

N. E. & P. E. I. CONFERENCE.

SACKVILLE, June 15.—The third session of a New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island conference of the Methodist church, opened this morning in the Methodist church, the president, Rev. Job Shenton, occupied the chair.

There was a large attendance of ministers and lay delegates.

An hour from nine till ten o'clock, a devotional service was held in which the president and Rev. Messrs. Daniels, Read, Fickard and J. J. Krive, Wm. Hoard and Rice took part, and several hymns were sung in which a number of the ladies of Sackville assisted.

At 10 o'clock, sharp, Rev. Mr. Shenton said a hour had arrived for the opening of this conference. He then introduced to the conference the Rev. Wm. Hoard, general superintendent of the Methodist church in Canada, who took the chair.

Members of the conference and all visitors

The secretary called the roll, nearly all the ministers being found in attendance. The few who did not answer their names are expected to arrive today.

Delegates were present from St. John district, J. E. Irvine, G. A. Henderson, H. W. Smith, C. L. Brown, J. M. Davidson, Johnston, M. Burpee; from Miramichi, D. A. Wilson, and from Sackville, G. R. Macdonald, M. Trezeman, Jas. Dickson, and E. W. Lewis.

Rev. Dr. Williams said the next business was

tionally processed with
Rev. Dr. Stewart, and several
mergen obtained a few votes.
The following table follows:
Rev. Dr. Stewart 46, Rev. Wilson 40,
Rev. Dr. Patterson 30, Rev. Dr.
Stewart of Sackville, the president of the con-
ference.
The newly elected president succeeded the
platform and made a few remarks. He said
was glad to see so many delegates present.
He said that he was glad to be present at
the present moment. He was thankful to
be elected for his grace and that he had called him
to the conference for the vote expensively of his con-
ference. He said that he was very interested
in the work in which he was particularly interested
and he did not regard it as a personal vote.
He said that he was very interested in the quality
connected with the position to which he had
been elected. He had long been out of any
connection with the conference and he was
glad for deliberation and he would ask the
conference to be patient with him.
The conference then proceeded to elect proceed-
ing with and resulted in the election of Rev.
Dr. Wilson as president.
Rev. Mr. Patterson and John. S. H.
Stewart and Rev. L. N. Parker and C. H. Hutch-
inson were elected to the executive committee.

Rev. Dr. Williams explained that it was the duty of the ministers of the various district meetings be handed to the secretary as early as possible.

Rev. Dr. Williams said that the last year's conference was to the appointment of a nominating committee was re-affirmed.

Rev. Dr. Williams said he could hardly express the pleasure he felt at being here. He thought that the conference was a success.

He was only a simple Methodist preacher. Whatever position his brethren might think him worthy to occupy, it was not his prerogative to preach. In what he said he expressed the belief of his brethren rather than his own.

Methodism in the west has been great, and is advancing in the east also. Last year was a year of great triumph for the church. The increase made by the church in Canada. The increase in the United States. The increase in the world. It must be remembered by all that an increase of membership meant an increase of work. It meant an increase of prayerfulness, an increase of adaptation to the work on the part of the ministers. This year, it was expected that there would be an increase in the membership of the church of about 100,000. It was not expected that the result was not expected.

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The conference then adjourned for dinner, the benediction being pronounced by the president.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The conference met again at two o'clock and continued in special session for two hours, considering the question as to the character of ministers.

A committee was appointed to investigate the question of the result of the investigation.

Rev. Mr. Kirtley presented the report of the committee on ministers appointing and standing committees, as follows:

Patrols: address 1887—Rev. John Read, Rev. D. M. Campbell.

Committee on memorials and miscellaneous resolutions—Rev. Henry Daniel, Rev. S. T. Atkinson, Rev. J. Howard Dobson, H. C. Thorpe and Rhos. Atkinson.

Contingent fund committee—Rev. F. W. Harrison, Rev. J. Dinsdale, Rev. S. A. Allen, Rev. J. H. Thompson, Rev. J. H. Gibson, W. W. Brewer, and James Watts, Geo. H. Thompson, Geo. B. Allen, W. Strong, John H. Thompson, John W. Wood.

Committee for examination of candidates for the ministry—Rev. Howard Sprague, Rev. J. H. Thompson, Rev. J. H. Gibson, Rev. Geo. Shepton, Rev. J. Burwash, Rev. J. J. Dolter, Rev. G. M. Campbell.

Ordination committee—Rev. Dr. Pickard, Rev. W. R. Pepper, Rev. J. A. Ularke, Rev. S. J. Allen, Rev. S. R. Ackman, Rev. J. C. Marshall, Rev. D. H. Lodge, and Dr. Combs.

Committee on John Henry, J. L. Thorne, W. C. Thompson, C. H. Thompson, Geo. H. Thompson, Geo. B. Allen, and W. Strong.

Presential committee—Rev. H. Swallow, Alfred Rowley and J. R. Woodburn.

Committee on the question of the President and secretary of conference, and Rev. Dr. Pickard, Rev. John Princes, Rev. Isaac Howie, Rev. J. H. Thompson, Rev. J. H. Gibson, Rev. J. Parker and Nathaniel Reardon, W. E. Taylor, Geo. Price, Geo. A. Henderson and Alex. Henderson.

Committee on visitors to Skaville—Rev. S.