption and rigid enforcement of the Canada Temperance Act; to petition all provincial governments to appoint a sufficient number of officers in full sympathy with the provisions of the act and that in electing members of parliament able and good men be chosen who are well known to be in sympathy with prohibitory legislation.

HAMILTON, Ont., June 16.—At the Presbyterian assembly today, a voluminous report on statistics was presented. It stated that the total number of pastoral charges is 773, of which 173 was in the synod of the maritime provinces, 142 in the synod of Montreal and Ottawa, 196 in the synod of Toronto and Kingston, 198 in the synod of Hamilton and London, and 64 in the synod of Manitoba, including 12 missionary congregations in Winnipeg presbytery, and 22 in that of Brandon; number mission stations, 319; vacant charges, 113; reporting congregations, 774; there is an aggregate of 1,648 churches or stations, showing an increase of 154. The total number of communicants on the roll are 127,611, being an increase of 4,167 on the previous year. The stipend promised from all sources was $690,819; amount received, $680,486, being an increase of $36,598 on the amount received last year. The sum expended on church and manse during the year was $349,267, against $398,434 last year and on other incidental, but strictly congregational purposes, $238,530, against $276,321. The total contributions for all purposes was $1,517,906.

A resolution was passed requesting the Dominion government to cancel all appointments of Indian agents or instructors who are known to be tyrannical, unjust or immoral, and to fill their places with men of integrity and purity.

The report on Sabbath schools and Sabbath observance was also presented.

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