

trial under heading *received*, should represent all those received during the connexional year. Then the number on trial under the heading of *present members* should represent those actually on trial for full membership at time of making up returns.

2—Also that the term *other preaching places*, on schedule reporting church property, means places which are other than churches, the property of the connexion.

3—Also that in the amounts returned for Sabbath School Aid and Extension Fund, and for General Epworth League Board in the Sabbath School schedules should harmonize with the amounts returned in the Circuit schedules.

H. HATCHER, B.D.

Secretary

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE BUSINESS.

Recommendation from Districts relative to transfers were first taken up, when it was

*Resolved*, that whereas under the Conference of Eastern British America there was a free interchange of Ministers within the bounds of that Conference territory, and in the present separate Conference arrangement there are almost insuperable barriers in the way of transfer from one Conference to another and in the case of the Newfoundland Conference in particular on account of its isolation and restricted field, amounts to an injustice, and

*Whereas*, this Conference receives annually a large grant from the Missionary Fund, and owing to the nature of the work must for a number of years continue to do so, and

*Whereas*, this Conference is becoming filled with married men for whom we need a larger grant than in the case of Probationers, when in many of our Missions the work could be done as effectively by young men with proper Superintendence thus relieving the Missionary Fund to some degree, and

*Whereas*, the Parsonage Aid Fund is yearly increasing its debt to order either to provide Parsonages or to have suitable dwellings for our Ministers.

*Be it resolved*, that in view of these facts this Committee recommends Conference to memorialize the General Conference to enact such legislation re transfers as to make it possible for at least 8 ordained men during each Quadrennial to be transferred from this Conference.

#### PASTORAL ADDRESS.

"Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." We greet you in the name of the Lord, feeling assured that pastors and people have one common aim, to glorify our God, and extend his kingdom among men.

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