

unaccounted for. Number of members, 17,391; absent, 2,857, additions, 646; removals, 532—leaving a net increase of 14, and not 15, as stated in the Report—there being an error in the footing of the summary. The infant baptisms are 231; Sabbath-school scholars, 15,647; average congregations, 23,906.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE.

The Minutes of the General Conference of Maine for 1862 gives the number of churches connected with that body as 249; members, 18,995; absent, 3076; clergymen, 209; added, 849; removed, 640—and yet the Minutes speak of a decrease of total membership of 257. Infant baptism, 265. Average *pastoral* age, 5 years. This average varies in different Conferences from 2 to 8 years.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN MASSACHUSETTS.

The Minutes of the General Association of Massachusetts gives the number of churches as 491; members, 75,637, of whom 1099 are absent—leaving the actual membership as 64,638—Pastors, 322; stated supplies, 81; vacant, 53; admitted in 1861, 2,652; removed, 2,965.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The General Association of New Hampshire held its annual meeting at Concord, Aug. 26, 27 and 28.

The session was opened by a sermon from Rev. Cyrus W. Wallace, of Manchester, from Isaiah xxvi. 6, "When thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness."

Rev. J. M. R. Eaton was chosen Moderator. Rev. L. Tenney was present as delegate from Vermont.

Wednesday evening was devoted to the discussion of the following questions, previously assigned:—

1. Should the growing custom of ordaining men to the ministry without installing them in the sacred office, be encouraged? Discussed by Rev. Messrs. F. D. Ayer, William T. Savage, and L. Marshall.

2. By what practical means can Christian influence be made to reach those who habitually absent themselves from the sanctuary? Discussed by Rev. Messrs. Eaton, Day, and Loomis of Mass.

3. Is there anything in the sentiments and tendencies of our congregations that demands a more full presentation of the doctrine of future punishment? Discussed by Rev. Messrs. Cook, and William Clark, who defended the affirmative of the question.

Revivals have been enjoyed in different parts of the State during the year, of which ministers whose flocks had been thus blessed gave particular accounts—an exercise which must have added interest to the occasion.

MISSIONARIES SAFE.

The following note from the Mission House will relieve the solicitude felt respecting our missionaries among the Dakotas:—

MISSION HOUSE, Boston, Sept. 6, 1862.

To the Editor of the Vermont Chronicle.

The friends of missions will rejoice to learn that the missionaries of the Board among the Dakotas, with their families are all safe. They knew nothing of the intended uprising till Monday evening, August 18. They passed through many dangers and trials; but on the Sabbath morning, August 24, they felt, for the first time, that they had reached a place of security. Nearly all their property is lost.

Yours, very truly,

S. B. TREAT,

Secretary of the A. B. C. F. M.