Rev. Dr. McLeod Presents an Interesting Report on the Condition of the Church.

Delegates from Maine and United States Conferences Present Greetings.

(Staff Correspondence of the Sun.) SUSSEX, Oct. 1.-The Free Baptist General Conference of New Brunswick assembled in annual session with the Free Baptist church in Sussex this afternoon at 2.30 p. m., the moderator, Rev. Gideon Swim, in the chair. Th hymn, Nearer My God to Thee, was sung, followed by the reading of Psaim XIII. and prayer by the Rev. J. T. Parsons. The roll call was liberally responded to, a very full delegation being present from the several districts of the province. The dele-gates, with local church members, filled the body of the edifice.

D. McLeod Vince, recording secre-tary; James Patterson, treasurer; E W. Slipp, treasurer F. M. executive; and J. W. McCready, corresponding secretary for Sabbath schools, and Hon. Gco. E. Foster also answered to

There were likewise present Dr. Chase, president of Bates college, Lwiston, Maine, and H. S. Myers, of Hillsdale, Michigan, general secretary of the F. C. Baotist Young People's Societies of the United States.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Rev. Dr. McLeod read a lengthy report, of which the following in an ab-

was one hundred and fifty-five. number of churches reported to their respective district meetings this year is one hundred and twenty, being two

is one hundred and twenty, being two more than reported last year.

Last year one hundred and eighteen churches reported 9,169 members; this year one hundred and twenty churches report 9,504 members, The estimated unreported membership last year was 2,790, giving a total membership of 11,959. The estimated unreported membership this year is 2,639, making a total membership new of 12,143. Of the 9,504 members reported, 6,744 are residents, and 2,766 are non-residents.

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has pastoral care during the year. Twenty-six churches report revi-vals. The number added to them is-by baptism, 261; by letter, 65: the net

dedicated—one at Kingsley, York Co., dericated Oct. 17th, 1897; one Bloomfield, York Co., dedicated J 12th, 1898; one at Victoria, C. Co., dedicated June 26th, 1898; and one at Waasis, dedicated Sept. 18th, 1898. Two new parsonages have been ad-ded, one at Sussex and one at Bliss-ville. The number of parsonages in

The money raised for all purposes as reported by one hundred and twen-

ty churches amounted to \$26,186.65. The total contributions reported are \$2,770.83 less than last year. The chief church building and improv the decrease in this item being \$3,449.97. There is a slight increase (236.43) in the salaries paid; a small increase, also, in the contributions to home and foreign missions; and a slight falling

off in the conference furd.

Forty-three churches report all their resident members contributing to the support of church work; and twentychurches are reported as in creasing in their support; the other churches report a considerable per-centage of their members not contributing—the percentage varying from 10 per cent. to 75 per cent.

MINISPERS. The number of ordeined ministers on the conference roll is the same as last year—43. Of these, thirty-two have been engaged in pastoral work during the year. Of those not engaged in pastoral work, five (Revs. J. H. Erb, A. H. McLeod, W. R. Reud, C. F. Rideout and F. A. Currier) are out of the province; four (Revs. T. Connor, T. W. Carpenter, J. S. Jones and L. A. T. W. Carpenter, J. S. Jones and L. A. Cosman) are prevented by age or ill-health from engaging in active work; one is the editor of the denominational paper; and one, Rev. J. S. Noble—the senior minister, has been a general missiomary, independent of appointment or salary, and has during the year visited a large number of churches in various parts of the field, and has, also, attended all the district meetings of the year.

neetings of the year. At the beginning of the year there were five conference and three district licentiates. Three have been added to the latter class during the year one (W. Kirkpatrick) by the fo district, and two (T. Patterson and M. L. Gregg) by the sixth district. The conference licentiaces not mentioned above as pastors are S. J. Case, who is at New Hampton, N. H., and F. S. Hantley, who, having been called to the Yarmouth, V. S., church, was dispastors are A. D. Paul, who has been in Maine, but will take up work in the home field this month, and T. Patterson and W. Kirk atrick, who are at

MINISTERIAL REPORTS.

Following are summaries of their re-"been busy all year. Preached every other Sunday at Wicklow. The cause

Rev. G. A. Hartley, D. D., has spent the year with his old charge. His health has been good enough to enable

Rev. T. S. VanWart has, as last year, had the postoral care of Millville, Upper Hainsville and Staples Settle-ment churches. The interest in the

field is 'much as at vas last year."

Rev. T. O. DeWitt has had the care of Rusagornis, Waasis, Lincoln, Oro-mocto, French Lake, Waterville, Vic-toria and Geary. The last mentioned three do not belong to the pastorate, because no other care was provided for them. He held special meetings at Waterville and Victoria, and "seven purposes is less than it was a ye were baptized and eight received into

Rev. E. B. Gray reports "the cause low generally; yet they have some good

Rev. C. T. Phillips continues pastor at Woodstock. "The year has been an in spiritual life and no increase of

ches." Ero. Barnes will take charge of Waterville pastorate after confer-

Rev. G. W. Fowler has been pastor of "Central Hampstead, Hibernia and every other Sabbath at Hampstead Village Hall and at Otnabog school house. The meetings in every part of the field have been well attended. Rev. B. H. Nobles says the work or

with the Grand Manan churches-his healthy condition and free of debt. Grand Harbor church is reducing its lebt. North Head is struggling This has been a hard year for the few faithful ones who maintain the cause." Rev. C. B. Lewis has ministered to five churches, Wickham, Bald Hill, Shannon, Henderson, and Big Cove. He has "preached three times each Sabbath, and, generally, attended four

Rev. F. C. Hartley has "continued pastor at Fredericton. Twenty-eight have been baptized, and thirty-five added to the church. As a whole the church work may be said to be in a

fairly satisfactory condition."

Rev. H. A. Bonnell has been pastor of Brown's Flat, Westfield, Oak Point, Hamilton Mountain, Tennant's Cove and Belleisle Bay churches.

Rev. D. Long, pastor of Victoria fureet church, St. John, reports "an been made. Spiritually the condition is not so good as it should be." Rev. Abram Perry has "spent the year with the Salisbury group of chur-

hes, which includes Steeves Mountain, Coverdale, Eagle Settlement, Lewis Mountain, Wheaton Settlement and Steeves Settlement." He has done 'the regular pastoral work in all the churches, and has held special meetngs with the Eagle Settlement and Steeves Settlement churches. * *
The congregations at preaching services were increased; the prayer meetngs are better and there is more interest in Sunday school work." year. 'The religious condition of the field is not as good as is desirable, but it is the best it has been since he be-

came pastor."

Rev. J. B. Daggett has had charge of "Upper Brighton, Hartland, Lower Brighton, Havelook, Newburgh and Pembroke churches. The spiritual life of the churches is good."

Monoton church. The average congregation has been better than last year The church raised more money for the pastor than for many years, also for Rev. W. C. Klerstead has had pas-

toral care of Gibson, and during part of the year of Kingsley also. In both churches the interest has been good and both are progressing. Their spiritual life is good.

Licentiate Gregg "labored with the Deer Island churches from last confer-

ence till Christmas." Licentiate Stirling has been in charge of the Lower Queensbury,
Deer Island, Lower Prince William
and Dumfries churches: "The churches ure doing very well; Dumfries is
small, only five families of our faith."

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Licentiate Puddington has spent the year with the churches on the Tobique tiver, making some visits to Perth Valley church. He reports the churches "helped." "It has been a year of lessing."

ENCOURAGEMENTS, ETC.

Examination of the foregoing figures and other facts 'reveal encouraging things. Some of them may be stated thus: Two more churches reported than last year. There is an increase of 355 in the reported membership. Four new church buildings and two parsonages have been erected. The additions by baptism are seventy-six more than last year. The average attendance at prayer meetings and con-Examination of the foregoing figures

im to preach every Sunday in the ches which have not been given in ear. In July celebrated the fortieth their reports. Many of the best things universary of his pasts ats, the are often difficult to tabulate.

off the balance of its mortgage liability. The outlook in rather encouraging the such things as these:

Thirty-five churches did not report
Rev. J. N. Barnes reports "the conto their district meetings, and nothing of their life and work appears in this

> ches no mertilon is made of a mid-week prayer meeting.
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> Forty-three of the reported churches did not have the Lord's Supper administered during the year.
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> There were no addition to eightyfour of the reported churches.
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> Only ten churches mention a missionary prayer meeting; and in sixty-nine

es no missionary sermon was preached.

The per capital contribution for all

Less than one-fourth of the resident members attend the mid-week prayer meeting; and less than one-third the

Christian activity; and twenty-eight report loss in these respects.

Of the reported churches, seven live, with 3,241 resident members Coldstream, Gordonsville and Mount nothing to the conference fund; and Pleasant churches. "Considerable spenot a single church contributed anycial work has been done. Seventeen thing to the fund for the relief of sick were baptized and added to the church and disabled ministers, nor to the ministerial students' aid fund.

SUGGESTIONS.

Your corresponding secretary make

these suggestions: 1. The Inancial statement in this into the hands of the secretary, is not a full showing of the contributions of the churches. Some churches have not his pastorate has been "very similar made returns, others had not made to that of last year."

Rev. W. H. Perry spent the year ence fund, etc., when they reported to their contributions to missions, contended their respective district meetings. long as any number of churches fall to ditable to the body than it might be It is respectfully suggested that every church endeavor to make its report include every contribution, and every

Many of them, perhaps a majority, are in the cities and towns of the province, and have failed to transfer their membership. It ought to be fairly er in the country or out of it, it is cer-tainly the duty of churches to endeavor to exercise care towards their absent members. The reports show occasionally"; and the Carleton, John, church says it has "no syste ports that "with few exceptions, all responded, either by letter or in perram Perry's pastorate have endeavor-ed to reach their non-residents, and in some cases "with satisfactory re-The care of all their members: so far as possible, is, surely, the duty of the churches. It would, probably, have a good effect if the conference would make a recommendation to the

churches in this matter. 3. As churches too easily give up soem to too easily give up churches. A and cordially invited Bro. Currie to district meeting sometimes says of a church—"It has not reported for two, three or more years, it must be dead To be cared for, not east out, is what is needed in such case. Conference might advise the district meetings in

making progress; they are scarcely holding their own. Their condition is a demand o nthe body of which they Their Me depends on our care of them:

Among the churches that need special attention are (1) the thrity-five not reported this year: (2) the seventyfive which contributed nothing to home missions, the saventy which contributed nothing to foreign missions, the therty-six which paid nothing into the conference fund, and one one huntribution to the ministers relief fund nor the students' fund and (3) those burches which report either no or actual loss in spiritual life and

quite able to do this work.

not afford to neglect it.

Not less, bit more, should be done for the promotion of God's work in the dark parts of the earth. God's call to His poor people to go everywhere with the gospel must always be heard by us and obeyed. Better care of languishing home interests will develop desire and ability to do more for those in "the regions beyond."

S. A survey of the field must impress the thoughtful Christian that there is need of a wide-spread spiritual revivals. Are we being caught in the world-ward draft. It is worth while to find out. If we are—then back to this sterility, the singleness.

while to find out. If we are then back to the stephicity, the singleness of purpose, the consecration, the self sacrificing spirit, the abounding ser vice, the sturdy faithfulness, the walking with God which characterized our fathers—back to God the enduement of power, the joy of the Holy

than last year. The salaries of pastors have been slightly increased.

Besides these, there are doubtless, ple added to the churches, a new churches and two parsonages built, acter in the life and work of the chur- and ten new churches established.

The contributing members had given 4 a year per head; more, it was true than years ago, but it ought to be raised to \$6 or \$8. The contributions to the home mission field should be materially increased. But all the systems and all the contributions would be as nought inless they consecrated their lives to God.

notion to adopt the report, hoped that when it came up in the regular way there would be time for discussion of Ats six important recommendations.

He regarded the "non-resident members" matter as one worthy of careful consideration. There is nothing like a letter-written when God dic tates the lettere. Here was a field for the young people's societies to look after, that great percentage who look after, that great percentage who had gone to Boston to enrich Methodist and Presbyterian churches because they had not been followed by loving letters to stick to the old F. C.

Hon. Geo. E. Foster, in supporti to add words of commendation mover and seconder, nor been said. He was glad to be present with conference once more and to meet so many old friends and hear the same old voices. He noted with regret the absence of some faces pre-

B. church.

responsibilities were now falling on younger shoulders. As Major Vince had just said, the F. C. Baptist movement was a protest against formality and system as opposed to spirthing for us to look back at the methods of the fathers the God-given methods he believed and take courage. As the railway companies employed car traces to trace their missiing cars on other lines, so the church should have its car-tracers to look after the absent members those who had gone away, perhaps gone on to other tracks-and report their wherebouts to the pastors. He did not ike the poverty-stricken condition of the home mission field as set out in the report. It was frue as gospel that a denomination which did not have a live interest in home missions could not have a successful foreign mission work. The denomination needed its est and strongest man in this conchurches. The work would be worth the best salary the denomination could afford, and the man should be given the full authority of a bishop

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the money to carry out this sugges-

tion if it so deemed wise, and it we be money nably invested in Go

Rev. A. W. Currie, the corr ing delegate from the United States Free Baptitst general conference, bore body. He reported the U.S. conference in a healthy condition, with contributions on a steady basis for home mission work. The educational question was a life almost a paramount issue in that conference, which had some suggestions to make this year to the New Brunswick body.

On motion of Rev. Dr. McLeod, the conference expressed its pleasure at appreciated and reciprocated a seat with conference.

Rev. Dr. Chase, of Bates' college, brought the hearty greetings of 14,000 Free Baptists in Maine and 90,000 Free Eaptists in all the United States. He was glad to be present. He found it difficult to realize he was in a foreign country and as he saw here men who ad studied in Bates, herfound himelf surrounded by Baptist friends and he felt fully at home. He had been instructed by the two associations he represented, the General Conference of the United States and the Maine Conference to urge closer union with the evangelisation New Rrunswick If there were any difference what-ever between the Free Baptists of New Brunswick and of Maine, it was that his people had swung farther back in the direction of formality and

had relegated the control or super-vision of some things to officers, who exercised the authority of overseers, and filled the bill outlined by Hon. Mr. Foster in his suggestion with re-spect to home missions. These of-ficers were bishops, not in name, but they did the work covered by bishops of other denominations. The speaker of other denominations. The speaker urged a closer union of the maritime conference with those across the border—a closer organic relation for the good of the Free Baptist church of all America.

A cordial vote of thanks was ex-tended to President Chase, and he was given a seat with conference. was given a seat with conference.

H. S. Myers of Hillsdale, Michigan, general secretary of the Free Baptist Young People of the United States, was introduced and made an earnest appeal on its behalf, inwiting the young people of the provinces to send delegates to sit in their annual conventions with full and equal privileges. He brought the greetings of, 123,009 young American Free Baptists who were puttting their work into the denomination.

ed by the chair and Rev. D. Iso convention adjourned till 7.36 p.m., when routine business was dealt with

Children Cry for

THE ROAD MACHINES.

J. T. Allen Dibblee, M. P. P., Corrects Some Statements of Mr. Emmerson.

Extravagant Bills Allowed by the Govern ment Drove Mr. Dibblee Into

WOODSTOCK, N. B., Sept. 28. To the Editor of The Sun:

Sir-I notice in the report of Mr. Emmerson's speech at Hartland on the 22nd inst., as reported in the Daily Telegraph, he charges me with pur chasing five road machines, two of which he says that I purchased at far as purchasing these machines my-self goes, Mr. Emmerson is entirely self goes, Mr. Emmerson is entirely wrong in making the statement he did. The only road machine that I ever purchased myself was one that I bought in 1894 from William Mc-Donald of this town, who is agent for the Champion road machine that went to the parish of Simo In the year 1896, Messrs. Fl and Watson, who were then council-lors for the parish of Richmond, wanted two road machines for their parish, and they came and spoke to my colleague, Mr. Smith, and myself them, and Mr. Smith and I made arrangements with Mr McDonald to

let these gentlemen have one machine each, which he did. In the session of 1897 we took the tills of these machines to the chief told us that we were paying too high for them, as he could buy the Austin machine for \$185, and requested us not to purchase any more. This was ommissioner purchasing road ma thines for any county, as I knew that agent the same as my colleague, Mr.

Smith, and myself did. I told Mr. Emmerson that Mr. Mc-Donald (the party from whom we purchased these machines) was a strong friend of the government, and I thought that he should have the preference in selling these machines to our county, providing that he could sell them as cheaply as other ma-chines of the same quality. Mr. Em-merson told us that he had made arrangements with a company for a carload of the Austin machines and wished us to get what we required for our county through him, wh to send four machines to our county, and send them as early in the spring as he possibly could, which he promised to do.

When we came home at the clos of the session we made arrange to place these machines in certain cts of the county, and told people that they would have them in ample time to do their road work that year. After cropping was over the people began to inquire for the ma-chines and after waiting some little time, and not hearing anything from Mr. Emmerson, we concluded that he and my colleague, Mr. Smith, and I purchased four Champion road in min thines from Mr. McDonald, and later on we purchased one for Mr. Smith's own parish (that is, the parish of Woodstock), and we agreed with Mr. McDomald that he was to receive \$250 for each of these machines, a part of which was to be paid in 1897 and the

balance in 1898. During the session of 1898, among he accounts that came before the public accounts committee (of which sold to the county of York for \$608. I stated to Mr. Smith that the county of York was paying about \$200 for ing \$250 Tor, and I did not think that Mr. McDonald should charge us more than the county of York was paying, ing to Woodstock, to speak to McDonald about it, and when he ca back to Metaletonau and that had refused to accept \$200 for the least refused to accept the least refused to accept \$200 for the least refused to accept the chines that, he had sold us. I told him that I would see Mr. McDonald range the price with nim, as I thought that he should sell them at the same price as the agent at Frederic them to the county of York. Upon my arrival home I saw Mr. McDon-ald and he said that it was impossible these machines at \$200 each, and in my opinion that was all the government would pay him for them, but he told me that he had sold the machines to Mr. Smith and myself, and not to the government, and he would hold us liable for the balance, which

hold us liable for the balance, which he has done.

Now, Mr. Editor, the town of Woodstock purchased one of these same machines last year, for, which they raid \$250 cash. The county of Victoria purchased two of these machines, which they paid \$250 each, and the county of York paid over \$200 for theirs, and it seems, very strange that Mr. Emmerson should condemn what we have done here, when he allowed the county of Victoria to do the same as we have done, and also allowed the county of Victoria to do the same as we have done, and also allowed the county of York to purchase machines at over \$200; and further than that, he has allowed the counties of Kings and Queens to purchase the same machines, and I am creditably informed at the same price that we paid for ours, namely, \$250.

Last spring I had a conversation with the attorney general, Mr. A. S. White, at the Carliale hotel in reference to road machines, and he told me that they would not use the Austin machine in their county, as one Champion (the same as we purchased here) was equal to two Austing (the machine that was purchased by Mr. Empion).

I did not receive any commission on

is stamped on every cake of Surprise Soap. It's there so you can't to deceived. There is only one Surprise. See to it that your soap bears that word-

SURPRISE A pure hard soap

which manufacturers these machines Therefore I have not any interest either directly or indirectly in the sale, and had Mr. Emmerson sent us the machines at the time he agreed to, we would have had inferior road machines, instead of the ones that we have at present. I might further add Mr. Editor, that Mr. Emmerson has ince discarded the Austin machine and is now purchasing the Champion, the same as we purchased from Mr. McDonald. I am perfectly willing to bear my share of the responsibility of purchasing these nachines, but

Mr. Emmerson also states that I went into the opposition on account of the overcharge in McAvity's bill But he knows as well as I do, that there were other bills besides Mc-Avity's, such as those of the Record Foundry Co., R. C. John Dunn, and T with other members of the commit-tee pointed out to him. I notice that he does not refer to them, and I think, Mr. Editor, that by what has recently come to light in reference to the steel bridges for which the government has been paying over 100 per cent

more than what they could have been purchased for from other firms, that I was fully justified in the course that I have taken. As a representative I feel that I have not only done my duty to the province of New Brutiswick, but to the county of Carleton as well, which I have the honor to represent, whether Mr. Emmerson

Yours' truly,
J. T. ALLEN DIRBLEE.

THE CHANGES IN FARMING.

(From Prof. Robertson's Report for One of the causes of progress is the world-wide competition created by the general diffusion of knowledge, the enormous extension of railway and shipping facilities, the building of telegraphs and the circulation of newspapers. These have made the New Zealand farmer a next door ceighbor, in market com coolie of India with his wheat into and the Northwest Territories. The Canadian farmer is therefore compelled by the stress of competition to turn his attention to those classes of products which he can exchange to successsfully by selling those which call for skill in their production and manufacture, as he is thereby lifted above competition with the low order tries as India and Russia

The stern necessity which continuously confronts the farmer of giving full value for all he gets has compelled some improvement of the quality of his products. A business man or a speculator may acquire a good deal—we carelessly and incorrectly say. may make a great deal-of wealth by a happy or unhappy stroke of luck. get wealth only for value given. To them as a class it is committed in as peculiar manner and measure to preserve the moral integrity of hu-manity by respecting the rights of others, since willingly or unwillingly

1.) If the agricultural societies, exhibitions and illustration stations, which furnish object lessons and stimulations provoking him unto bet-

ter works:
(2) To voluntary associations, farmers' conventions, meetings of clubs and farmers; institutes, which make the information of the leading farmers the common property of all;

(3.) To the departments of agriculture of the provinctal governments and the department of agriculture of the dominion, through the various agencies which they provide.

DOG SAVED HER LIFE.

(New York Herald.)

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There is a four-footed hero in Paterson, N. J., to whose sagcalty and bravery is due the fact that a little girl did not lose her life recently.

Mary Tanis, three years old, a daughter of Samuel Tanis, of No. 41. Sixth avenue, Paterson, was playing in an outhouse near her home and in some way set fire to some rubbish. The flames reached her clothing and she screamed in agony.

There was no one to help here but a Newfoundland dog which had been in the neighborhood for some time was near, and, hering her ories, ran to her. Fire to him was an untried foe, yet his hesitation was only momentary. Rushing in he setzed the child by the clothing and dragged her thild by the clothing and dragged her nto the open air. The fire sco

His piteous barking attracted attention and several men soon went to his assistance. The child, was horriely burned before the flances could be extinguished, but she may possibly recover

She is at the General hospital Paterson, and everything possible is being done for her. Should she re-cover she will owe her life chiefly to Throu

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