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Dearly Beloved Brethren,-One of the foremost of the privileges connected with our Annual Con ference is that of addressing you in words of kindly greeting-encouragement, and Godly admonition. Amid our brotherly reunions, the business we meet to transact, and the opportunities for power, and prayer must be powerful to give powdelightful worship which these occasions furnish, | cr. Follow the examples given in the holy Scripour hearts turn with anxious tenderness toward tures. Indeed, Christ, Himself hath given us a you with whom it has been at once our duty and privilege to labor in the Lord, and for whom our the days of His flesh offered up prayers and supprayers also have been earnestly addressed to the throne of the heavenly grace. With true Methodistic cordiality have we been received by the people of Yarmouth. Our Conference session. have been characterized by usual harmony, and our public services-attended by large and anpreciative audiences—have been blessings to us all.

Our first and most important duty as a Conference is a careful review of the year's toil. The results of this review for the past year are grati fying. While in many instances with timid stepsheart-struggles, and tears we have gone forth sowing precious seed, the Master has been with us in the vineyard, and our labors, directed and blessed by Him, have not been in vain, nor our strength spent for naught. Our sowing in sadness has oftimes been relieved by joyous reapingwhile some among us have been as conquerors returning from battle-joyful in abundant spoils. True, we have not been without cause for mourning over some who have not been steadfast in the faith of Christ. But our hearts are filled with devout gladness because of the many who have held fast the beginning of their confidence, and who are the crown of our rejoicing in the Lord. Our returns show an aggregate membership of 8877 with 849 on trial, being a net increase of 310. For these triumphs in the gospel we call all upon you to join with us in ascribing all glory the oar to the boatman, the press to the printer, to Him whose right arm alone hath gotten the the compass to the seaman, the rifle and well fill-

Deeply solemn, also, have been our feelings as we have gone through the review of the year. Death has made sad inroads into the ranks of our Ministry, and his hand has smitten us with unwonted frequency. Four of our members have been called from labor to rest, from the conflict and attack. It is both sword and shield. Use it. to the triumph. Two fathers-T. H. Davies and M. Pickles—names which are in all the churches, and whose memory is forever fragrant-and two younger men,-A. S. Desbrisay and W. Sargent. -of splendid abilities and unquenchable zeal, have entered upon their reward. We could ill spare the wise counsels of the former, or the direct energies of the latter. But the Master judgeth best. He hath called them home; and standing reverently by their sleeping dust, and recall- ment of Baptism to the Lord. Make no concesing their brave work for the cause of truth, we can

"Servants of God well done, Rest from your loved employ.
The battle's fought, the victory won

May their memory gird us with zeal for the con

And now dearly beloved, we exhort youto stand fast in the Lord. Remember that church relations merely cannot guarantee salvation. "He that believeth shall be saved." Salvation is in that look at the Crucified One which means utter helplessness of self and complete dependence upon Christ. To the Christian, Christ is a present Saviour, to whose love the Holy Spirit bears witness enabling him to say with full round utterance "I know." Such trust brings peace to the conscience, light to the midd, assurance to the heart, strength to the whole being. It is the simple weapon with which to oppose the forms and forces of talse religion. Give yourselves wholly to Christ. Love like this-dying, yet undying-demands body, soul and spirit. "The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin." The Holy Spirit waits to sanctify wholly. Do not fail to lay all upon the altar. Holiness is happiness, it is more—it is power. "Without holiness no man

shall see the Lord." Attach great importance to a consistent life. "By their fruit ye shall know them" is still true. You were "created in Christ Jesus unto good works." Your lives are the only bibles which many read. Your children, your neighbors, and "the stranger that is within your gates," will inlight of your lives. You are allowed no undress uniform. You are to be the Christian always and everywhere. Precepts are not so much wanted as patterns Your influence was born with you; you cannot shake it off-use it then to the glory been an anchor to hold men from drifting out on the sea of doubt; while the harsh, reckless words, have not seldom cut adrift men whom the infide

up with God .-"In the spirit of devotion

Musing there alone.' In solitude with God only do we obtain robustness in the Christian life. By filial and fervent communion with Him only is thoughtful and practical piety promoted. Only men of prayer are men of pattern that we might follow his steps-" who in plications, with strong cryings and tears, unto Him that was able to save Him from death, and was heard in that he feared." At all costs attend to this important duty, so shall you not only ad-

come powerful instruments of good unto others. " Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy." Never was there greater need for the authoritato-day. With zeal worthy of a better cause many a Methodist atmosphere pervade your households. are putting forth every effort to set this law aside. Let Methodist authors find a place in every Meth-With a false plea for liberty they ruthlessly stirke at our dearest liberties, and with false patriotism they lay violent hands on the glorious bulwark of our country. Resist them. And to make your resistance more effective let your Sabbaths be such in reality and truth. Make the day sacred. Consecrate its every hour to God, and use it in

His service, thus shall-"The Sundays of man's life Threaded together on Time's string, Make bracelets to adorn the wife Of the eternal, glorious King."

Closely related to the foregoing duties is another,- 'Search the Scriptures,"-and let the search ystematic, devout, thoughtful, and thorough "Let the word of God dwell in you richly in all wisdom." What the axe is to the woodman, ed cartridge box to the soldier, all that is the Bible to the believer. The young converts whom God has entrusted to our care we would specially advise to study the word of God." "Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee. This is the only weapon for both defenec It will give victory in conflict and safety in danger. Read prayerfully. The Book and its Author must be studied together. While consulting the one lift the mind upwards for illumination from the other. He is wise whom God teaches

and strong whom God helps. Another duty we would remind you of relates to your families. Take special care of the children. Do not fail to dedicate them in the Sacrasions to prejudice or error which would deprive them of this birthright privilege. Then seek for them the purchased blessings of the evangelical covenant. "The promise is to you and to your children." Let all your plans, purposes and counsels be directed to their early conversion. Let your homes be pervaded by cheerful religious influences. Let your practice and precepts, your life and profession all pull the same way. Do not let them gather from the tenor of your lips and lives that gain is more than goodness; that the gospel is a fiction and the world fact. The impressions you make on them will be permanent. Be careful that outside influences do not counteract home religious training. Children can serve Christ as early in life as they can serve Satan. See that they accompany you to the services of the Sanctuary, and help them from the first moment of life to decide for Christ. The welfare of our children is menaced on every hand. Guard them well, kindly-but firmly-lead them in the truth. Eli's latter days were clouded, and the clouds deepened into a sad night. Why? "His sons made themselves vile and he restrained them not." Are the morning and evening sacrifice regularly offered? A home without a roof were safer than one without the family altar. Do not allow these family devotions to become formal acts, but make them means of grace and seasons

of instruction to your households. While cultivating the gifts of the Spirit, and filling the opportunities for usefulness which eve- in prayer. rywhere open around you, forget not that the cause of God needs your continued and enlarged finanterpret the gospel preached in our pulpits in the cial support. More of our circuits should be self-sustaining. The Missionary fund should be relieved from burdens which we are well able to bear. We are persuaded that a careful study of the question-"How much owest thou unto my Lord?" would result in placing many of our of God. The influence of one consistent life has circuits above the need of support. Understand your duty in these things, and see your ecalling, brethren. The Jewish rule was ten per cent. We and inconsistent acts of members of the church whose priviliges are greater should not come below this at least. Indeed, the New Tostament The great want of the church to-day is an intel unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shakhad in vain assailed. Live as in the sight of God. regulation is this,—"Give, and it shall be given

igent, ardent, uniform godliness in her members. en together, and running over, shall men give that business had been disposed of, the Treasurer and adopted by the Confer-Profession we have in abundance. We want the into your bosom." When David remembered practical power of religion lived into the world | how God had prospered him, he planned to build around us. If you would cultivate this there the most glorious temple the world ever saw. must be close attention to religious duties. These When Zaccheus-little of stature, but great of adopted. duties attended to ultimately become helps and heart, had received Jesus under his roof he felt privileges which shall be highly prized. First that he was distinguished forever, and his first reamong these duties is that of private devotion. The | mark was,-"I shall increase my contributions. nervous haste in which we live sadly interferes Hitherto I have given tithes; now I shall bestow with this exercie, abridging the time for secret half my goods to feed the poor." Let us measure communion with God, if not robbing us of it all. our gifts in money by receipts in grace. Let the "Enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut | gift of the one be as the gift of the other, sponthy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret." | theaous, abundant, sovereign, tree. "God loveth In these days of much work and incessant hurry the cheerful giver." Not by miracles does God there is more need than ever of the enforcement sustain His work in the world now; nor does he of this command. The claims of the world, of now commission the raven to feed His ministers the family, or even of the church must not be He commits this work to the hearts He has blessed allowed to interfere with this duty. With the busy and the hands He has filled. As good stewards multitude there is forgetfulness of God. His of God's property see that ye be not recreant to voice is drowned in the chattenings around us. your trust. Suffer not the ever-expanding dimen-Withdraw from busy scenes. Shut yourselves | sions of the work to overmaster our financial resources. Wherever the head of the church opens doors of usefulness let not the advance of His kingdom be imperilled or retarded by lack of funds for successful working. He knows our ability, and will apportion our work to that. In this respect as in others, " see that ye receive not the grace of God in vain."

Under the management of Brother Nicolso our Book Room affairs together with the Wesleyan have steadily improved. We are glad to learn that our Sabbath schools are finding it to their advantage to obtain their libraries from the Book Room at Halifax. This is as it should be. Our Methodist literature is second to none. In theology we are scriptural, and in biography there are no purer examples of Christian character than vance the life of God in your own souls, but beare found in the lives of our sainted dead. The annals of our Church are thronged with heroes and noble ones whose names cannot die. Study to become familiar with our own records. In tive declaration of this divine law than there is reading, as well as in habits and conversation, let

> We again commend to your patronage and liberality our Educational Institutions at Sackville-To meet the growing and subtle scepticism of the day, our sons and daughters need sound religious as well as mental training. This the scholarly and thoroughly qualified men and women in these Institutions are prepared to furnish. In our pulpits, at the Bar, in the halls of Legislature, as well as in other positions of trust, are found worthy graduates from that seat of learning, and under efficient management, and with the assistance of the whole body of Methodists in these Provinces it will yet become powerful in moulding pubile thought. The opportunities there furnished for mental and religious training are not excelled by any other Institution in the country.

And now, brethren, "we commend you to God. and the word of His grace." While it shall be ours to seek the baptism of the spirit that we may be fitted to labor among you in the Lord, be i yours to seek the same baptism that ye may receive us as from the Lord. We seek to be workers together with Him, and conscious of our weakness we place our hand upon His arm of power. We expect to succeed only as our Ministry among, you is directed and blessed by Him. Though dak are the clouds now closing over the world the prostration of commerce, the marshalling of armies for war, yet our God liveth and reigneth forever, and our faith in the ultimate triumph of His truth, and the universality of His dominion shall not be shaken. "Though the earth be removed, and the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea," yet shall the word of God abide fo rever. While the darkness thickens the day dawn is at hand, and the falling of earthly throne shall but hasten the erection of the throne of the Prince of Peace. This only duty lies before usto give ourselves anew toGod and His cause. Let us mutually seek the gift of power, and cultivate the grace of activity, earnestness, and thoroughness in Christian work. The day shortens. With the flying hours let us speed in the Master's service. Opportunities for usefulness abound on every hand, and in to every ear the voice rings-"Son, go work to-day in my vineyard." To every one of us is committed a dispensation of the gospel. Let our influence be all, and always on the side of Christ, and let this description apply to all of us-"Sons of God, without rebuke. shining as lights in the world, holding forth the ELIAS BRETTLE, President.

STEPHEN F. HUESTIS, Sec'y.

NEWFOUNDLAND CON-FERENCE.

JUNE 21.—EIGHTH DAY.

Session opened by singing the 651 hymn. The Secretary read part 8th chap. Romans. Bro. Willey engaged

The Conference resolved itself into the Day School Society Committee, after which the Conference resumed its sitting and proceeded to business.

Sitting closed with benediction by Bro. Milligan.

AFTERNOON SESSION opened by singing the 485 hymn. Prayer was offered by Bro. Dunn.

The Conference resolved itself into

Conference having resumed its sitting, the Pastoral Address was read and

pointed a Committee to prepare the Pastoral Address for next year.

The Conference adjourned till 8 o'clock, when financial business was the order of the day. This being done, several brethren obtained permission to leave the Conference.

Sitting closed with benediction by the benediction.

JUNE 22.-NINTH DAY. Session opened by singing the 342 in prayer. bymn. Secretary read 13th chap.

The Report of the Contingent Fund was read and adopted. The Secretary of the Mission House Fund was requested to present his Report in the afternoon. Agreed that the adjourned Sabbath School and Educational Committees meet at 2 o'clock.

As the result of a conversation relative to the examination of candidates,

Resolved, That the Conference Committee for Examination of Candidates be enlarged, and that one of the studies pre scribed by the Discipline be entrusted to each member of the said Committee, who shall prepare the required questions for all the Candidates and Probationers, and to forward to the Secretary of the Committee before the first of May in each year, a sufficient number of papers for the Districts, and that by the brother who prepared the questions, the papers shall be examined and be adjudicated upon.

The ex-President, having submitted a form of indenture for the use of the Conference, it was

Resolved, That this form of Indenture be adopted by the Conference, and printed in the Minutes.

The Sabbath School Report was read and adopted.

On motion, it was agreed that the thanks of the Conference be presented to James Alexander, Esq., M. D., and Frederick H. Crowdy, Esq., M. D., for the kindness and promptitude with which so generously they placed their skill at the service of the late Rev. John Dixon, during his last illness.

The Report of the Parsonage Aid Committee was read and adopted.

Resolved, That this Conference desires place on record its grateful recognition of the valuable services of the Rev. J. S. Milligan, M.A., Superintendent of Methodist day schools, and assures him of its continued confidence and sympathy.

On motion it was

Resolved, That it is deemed by this Conference very advisable that our Missions should be visited by the Conference offi-

After other business the sitting closed with benediction by Dr. Stewart.

The afternoon session was opened by singing the 285 hymn. Bro. Freeman

The Hon. J. J. Rogerson, Receiver the Central Board of Missions.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Conference desires to record its appreciation of the work which the Educational Society is doing, and commends it to our people as worthy of their continued sympathy and support.

Votes of thanks were presented to the people, and ministers of the Carbonear Circuit, for their hospitality and kindness to the members of the Conference during their stay in this town.

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Joseph Lawrence, Esq., East Keswick, Yorkshire, for the continued interest which he takes in the work of God in this Island.

Committee read the findings of that Committee on the literary papers of the mote a revival. The conversion of our candidates and probationers, which was | children. The sinner's danger. The pendeemed satisfactory.

The Report of the Mission House

ence.

The ex-President and Bro. John S Peach were appointed a deputation to-Bretheen James and Bryant were ap- | dedicate the new church at Trinity. It was agreed on motion and

Resolved, That the President visit the Missions of the Carbonear District, and also that the Chairmen of the St. John's District visit the Missions of that District as far north as Notre Dame Bay.

Conference adjourned till half-past seven, by the President pronouncing

The evening session opened by singing the 433 hymn. Bro. Bryant engaged

The Rev. G. J. Bond, A. B., received Hebrews. Bro. Nurse engaged in permission of the Conference to attend the Sabbath School Convention at Chatagua.

The financial statement of the Book Steward and Editor having been placed on the table, it was

Resolved, That the Conference has learned with much satisfaction that the Book Room in Halifax continues to prosper under the management of the Rev. A. W. Nicolson, and has great pleasure in recording its confidence in him, and its appreciation of his valuable services as Book Steward and Editor.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Conference has been highly gratified with the visit of the Rev. Charles Stewart, D. D., Theological Professor; and desires to record its deep sense of obligation to him for his presence and counsel during the sessions of Conference, and for his eloquent and impressive public addresses with which we have been greatly interested and edified, and it begs to assure him of our growing conviction of the great value to the Connexion of our efficient Educational Institutions at Sack ville, N. B.

On motion it was

Resolved, That this Conference desires to express its gratification with the visit of the Rev. T. Watson Smith, of the Nova Scotia Conference, and will be glad to welcome, from time to time, fraternal visits from him or any of our brethren in the Western Conferences.

To the question-" Where and when shall our next Conference be held?" the answer was at St. John's, commencing on Thursday, June 13th, 1878.

And thus concluded our deliberations, which we hope and trust may receive the sanction of the great Head of the Church. and result in the salvation of many, very many, precious souls.

I remain, Mr. Editor. Yours, &c.,

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PUTTING ON THE ARMOUR.

Here is a good specimen of evangelistic purpose. Australian Methodists have adopted these eight resolutions, which must surely end in blessed results. "Go and do likewise."

1. That a week of special services be held in the month of May or as soon after as possible.

2. That superintendents meet leaders, local preachers and other workers once or twice a week preceding, for conversation General, was appointed lay delegate to and prayer with reference to the work of

> 3. That bands of workers be organized for house to house visitation; and a special choir, as large and efficient as possible, for conducting singing.

4. That the Friday preceding the week of services be observed as a day of fasting

5. That noonday prayer meetings be held from Monday to Saturday.

6. That from Monday to Friday meetings be held each evening, during which appropriate addresses should be delivered and prayer offered.

7. The following subjects are suggested as suitable for addresses and prayer : The Holy Spirit's presence and influence essential to the prosperity of a church. The The Secretary of the Examination to the prosperity of Zion. The importance of entire sanctification. The duty of witnessing for Christ. Means to proitent's encouragement. The blessedness

8. On Saturday evening a meeting for