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OF THE

Newfoundland Conference

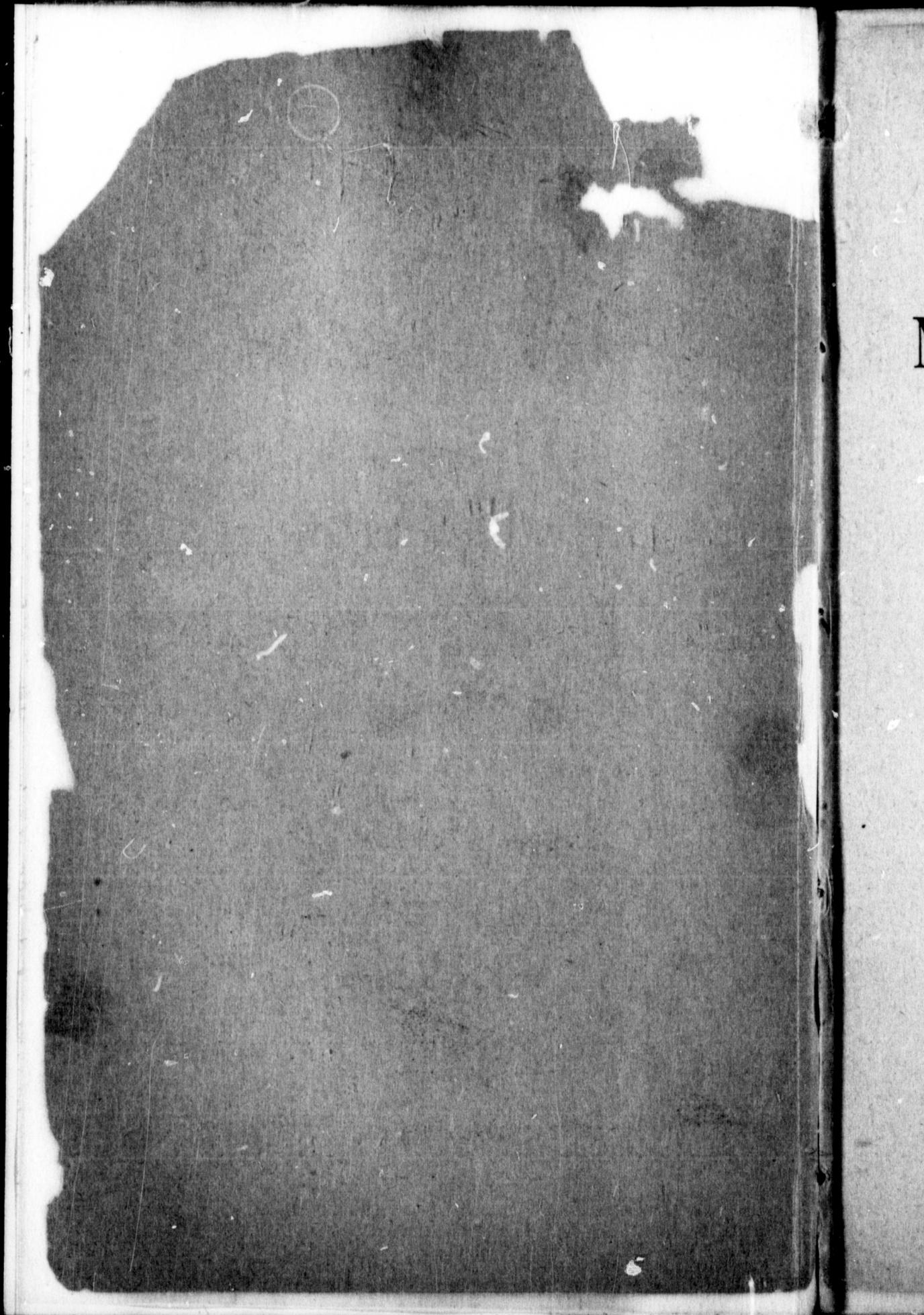


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OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE

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PRESIDENT :

Rev. George J. Bond, B.A.

SECRETARY :

Rev. George Boyd.

THE NEWFOUNDLAND CONFERENCE

—OF THE—

METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA,

Was organized in the George Street Church, St.
John's, August 5th, 1874.

Sessions of Conference.

YEAR.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.
1874	St. John's	Geo. S. Milligan, M.A.	Thomas Harris
1875	St. John's	Thomas Harris	James Dove
1876	St. John's	James Dove	John Goodison
1877	Carbonear	John Goodison	Joseph Pascoe
1878	St. John's	Geo. S. Milligan, M.A.	James Dove
1879	St. John's	James Dove	Charles Ladner
1880	Carbonear	Thomas Harris	Charles Ladner
1881	St. John's	Charles Ladner	George Boyd
1882	St. John's	John S. Peach	W. W. Percival
1883	Carbonear	James Dove	George J. Bond, A.B.

THE
NEWFOUNDLAND CONFERENCE
OF THE
METHODIST CHURCH

Was organized in Gower Street Church, St. John's,
July 1st, 1884.

Sessions of Conference.

YEAR	PLACE	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.
1884	St. John's	Geo. S. Milligan, LL.D.	George J. Bond, A. B.
1885	St. John's	George J. Bond, A. B.	George Boyd

MINUTES
OF THE
SECOND ANNUAL SESSION,
OF THE
Newfoundland Conference,
OF THE
METHODIST CHURCH,
HELD IN THE
Gower Street Church, Saint John's,
FROM JUNE 24th to JULY 2nd, 1885.

The Conference was opened by singing the 753rd Hymn.

The Secretary read the 2nd chapter of 2nd Epistle to Timothy, and Brethren Fox and Whiteford engaged in prayer.

The Roll of Ministerial members was then called, and the names of Laymen elected by the District Meetings were then reported as follows :—

ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

MINISTERS.

George J. Bond, A.B.
George Vater,
George Boyd,
G. S. Milligan, LL.D.,
Thomas Fox,
Jesse Heyfield,
James Nurse,
Thomas H. James,
Samuel Snowden,
W. H. Edyvean,
James Wilson,

LAYMEN.

Hon. C. R. Ayre,
Hon. J. J. Rogerson,
Hon. E. White,
John Steer,
H. J. B. Woods,
H. M. Gibb,
G. W. Mews,
J. E. P. Peters,
R. K. Bishop,
G. Gear,
James A. Whiteford.

CARBONAR DISTRICT.

MINISTERS.

W. Kendall,
 John S. Peach,
 James B. Heal,
 T. W. Atkinson,
 John Goodison,
 James Dove,
 Joseph Laster,
 W. R. Tratt,
 William Swann,
 Solomon Matthews,
 John Reay,
 George Paine,
 Joseph Parkins,
 Henry Lewis,
 Edgar Taylor,
 F. G. Willey,

LAYMEN.

A. Penny,
 John Bemister,
 John North,
 W. Lamb,
 Joshua Bartlett,
 Joseph Bennett,
 W. Boone,
 John C. Moores,
 Josiah Garland,
 Allan Hudson,
 W. Christian,
 R. Pippy,
 A. A. Thompson,
 W. Palmer,
 N. Frost,
 D. Currie.

BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

MINISTERS.

John Pratt,
 G. P. Storey,
 R. W. Freeman,
 William Jennings,
 George Bullen,
 J. Embree,
 Anthony Hill,
 Jabez Hill,
 Robert Bramfitt,
 H. C. Hatcher,
 James Pincock.

LAYMEN.

D. Forbes,
 Alfred Vincent,
 George Allen,
 Abraham Kean,
 Archibald Thompson,
 Simon Manuel,
 Simon Avery,
 Jabez Thompson,
 T. C. Duder, J.P.,
 Samuel Small,
 Levi Blandford

Forty-two of these answered to their names.

The President then put the second question, which was answered in the negative.

The Conference then proceeded to the election of its officers, balloting resulting in the election of Rev. George J. Bond, B.A., as President, and Rev. George Boyd as Secretary.

The brethren briefly thanked the Conference for this expression of confidence.

Upon nomination of the Secretary, Revs. F. G. Willey, W. Swann, and J. B. Heal were appointed Assistant Secretaries.

The Conference Prayer Meeting was held from 11.30 to 12.30.

QUESTION IV—*Are there any objections to any of our Ministers or Probationers for the Ministry?*

ANSWER.—They were examined one by one.

QUESTION V.—*What Probationers for the Ministry are now received into full Connexion and Ordained?*

ANSWER—None.

QUESTION VI.—*What Probationers for the Ministry remain on trial?*

ANSWER.

James Lumsden, S. F. H. Jennings, W. T. D. Dunn and F. R. Duffill, who have travelled three years.

Levi Curtis, Charles Lench, W. Rex, J. B. J. Smith, G. C. Frazer, Mark Fenwick, W. H. Browning, H. Hooper, J. W. Vickers and J. T. Newman who have travelled two years.

Arthur Cheeseman, Fred. C. Simpson, T. W. Wilson, T. B. G. Howe and Henry Scott who have travelled one year.

QUESTION VII.—*Who are the Probationers on the List of Reserve?*

ANSWER—None.

QUESTION VIII.—*What Candidates for the Ministry are now received on trial?*

ANSWER—Matthew J. Stevens.

QUESTION IX—*Who are the Superannuated Ministers?*

ANSWER.—None.

QUESTION X.—*Who are the Supernumerary Ministers?*

ANSWER.—John S. Peach and Thomas Fox.

QUESTION XI.—*Who are now located?*

ANSWER.—None.

QUESTION XII.—*What persons, who were in full connexion with the Conference, now cease to be recognized as Ministers among us?*

ANSWER.—None.

QUESTION XIII.—*Who are deposed from the office of the Ministry?*

ANSWER.—None.

QUESTION XIV.—*Who are now deposed from the Ministry and expelled from the Church?*

ANSWER.—None.

QUESTION XV.—*Who compose the several Conference Committees?*

ANSWER

SESSION OF 1885.

1 STATIONING COMMITTEE

The President of the Conference, ex-officio.

DISTRICTS.
St. John's
Carbonear
Bonavista

CHAIRMAN.
Rev. Dr. Milligan,
" J. Dove,
" J. Embree,

REPRESENTATIVES.
Rev. G. Boyd,
" S. Matthews,
" G. P. Story.

2. PASTORAL ADDRESS.

G. P. Story.

3. MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

Revs. F. G. Willey, George Vater, James Dove, J. Hill, and Messrs.
C. R. Ayre, J. J. Rogerson and T. C. Duder.

4. STATISTICAL RETURNS.

Financial Secretaries of Districts.

5. SABBATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

G. Vater, J. Parkins and R. W. Freeman.

6. CONTINGENT FUND.

Chairmen of Districts.

Rev. John Goodison,	J. E. P. Peters,
" T. H. James,	George Gear,
" R. W. Freeman,	J. J. Rogerson,
" Jesse Heyfield,	John Steer,
	T. C. Duder,
	R. K. Bishop,
	Apollos Thompson.

7. EDUCATION FUND.

President of Conference.

Rev. George Milligan, LL.D.,	C. R. Ayre,
" E. Taylor,	A. Penny,
" H. Lewis,	H. J. B. Woods,
" G. P. Story.	R. E. Holloway, B.A.,
	T. C. Duder.

8. SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

Rev. J. Dove,	Alfred Vincent,
" J. Nurse,	J. L. McNeil,
" J. Pratt,	John Woods,
" W. Swann:	W. Withycomb,

9. PARSONAGE AID COMMITTEE.

President and Ex-President,	John Steer,
Rev. G. Boyd,	E. White,
" J. S. Peach,	C. R. Ayre,
" J. Embree,	W. Lamb,
" G. Vater,	J. C. Moores,
" T. W. Atkinson,	A. Penny,
" John Pratt,	J. J. Rogerson,
" F. G. Willey,	John Woods,
" Anthony Hill,	C. Macpherson,
" J. Nurse,	S. R. March,
" G. Paine,	J. Trapnel,
" G. Bullen,	J. Bemister,
	George Gear,
	T. C. Duder.

10. TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE.

Rev. J. Heyfield, Con..	H. M. Gibb,
" G. Bullen,	J. Nicholls,
" J. Reay,	A. Martin,
" G. Boyd,	Dr. Burns,
" W. Jennings,	Bernard Parsons,
" F. G. Willey,	A. J. Crocker,
" W. Kendall,	W. Withycombe,
" W. H. Edyvean,	W. Mews.
" Robert Bramfitt,	A. Penny,
" W. R. Tratt,	J. J. Rogerson,
" J. B. Heal,	E. White.

11. COLPORTAGE COMMITTEE.

Rev. G. J. Bond, President,	J. J. Rogerson,
" Jabez Hill,	C. R. Ayre,
" T. H. James,	J. Steer,
" S. Matthews,	J. Bemister,
" T. W. Atkinson,	A. Penny,
" J. Embree,	G. W. Mews,
" J. S. Peach,	J. E. P. Peters,
" H. Lewis,	Bernard Parsons,
" R. Bramfitt,	C. Macpherson,
" J. Parkins,	J. Angell,
" W. Swann,	A. F. Shirran,
" G. P. Story,	H. J. B. Woods,
" George Boyd,	R. K. Bishop,
" H. C. Hatcher,	T. C. Duder,
" John Reay.	A. A. Thompson:

COLPORTAGE MANAGING COMMITTEE.

Rev. G. J. Bond, Pres. Con.,	C. R. Ayre,
" G. Boyd,	A. F. Shirran,
" G. Vater.	R. K. Bishop.

12. NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

Rev. J. Goodison,	C. R. Ayre,
" W. Kendall,	George Gear,
" G. J. Bond, President,	A. Penny,
" George Boyd,	H. J. B. Woods,
" S. Matthews,	John Bemister,
" J. Pratt.	W. Lamb.

13. LETTER WRITERS.

John Goodison and E. Taylor.

14. EXAMINATION COMMITTEE.

Rev. John Goodison, Sec'y.	Rev. Jabez Hill,
" Edgar Taylor,	" Robert Bramfitt,
" George Paine,	" William Swann,
" Jesse Heyfield,	" G. J. Bond, B.A.,
" George Vater,	" R. W. Freeman,
" Anthony Hill,	" J. Parkins,
" John Pratt,	" W. H. Edyvean,
" John Reay,	" G. P. Story,
" F. G. Willey,	" T. W. Atkinson,
" James B. Heal,	" Dr. Milligan,
" Henry Lewis,	" T. H. James,
" George Boyd,	" J. Embree,
" George Bullen,	" W. R. Tratt.
" James Nurse.	

15—MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

President of Conference and Superintendents of Districts, (ex-officio).

Rev. G. Boyd,	C. R. Ayre,
" J. Goodison,	George Gear,
" W. Swann,	J. L. McNeil,
	John Bemister,
	Dr. Forbes,
	T. C. Duder.

16. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.

H. C. Hatcher and W. R. Tratt.

17. CHILDREN'S FUND COMMITTEE.

Rev. J. S. Peach and Financial Secretaries of Districts.

18. CONFERENCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The President and Secretary of Conference;	Rev. T. H. James,
Superintendents of Districts,	" John Goodison,
Rev. G. S. Milligan, LL.D.,	" W. Swann.
" John Reay,	

19. GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

I CENTRAL MISSIONARY BOARD.

Rev. G. J. Bond, B.A., and H. J. B. Woods, Esq.
Alternate, George Gear, Esq.

II TRANSFER COMMITTEE.

Rev. G. J. Bond, B.A., and Rev. George Boyd.
 Alternates C. Stewart, D.D., and Rev. S. F. Huestis.

III CORRESPONDING MEMBER OF THE S. S. BOARD,

Rev. J. Parkins.

20. LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE.

President of Conference,	H. J. B. Woods,
Rev. J. Dove,	J. E. P. Peters,
" G. Boyd,	J. J. Rogerson,
" J. Heyfield,	A. Penny,
" W. Swann,	J. J. Thompson,
" R. W. Freeman,	George Bishop,
" T. H. James,	John E. Lake.
	G. BOYD, Convener.

21 COMMITTEE ON CENSUS RETURNS.

President and Secretary of Conference,	Hon. J. J. Rogerson,
Rev. Dr. Milligan,	H. M. Gibb.

22 COMMITTEE ON PROPOSED ORPHANAGE.

President and Secretary of Conference,	
Rev. G. Vater,	C. R. Ayre,
	J. J. Rogerson,
	J. Steer,
	J. S. Pitts,
	G. W. Mews,
	H. J. B. Woods.
	George Gear.

23. NEW ACADEMY BUILDINGS AND MINISTERS' CHILDREN'S HOME COMMITTEE.

Sup't. of Carbonear District,	J. B. Ayre,
" " Bonavista "	J. R. McNeilly,
Fin. Sec'y of Carbonear District,	H. J. B. Woods,
" " " Bonavista "	R. K. Bishop,
Rev. G. S. Milligan, LL.D.,	C. McPherson,
" G. J. Bond, Convener,	B. E. Holloway, B.A.,
" George Boyd.	John Steer,
	George Gear.

QUESTION XVI.—What Ministers or Probationers for the Ministry have died during the past year ?

ANSWER.—We are thankful to God that no deaths have occurred during the year.

QUESTION XVII.—Where are the Ministers or Probationers for the Ministry stationed for the ensuing year ?

ANSWER.

REV. GEORGE J. BOND, B.A., PRESIDENT,

REV. GEORGE BOYD, SECRETARY.

I.—ST. JOHN DISTRICT.

- 1 St John's East—George J. Bond, B.A.; George Vater
- 2 St John's West—George Boyd, George C. Frazer; George S. Milligan, LL.D., Superintendent of Methodist Day Schools by permission of Conference. Thomas Fox, Supernumerary.
- 3 Pouch Cove—Jesse Heyfield,
- 4 Sound Island—Theophilus B. G. Howe,
- 5 Flat Island—M. J. Stevens,
- 6 Burin—James Nurse,
- 7 St Pierre—One wanted,
- 8 Fortune—Samuel Snowden
- 9 Grand Bank—Thomas H. James
- 10 Burgeo—J. B. J. Smith
- 11 Petites—Charles Lynch
- 12 Channel—W. H. Edyvean
- 13 St George's Bay—W. H. Browning,
- 14 Bonne Bay and Bay of Islands—Henry Scott,
- 15 Flowers' Cove—T. W. Wilson
- 16 St Anthony—One to be sent
- 17 Red Bay—James Wilson
- 18 Hamilton Inlet, Labrador—James T. Newman,

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT, G. J. Bond.
FINANCIAL SECRETARY, George Boyd.

 II—CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

- 19 Carbonear—William Kendall, T. C. Simpson,
John S. Peach, Supernumerary.
- 20 Harbor Grace—Thomas W. Atkinson,
- 21 Bay Roberts—Joseph Lister,
- 22 Port de Grave—William R. Tratt,
- 23 Cupids—John Pratt,
- 24 Brigus—James Dove,
- 25 Freshwater—J. B. Heal,
- 26 Black Head—Henry Lewis,
- 27 Western Bay—Solomon Matthews,
- 28 Lower Island Cove—John Reay,
- 29 Old Perlican—Jabez Hill,
- 30 Hants Harbor—Joseph Parkins.
- 31 Heart's Content—John Goodison,
- 32 Green's Harbor—Anthony Hill,
- 33 Random North—Edgar Taylor,
- 34 Random South—F. C. Willey,
- 35 Britania Cove—Mark Fenwick,

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT, James Dove,
FINANCIAL SECRETARY, John Goodison,

III.—BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

- 36 Bonavista—R. W. Freeman, F. R. Duffill,
- 37 Catalina—G. P. Story,
- 38 Trinity—George Paine,
- 39 Musgrave Town—Samuel Jennings,
- 40 Glover Town—One to be sent,
- 41 Greenspond—William Jennings,
- 42 Wesleyville—James Lumsden,
- 43 Musgrave Harbor—William Rex,
- 44 Indian Islands and Rocky Bay—A. Cheeseman,
- 45 Fogo—J. Embree,
- 46 Herring Neck and Change Islands—R. Bramfitt,
- 47 Twillingate—George Bullen, J. W. Vickers,
- 48 Moreton's Harbor—Henry C Hatcher,
- 49 Exploits—William Swann,
- 50 Little Bay Islands—James Pincock,
- 51 Little Bay—Herbert Hooper,
- 52 Nipper's Harbor—One to be sent,
- 53 White Bay—One to be sent,

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT, J Embree,
FINANCIAL SECRETARY, G P Story,

STUDENTS ALLOWED TO ATTEND SACKVILLE COLLEGE.

Henry Abraham, W. T. D. Dunn, Levi Curtia.

QUESTION XVIII—*What Probationers for the Ministry are appointed to attend Mount Allison Wesleyan College?*

ANSWER.

- 1—Henry Abraham who has travelled three years.
- 2—W. T. D. Dunn who has travelled three years.
- 3—Levi Curtis who has travelled two years.

QUESTION XIX—*Who compose the Board of Examiners for this year?*

ANSWER.—See under Question 15.

QUESTION XX—*Who are appointed as Examiners of the Conference Students at the various Institutions of Learning?*

ANSWER 1—Mount Allison College, Rev. J. Gaetz and Rev. R. Weddall.

QUESTION XXI—*Who are appointed by the Conference to the General Board of Missions, and to the Central Sabbath School Board?*

ANSWER.—See under Question 15.

Rev. George Boyd and Hon. J. J. Rogerson were appointed to the Central Sabbath School Board.

QUESTION XXII—What is the number of Church Members, Churches, and other places of Worship, and attendance on worship in each Circuit and Mission? What is the number of baptisms administered and of marriages solemnized by each minister?

ANSWER,

ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Members.	On Trial.	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Attendance on Public Worship.	Baptisms.	Marriages.
St. John's East.....	400	10	2	.....	1200	117	26
St. John's West.....	220	34	2	2	900	43	21
Pouch Cove.....	144	6	2	.....	550	23	3
Burin.....	284	5	1	5	1400	34	6
Grand Bank.....	173	22	1	.....	500	30	12
Fortune.....	235	9	1	.....	.....	4	7
Burgeo.....	56	.....	2	1	230	6	2
Petites.....	211	57	1	10	.....	35	5
Channel.....	37	20	1	1	337	10	4
St. Pierre.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Flat Island.....	117	5	1	5	.....	15	4
Sound Island.....	83	2	.....	.....	300	15	2
Flower Cove.....	62	.....	.....	6	150	9	1
St. Anthony.....	227	1	1	13	.....	15	6
Bonne Bay.....	60	14	1	3	170	7	3
St. George's Bay.....	30	5	.....	5	100	8	1
Labrador Red Bay.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hamilton Inlet, Labrador.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	2339	190	16	51	5837	401	103

CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

Carbonear.....	462	28	2	1	1750	79	16
Freshwater.....	330	72	1	3	900	53	15
Harbor Grace.....	144	10	1	2	800	38	10
Brigus.....	117	2	1	3	900	31	13
Cupids.....	174	50	2	.....	700	30	4
Bay Roberts.....	148	5	3	2	550	27	9
Port de Grave.....	91	.....	2	.....	350	12	8
Blackhead.....	518	43	1	2	900	52	12
Western Bay.....	280	6	2	1	800	38	10
Island Cove.....	259	33	2	3	950	47	15
Old Perlican.....	217	134	2	.....	750	39	11
Hant's Harbor.....	245	18	4	.....	900	53	10
Heart's Content.....	78	4	2	1	400	10	5
Random North.....	80	18	3	9	400	24	2
Random South.....	176	3	4	12	500	19	9
Britannia Cove.....	101	9	3	5	300	23	7
Green's Harbor.....	30	2	1	4	250	15	5
	3450	437	36	48	12100	590	161

Churches,
in each
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BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Members.	On Trial.	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Attendance on Public Worship.	Baptisms.	Marriages.
Bonavista.....	548	16	3	1	3000	97	27
Catalina.....	65	35	2	.....	809	37	7
Trinity.....	100	5	2	3	460	23	10
Greenspond.....	100	3	1	4	950	47	15
Twillingate.....	450	155	3	1	2850	113	26
Exploits.....	200	60	2	8	1300	57	8
Musgrave Town.....	75	10	3	3	650	38	8
Glover Town.....	82	6	1	.....	290	21	.....
Musgrave Harbor.....	136	50	1	6	920	42	14
Fogo.....	130	50	4	3	738	25	8
Herring Neck.....	172	40	2	1	686	30	3
Moreton's Harbor.....	123	329	2	3	1000	29	11
Little Bay Island.....	200	95	3	8	1000	62	9
Bett's Cove and Tilt Cove.....	236	21	4	7	900	35	6
Little Bay.....	117	14	..	8	920	47	12
White Bay.....	78	.....	..	10	286	13	3
Wesleyville.....	120	2	2	4	1040	60	10
	2932	891	35	70	17799	776	177

Baptisms.	Marriages.
117	26
43	21
23	3
34	6
30	12
4	7
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3	10
7	15
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5	5
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RECAPITULATION.

St. John's.....	2339	190	16	51	5837	401	103
Carbonear.....	3450	437	36	48	12100	590	161
Bonavista.....	2932	861	35	70	17799	776	177
	8721	1518	87	169	35736	1767	441

QUESTION XXIII—What is the number of Ministers, Probationers for the Ministry, and Laymen in the Quarterly Official Meetings of Sabbat. Schools? And what Connexional Property is returned?

ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	QUARTERLY MEETINGS.		CONNEXIONAL PROPERTY.					
	Ministers and Probationers.	Laymen.	Local Preachers.	Sabbath Schools.	Churches.	Schools.	Parsonages.	Value, including Lands.
St. John's East.....	2	26	2	2	2	2	2	.....
St. John's West.....	3	28	4	3	2	2	1	.....
Pouch Cove.....	1	14	1	3	2	..	1	.....
Burin.....	1	31	1	4	1	..	1	.....
Grand Bank.....	1	8	..	1	1	1	1	.....
Fortune.....	1	33	..	1	1	2	1	.....
Burgeo.....	1	..	..	1	2	..	..	.....
Petites.....	1	14	..	5	1	..	..	.....
Channel.....	1	1	..	2	1	2	1	.....
St. Pierre.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....
Flat Island.....	1	14	1	2	1	1	1	.....
Sound Island.....	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	.....
Flower Cove.....	1	1	..	2	..	1	..	.....
St. Anthony.....	1	23	2	6	1	2	..	.....
Bonne Bay.....	1	4	..	2	1	1	..	.....
St. George's Bay.....	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	.....
Labrador, Red Bay.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....
Hamilton Inlet, Labrador.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....
	20	197	12	36	16	12	9	.....

CARBONEAR.

Carbonear.....	2	35	2	3	2	..	1	.....
Freshwater.....	1	24	1	3	1	..	1	.....
Harbor Grace.....	1	16	1	3	1	..	1	.....
Brigus.....	1	5	..	3	1	..	1	.....
Cupids.....	1	3	..	2	2	..	1	.....
Bay Roberts.....	1	..	..	2	3	..	..	.....
Port de Grave.....	1	4	..	1	2	..	..	.....
Blackhead.....	1	19	..	3	1	..	1	.....
Western Bay.....	1	17	..	2	2	..	1	.....
Island Cove.....	1	17	2	4	2	..	1	.....
Old Perlican.....	1	15	..	2	2	..	1	.....
Hant's Harbor.....	1	8	8	3	4	..	1	.....
Heart's Contents.....	1	3	1	2	2	1	1	.....
Random North.....	1	9	4	6	3	..	1	.....
Random South.....	1	12	1	3	4	2
Britannia Cove.....	1	10	2	5	3	4
Green's Harbor.....	1	1	..	1	..	1	1
	18	198	22	48	35	8	13

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BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	QUARTERLY MEETING.		CONNEXIONAL PROPERTY.					
	Ministers and Probationers.	Laymen.	Local Preachers.	Sabbath Schools.	Churches.	Schools.	Parsonage.	Value including Lands.
Bonavista	2	43	3	4	3	1	1	....
Catalina	1	2	..	2	2	..	1	....
Trinity	1	14	..	6	2	..	1	....
Geenspond	1	9	4	1	1	..	1	....
Twillingate	2	25	3	4	3	..	1	....
Exploits	1	8	..	1	2	..	1	....
Musgrave Town	1	5	2	3	3	..	1	....
Glover Town	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	....
Musgrave Harbor	1	6	1	3	1	..	1	....
Fogo	1	12	1	4	4	..	1	....
Herring Neck	1	9	..	1	2	..	1	....
Moreton's Harbor	1	12	1	4	2	..	1	....
Little Bay Island	1	13	1	4	3	..	1	....
Bett's Cove and Tilt Cove	1	12	2	5	4	..	..	....
Little Bay	1	15	..	10	..	..	..	....
White Bay	1	3	..	1	..	1	..	....
Wesleyville	1	13	1	1	2	..	..	....
	19	201	19	55	35	2	12	....

RECAPITULATION.

St. John's	20	197	12	36	16	12	9	....
Carbonear	18	198	22	48	35	8	13	....
Bonavista	19	201	19	55	35	2	12	....
	57	596	53	139	86	22	34	....

QUESTION XXIV.—What has been collected on each District for the various Connexional Funds ?

ANSWER

ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Contingent Fund.	Educational Fund.	Sun. School Aid and Extension Fund.	General Conf. Fund.	Superannuated Min. Fund.	Missionary Fund.
St. John's East.....	40 00	25 00	10 00	10 00	60 00	1020 00
St. John's West.....	24 00	16 00	8 00	12 00	30 00	932 89
Pouch Cove.....	1 75	1 25	2 50	1 00	3 00	35 08
Burin.....	2 40	3 00	1 50	1 00	5 40	84 70
Grand Bank.....	5 00	6 40	1 15	6 30	6 00	270 66
Fortune.....	4 45	4 59	1 50	4 30	5 05	161 07
Burgeo.....	40	60	40	40	40	16 80
Petites.....	1 00	50	50	45	1 45	38 70
Channel.....	7 05	2 50	2 10	1 00	5 02	59 21
St. Pierre.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Flat Island.....	1 00	1 00	50	75	1 00	26 30
Sound Island.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	17 31
Elower Cove.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 62
St. Anthony.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36 00
Bonne Bay and Bay of Islands.....	1 00	1 00	.....	1 00	1 97	32 00
St. George's Bay.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	80	1 00	41 35
Red Bay, Labrador.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hamilton Inlet, Labrador.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	90 05	63 84	30 15	39 97	121 29	2782 69
Expenses.....						33 53

CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

Carbonear.....	18 00	10 00	4 00	5 00	25 00	249 93
Freshwater.....	1 70	1 05	1 00	1 39	1 32	54 34
Harbor Grace.....	15 20	10 20	1 00	4 00	16 60	235 05
Brigus.....	6 20	6 50	3 00	2 00	10 40	109 89
Cupids.....	2 60	1 90	2 50	2 00	4 50	77 00
Bay Roberts.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	82 90
Port de Grave.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	32 60
Blackhead.....	3 12	5 00	1 15	2 00	7 25	146 00
Western Bay.....	1 15	4 05	1 00	1 00	2 10	74 58
Island Cove.....	1 15	1 05	1 00	1 00	1 90	63 24
Old Perlican.....	2 50	2 07	1 00	1 00	4 00	125 64
Hants Harbor.....	1 00	1 05	1 00	85	1 70	98 36
Heart's Content.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	1 00	55 00
Random North.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 25	109 15
Random South.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	152 16
Britannia Cove.....	1 00	1 00	50	50	2 00	92 80
Green's Harbor.....	40 00
	58 62	48 87	22 15	24 74	83 02	1798 64
Expenses.....						104 70

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125 64
98 36
55 00
109 15
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92 80
40 00
1798 64
104 70

BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Contingent Fund.	Educational Fund.	Sun. School Aid and Extension Fund.	General Conf. Fund.	Superannuated Min. Fund.	Missionary Fund.
Bonavista.....	17 50	5 64	2 00	4 22	22 59	232 20
Catalina.....	4 80	4 00	2 00	1 60	5 40	77 20
Trinity.....	3 00	2 15	1 06	1 40	2 25	63 86
Greenspond.....	4 90	6 00	1 20	1 10	6 55	107 37
Wesleyville.....	3 00	2 50	1 00	1 00	4 00	142 10
Twillingate.....	8 50	5 50	1 00	1 14	11 00	210 96
Exploits.....	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	3 00	56 44
Musgrave Town.....	1 00	1 00	50	50	1 00	25 00
Glover Town.....	1 20	94	60	26	1 00	9 00
Musgrave Harbor.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 10	1 10	131 00
Fogo.....	4 00	3 00	1 00	2 00	5 60	183 26
Herring Neck.....	5 90	4 07	1 05	1 04	4 20	94 57
Moreton's Harbor.....	3 00	1 50	1 50	1 30	5 50	128 50
Little Bay Islands.....	4 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	5 50	130 00
Bett's Cove and Tilt Cove.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 50	86 85
Little Bay.....	2 00	1 00	1 10	1 00	3 00	171 00
White Bay.....	1 10	1 10	1 10	1 12	1 00	9 00
Expenses.....	67 90	44 40	19 11	21 78	84 19	1858 31
						56 57

RECAPITULATION.

St. John's.....	90 05	63 84	30 15	39 97	121 29	2782 69
Carbonear.....	58 62	48 87	22 15	24 74	83 02	1798 64
Bonavista.....	67 90	44 40	19 11	21 78	84 19	1858 31
Conference Collections..	.....	164 75	.....	.....	.....	86 00
Less Expenses.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	194 80
Ministers' Subscriptions .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	593 00	.....
	216 57	321 86	71 41	86 49	881 50	6330 44

ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Children's Fund.	Parsonage Aid Fund.	Newfoundland Methodist S. School Society.
St. John's East.....	130 00	50 00	50 00
St. John's West.....	97 50	10 00	30 00
Pouch Cove.....	65 00	1 10	1 00
Burin.....	65 00	4 40	3 00
Grand Bank.....	65 00	8 55	3 00
Fortune.....	65 00	4 15	2 10
Burgeo.....	32 50	40	40
Petites.....	65 00	50	50
Channel.....	65 00	4 41	4 30
St. Pierre.....	32 50	1 00	50
Flat Island.....	32 50	50	50
Sound Island.....	32 50	.....	.....
Flower Cove.....	65 00	.....	.....
St. Anthony.....	65 00	1 00	1 00
Bonne Bay and Bay of Islands.....	32 50	1 00	90
St. George's Bay.....	65 00	1 50	1 00
Red Bay, Labrador.....	32 50	.....	.....
Hamilton Inlet, Labrador.....	.....	.....	.....
	1007 50	88 51	98 20

CARBONEAR.

Carbonear.....	130 00	8 00	9 08
Freshwater.....	65 00	1 30	1 33
Harbor Grace.....	65 00	14 10	7 50
Brigus.....	65 00	5 00	6 00
Cupids.....	65 00	2 05	1 50
Bay Roberts.....	65 00	1 00	1 00
Port de Grave.....	65 00	1 00	1 00
Blackhead.....	65 00	2 00	2 00
Western Bay.....	65 00	1 16	1 04
Island Cove.....	65 00	1 10	90
Old Perlican.....	65 00	1 50	1 00
Heart's Harbor.....	65 00	1 44	65
Heart's Content.....	65 00	1 00	1 00
Random North.....	65 00	1 00	1 00
Random South.....	65 00	1 00	1 00
Britannia Cove.....	33 00	1 00	1 00
Green's Harbor.....	65 00	.....	.....
	1138 00	43 65	37 00

BONAVISTA.

CIRCVITS.	Children's Fund.	Parsonage Aid Fund.	Newfoundland Methodist School Society.
Bonavista	97 50	17 20	5 22
Catalina	65 00	3 60	2 70
Trinity	65 00	1 24	1 20
Greenspond	65 00	2 00	1 50
Wesleyville	65 00	3 40	1 60
Twillingate	97 50	5 71	6 35
Exploits	65 00	2 00	1 00
Musgrave Town	65 00	42	30
Glover Town	32 50	59	50
Musgrave Harbor	65 00	1 10	1 15
Fogo	65 00	4 00	3 00
Herring Neck	65 00	4 50	2 00
Moreton's Harbor	65 00	2 50	1 20
Little Bay Islands	65 00	2 00	1 50
Bett's Cove and Tilt Cove	65 00	1 00	1 00
Little Bay	32 50	2 00	1 00
White Bay	32 50	.....	.....
	1072 50	53 17	31 22

RECAPITULATION.

St. John's	1067 50	87 01	97 20
Carbonear	1138 00	43 65	37 00
Bonavista	1072 50	53 17	31 22
	3218 00	183 83	165 42

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Conscious of our own great inefficiency and of the incompleteness, yet magnitude of the work, we would here and now, consecrate our highest study and endeavour for its perfection.

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SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

I—ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

CIRCUIT OR MISSIONS	
No. Preaching Appointments.	
No. of Schools.	
Members of Meth. Church	
Non-Members.	
Total.	
Average Attendance	
SCHOLARS.	
In Primary Classes.	
Intermediate Classes.	
Adult Classes.	
Total.	
Average Attendance.	
Conversions during year.	
Meeting in Class.	
Learning Catechisms.	
Number who have taken Total Abstinence Pledge.	
LIBRARIES AND SUNDAY SCHOOL PAPERS.	
Total Volumes in Library.	
Copies Pleasant Hours.	
Copies Home and School.	
Copies Sunbeam.	
Copies Berean Quarterly.	
Copies Berean Leaves.	
Copies S. S. Banner.	
Other Papers.	
No of schools using Uniform Les.	
Do. having regular Teachers meeting for study of Lessons.	
Do. open whole year.	
Monies raised by Schools for School purposes.	

CIRCUIT OR MISSIONS

	No. of Schools.	Members of Meth. Church.	Non-Members.	Total.	Average Attendance.	In Primary Classes.	Intermediate Classes.	Adult Classes.	Total.	Average Attendance.	Conversions during year.	Meeting in Class.	Learning Catechisms.	Number who have taken Total Absence Pledg.	Total Volumes in Library.	Copies Pleasant Hours.	Copies Home and School.	Copies Sunbeam.	Copies Berean Quarterly.	Copies Berean Leaves.	Copies S. Z. Banner.	Other Papers.	No of schools using Union Do. meeting for study of Test. Do. open whole year.	Montes raised by Schools for School purposes.	
St. John's East	2	46	10	56	49	163	276	151	590	389	36	115	430	943	940	1700	2	1	42	1	42	1700	2	1	42
St. John's West	4	36	14	50	45	123	222	94	439	300	20	35	238	882	940	1700	2	1	1	1	1	1700	2	1	1
Pouch Cove	4	17	1	18	16	59	73	46	178	146	1	16	199	531	170	1700	2	1	23	3	23	1700	2	1	3
Burin	6	21	7	28	23	68	95	23	189	155	5	69	150	160	170	1700	2	1	8	1	8	1700	2	1	1
Grand Bank	1	25	1	26	23	60	140	25	225	190	4	50	150	160	170	1700	2	1	8	1	8	1700	2	1	1
Fortune	2	24	1	25	20	73	105	32	215	175	4	26	26	40	150	170	2	1	8	1	8	1700	2	1	3
Burgoe	1	4	3	7	5	18	15	17	50	38	13	33	23	40	150	170	2	1	8	1	8	1700	2	1	3
Petites	11	20	1	21	18	72	64	16	152	120	13	33	23	40	150	170	2	1	8	1	8	1700	2	1	3
Channel	5	2	13	15	10	30	39	21	90	67	13	13	13	45	150	170	2	1	8	1	8	1700	2	1	3
St. Pierre	6	9	2	11	9	27	28	25	78	56	5	10	10	35	150	170	2	1	8	1	8	1700	2	1	3
Fiat Island	8	1	6	7	6	31	18	19	68	40	11	11	11	35	150	170	2	1	8	1	8	1700	2	1	3
Sund Island	6	2	6	8	4	24	34	26	50	34	42	47	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Flower Cove	6	2	6	8	5	24	34	26	50	34	42	47	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
St. Anthony	15	21	5	26	15	73	73	202	126	42	47	89	35	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Rome Bay	3	2	6	8	5	22	25	10	57	36	1	35	35	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
St. Georges Bay	5	1	6	7	3	10	10	6	26	17	8	1	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Red Bay, Labrador	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hamilton Inlet, Labrador	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	50	33	251	40	304	857	1181	571	2109	1889	127	31	1269	1975	1700	75,267.5	17	3	75,267.5	17	3	75,267.5	17	3	28

2-CARBONBEAR DISTRICT.

Carbonbear	3	35	8	43	37	226	274	131	620	494	3	29	454	85	492	30	26	29	100	25	100	25	1	1	100
Freshwater	3	26	8	34	26	73	113	63	219	186	22	54	158	150	48	60	3120	5	80	1	80	1	1	1	80
Harbor Grace	3	27	10	37	31	91	147	35	226	181	.....	13	16	150	521	.....	.....	.....	1680	240	1680	240	.....	.....	1680
Brigus	3	15	8	23	23	91	90	69	241	180	.....	10	140	20	78	.....	.....	.....	150	24	150	24	.....	.....	150
Cupids	3	2	4	6	26	79	108	37	222	193	4	3	222	123	167	9	.....	.....	136	10	136	10	.....	.....	136
Bay Roberts	6	2	10	11	9	10	52	25	85	72	.....	7	45	40	.....	.....	.....	60	27	60	27	.....	.....	60	
Port de Grave	2	1	5	6	5	28	39	19	58	32	.....	.....	40	40	.....	.....	.....	6	27	6	27	.....	.....	6	
Blackhead	2	2	4	6	20	104	137	68	309	195	17	58	28	181	.....	.....	.....	1	13	1	13	.....	.....	1	
Wes. ern Bay	3	2	14	16	12	50	30	132	100	4	.....	30	65	20	52	2	.....	.....	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	1
Island Cove	5	4	34	38	30	134	211	53	383	313	39	50	256	20	32	2	.....	.....	13	1	13	1	.....	.....	13
Old Perlican	2	3	38	41	34	162	192	106	400	192	46	62	228	216	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Haar's Harbour	4	3	24	27	24	78	75	81	214	160	.....	10	33	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Haar's Content	3	2	18	20	19	41	40	57	138	120	4	17	91	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Random North	6	6	14	18	17	55	51	49	155	131	13	25	23	14	100	35	35	36	16	12	16	12	.....	.....	16
Random South	17	3	11	8	22	72	8	27	107	88	3	28	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Britannia Cove	8	5	12	13	13	42	42	35	120	105	7	5	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Green's Harbour	5	1	4	5	3	20	16	11	50	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	70	48	342	73	420	1309	1563	829	1734	2304	102	429	1890	874	1438	427	3450	379	65	2198	364	31	18	4	26

3-BONAVISTA DISTRICT

Bonavista	4	32	9	41	35	262	216	57	555	340	1	38	210	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Catalina	6	9	5	14	13	79	46	88	213	183	5	6	107	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Trinity	2	18	7	25	23	48	86	21	183	142	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Green's pond	5	1	4	6	15	12	25	43	21	89	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wesleyville	6	4	3	7	6	18	22	40	80	65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Twillingate	4	38	5	43	35	122	171	58	351	268	64	72	600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Exploits	8	1	9	10	10	47	43	44	240	130	30	28	130	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Musgrave Town	6	3	9	12	11	41	39	44	109	78	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Glover Town	8	1	4	5	3	7	11	14	32	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Musgrave Harbour	5	4	18	22	17	81	40	4	125	88	13	18	204	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fogo	6	1	10	11	10	15	20	35	70	60	6	9	39	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Herring Neck	7	4	23	27	21	74	69	80	213	195	78	92	145	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Moreton's Harbour	11	4	19	23	17	44	54	22	130	82	13	13	68	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Little Bay Islands	11	5	19	24	18	60	50	50	160	125	16	16	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Betts Cove and Tilt Cove	10	10	27	37	27	94	110	67	295	219	28	35	77	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Little Bay	11	1	6	7	5	22	12	20	54	40	3	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
White Bay	116	55	270	61	31	1148	1155	727	3030	2290	32	830	1434	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	116	55	270	61	31	1148	1155	727	3030	2290	32	830	1434	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

RECAPITULATION.

St. John's	80	261	40	301	250	857	1181	571	2009	1889	127	351	1269	1975	1700	75,267.5	17	3	75,267.5	17	3	75,267.5	17	3	28
Carbonbear	79	48	312	78	420	1309	1566	859	1734	2304	102	427	1890	8											

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QUESTION XXV—What are the reports of the several Committees?

ANSWER.

I—CONTINGENT FUND.

In view of the many and urgent claims upon this Fund from various causes, the Committee respectfully represent to Conference, the need of making special reference to it on all the Circuits and Missions of the Conference in order that it may be largely increased during the coming year, and they believe that an explanation to our people of the special cases relieved from the fund will lead to this result—

INCOME.

Balance from last Account.....	\$ 1 08
Received from Labrador Circuit 1884.....	1 00
“ “ St. John’s District.....	89 05
“ “ Carbonear “	58 62
“ “ Bonavista “	67 00
“ “ Rev. J. Lister for Registers.....	4 00
“ “ Rev. George Bullen.....	4 00
	\$224 75

EXPENDITURE.

President’s Expenses during year of office.....	\$ 30 00
District Books, Stationery, Tickets, Postage and Journals....	34 05
Minutes of Conference.....	75 00
Conference Stationery, etc.....	6 00
Marriage Certificates procured by order of Conference held on sale to the Ministers, proceeds to be refunded.....	12 00
Conference Special Committee’s expenses.....	10 50
To friends of late Mrs. Bryant in England for affliction and funeral expenses.....	40 00
Rev. J. Reay personal and domestic affliction.....	16 00
“ S. Snowdon “ “ “	7 20
	\$224 75

J. E. P. PETERS, Secretary.

II—SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

The Committee having examined the returns from the Circuits and Missions of this Conference, regrets having to report a decrease of \$28.35 on last year, while it notes with pleasure an increase of \$10.00, in St. John’s East Circuit, it recognizes the importance of earnestly presenting to all our congregations the just claims of this fund.

It also desires to express its continued confidence in the Rev. H. Pickard, D.D., and Dr. Inch the General Treasurers of this fund.

The following are the amounts from the Districts :—

St. John's.....	\$121 29
Carbonear.....	83 02
Bonavista.....	84 19
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	\$288 50
Labrador, 1884.....	\$ 2 00
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	\$290 50

MINISTERIAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

George J Bond.....	10 00	Frederick C Simpson.....	20 60
George Vater.....	10 00	James B Heal.....	10 00
George Boyd.....	10 00	Thomas W Atkinson.....	10 00
G S Milligan.....	10 00	John Goodison.....	10 00
Jesse Heyfield.....	10 00	James Dove.....	10 00
James Nurse.....	10 00	Joseph Lister.....	10 00
Samuel Snowden.....	10 00	W R Tratt.....	10 00
G C Frazer.....	10 00	W Swann.....	10 00
W H Edyvean.....	10 00	S Matthews.....	10 00
Charles Lench.....	10 00	John Reay.....	10 00
J B J Smith.....	10 00	George Paine.....	10 00
Thomas H. James.....	10 00	J Parkins.....	10 00
Thomas Wilson.....	20 60	Henry Lewis.....	10 00
Levi Curtis.....	10 00	Edgar Taylor.....	10 00
William Rex.....	10 00	F G Willey.....	10 00
James Wilson.....	10 00	M Fenwick.....	10 00
J T Newman.....	10 00	A J Cheesemen.....	20 60
J Embree.....	10 00	W H Browning.....	10 00
F R Duffill.....	10 00	R Bramfitt.....	10 00
R W Freeman.....	10 00	H C Hatcher.....	10 00
G P Story.....	10 00	Anthony Hill.....	10 00
W Jennings.....	10 00	James Pincock.....	10 00
George Bullen.....	10 00	J W Vickers.....	10 00
W T D Dunn.....	10 00	H Hooper.....	10 00
S Jennings.....	10 00	T B G Howe.....	20 60
Jabez Hill.....	10 00	M J Stevens.....	10 00
John Pratt.....	10 00		
Henry Scott.....	20 60		\$603 00
W Kendall.....	10 00		

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF THE SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND OF THE EASTERN CONFERENCES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH, JULY, 1884.

CURRENT INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE CONFERENCE YEAR, 1883-4.

Receipts.

1.—Interest on Capital Stock Investments	5035 91
2.—From Nova Scotia Conference,	
(1) Circuit Collections	776 74
(2) Preachers' Subscriptions per Conference Treasurer 730 00	
" " to General Treasurer.....	30 60
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1537 34	
3.—From N. B. and P. E. I. Conference,	
(1) Circuit Collections	646 53
(2) Preachers' Subscriptions per Conference Treasurer 790 00	
" " to General Treasurer.....	69 40
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1505 93	
4.—From Newfoundland Conference,	
(1) Circuit Collections	316 88
(2) Preachers' Subscriptions	615 40
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932 28	
Total Amount from Circuits 1740 15, and from Ministers 2235 40	3975 55
5.—Earnings of Vessels	91 98
6.—Missionary Society Grant	700 00
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Total Amount Current Income for the Year	\$9803 44

Expenditure.

1.—Annuities Nova Scotia Conference	5017 50	
2. “ N. B. and P. E. I. “	3815 00	
3. “ Newfoundland “	510 00	
4.—Mrs. Thomas (late Mr. Robertson's Legacy)	28 00	9370 50
5.—Expenses,		
(1) Taxes on Sussex Land	1 51	
(2) Treasurer's Expenses and Incidentals	25 00	26 51
Total Amount Current Expenditure		9397 01
Balance to Capital Stock Account		406 43
		<u>\$9803 44</u>

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

Resolved 1.—That we rejoice in the success which has crowned the efforts put forth in several localities in this colony during the past year to secure the benefits of the Permissive and Local Option Acts, and would urge upon the friends of Temperance renewed efforts towards securing Prohibition throughout the Island.

2.—The committee believing that much good has resulted from the Special Temperance Sermons preached during the past year would earnestly recommend the practice, and name the third Sabbath in December for this purpose.

3.—That we would urge upon all our ministers the wisdom of increasing the circulation of Temperance literature and tracts amongst our people as far as practical.

4.—That whilst regretting the failure of the recent powerful agitation in St. John's to secure the Permissive Act for the capital—this Committee believes the public has become better educated on the Temperance question as the result of that agitation and confidently hopes that we are really nearer ultimate victory.

5.—That this Committee requests each District Superintendent to see that complete Temperance Statistics are obtained at the Annual District Meetings, from every Circuit and Mission.

6.—That we recommend the Conference to form a “Methodist Total Abstinence Society” having special reference to the bringing about of a law Prohibiting the importation, manufacture and sale of spirituous liquors. Such Society to be directly under the control of the church to be supported voluntarily and to be utilized for the mutual improvement of our people. The Society to have branches on all our Circuits or Missions (as far as practicable).

We also recommend the use of a single and double pledge—the one pledging to total abstinence from strong drink and tobacco, the other pledging to total abstinence from strong drink alone—members having the option of taking either pledge.

7.—That the Superintendent of the Circuit shall be ex-officio Chairman of the Committee of management, but may, if he shall see fit, delegate his authority for this purpose to one of his colleagues. The Committee shall be elected at an annual meeting of the members from amongst members of the Methodist Church, or regular attendants on the Methodist ministry, who shall become members of the Temperance Organization. The Committee shall at its first meeting elect a Deputy Chairman (who shall preside in the absence of the circuit minister) a Treasurer and a Secretary, and shall meet as frequently as circumstances may require.

JESSE HEYFIELD, Secretary and Convener.

Statistical Returns on Temperance for the Year ending June 30th, 1885.

ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members.	No. of Conference Temperance Societies.	No. of Members.	No. of Public Meetings.	No. of Temperance Sermons.
St. John's East.....	2	450	1	230	35	5
St. John's West.....	2	250	1	300	65	7
Pouch Cove.....	1	84	1	50	4	3
Burin.....	1	30			2	1
Grand Bank.....						1
Fortune.....	1	80				1
Burgeo.....						
Petites.....						
Channel.....	1	60			1	2
Flat Island.....	1	20			4	2
Sound Island.....						
Flower Cove.....						
St. Anthony.....						2
Bonne Bay.....						
St. George's Bay.....	1	18	1	40	8	2
Red Bay, Labrador.....						
Hamilton Inlet.....						

CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

Carbonear.....	1	85			4	2
Freshwater.....					3	3
Harbor Grace.....	1	160			2	2
Brigus.....	1	200			3	4
Cupids.....	1	150			3	3
Bay Roberts.....						
Port de Grave.....						
Blackhead.....	2	185			3	2
Western Bay.....	1	100			4	2
Island Cove.....					1	1
Old Perlican.....	1	186				2
Hants Harbor.....						
Heart's Content.....						
Random North.....	1	20			4	2
Random South.....						
Brittannia Cove.....						
Green's Harbor.....						

BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

Bonavista.....	2	416			5	
Catalina.....						2
Trinity.....	3	120				2
Greenspond.....					4	
Wesleyville.....						
Twillingate.....						
Exploits.....						
Musgrave Town.....						
Glover Town.....						
Musgrave Harbor.....	2	115	1	18	6	
Fogo.....						
Herring Neck, etc.....						
Moreton's Harbor.....						
Little Bay Islands.....						
Betts Cove.....						
Little Bay.....	2	100			5	
White Bay.....						
Totals.....	28	2829	5	638	167	53

PARSONAGE AID SOCIETY.

The immediate want of six or eight new Parsonages to meet the necessities of our work compels the Conference to make an urgent appeal to all our congregations for increased contributions to this fund.

INCOME.	
St. John's District.....	\$86 00
Carbonear ".....	43 65
Bonavista ".....	53 17
	\$182 82
DISBURSEMENT.	
Channel for Furniture.....	\$ 36 00
Port de Grave for Land.....	100 00
Parsonage, Britannia Cove.....	100 00
" Musgrave Town.....	100 00
	\$336.00

EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

In view of meeting the ordinary requirements of our work in Newfoundland, the Conference is impressed with the desirability, and indeed necessity of having from year to year, two or three young men, at Sackville, preparing for the work of the ministry in this Island, in the use of the important facilities for culture in connection with our Educational Institutions.

INCOME.	
Balance from last year.....	\$231 43
St. John's District.....	62 84
Carbonear ".....	48 87
Bonavista ".....	44 40
Collection and Subscriptions at Public Meeting.....	164 75
	\$552 29
EXPENDITURE.	
Expenses of Students at Sackville 1884-5.....	\$200 00
Travelling Expenses.....	50 00
Advance payment 1885 and Travelling Expenses.....	200 00
Balance in hand of Treasurer.....	102 29
	\$552 29

The following subscriptions have been received, and the amounts included in the statement of income as above :—

John Steer, Esqr.....	\$40 00	Rev G Boyd.....	\$4 00
Hon C R Ayre.....	40 00	" R W Freeman.....	2 00
A Marshall, Esq.....	12 00	" G P Story.....	2 00
John Woods & Son.....	10 00	" Jabez Hill.....	1 00
Dr Burns.....	5 00	Mr C Macpherson.....	2 00
M T Knight, Esqr.....	4 00	Mr E M Archibald.....	1 00
G W Mews, Esq.....	4 00	Mr A C Skinner.....	1 00
Dr. Milligan.....	3 00	Robert Janes.....	1 00
Rev G J Bond.....	2 00	W Kennedy.....	1 00
			\$135 00

G. P. STORY, Secretary.

COLPORTAGE COMMITTEE.

During the past year the Conference Colporteur travelled for six months on the northeast coast. He started from St. John's on the 20th of May, and visited Greenspond, Fogo, Twillingate, Moreton's Harbor, Tizzard's Harbor, Exploits, Little Bay Island, Little Bay, Bett's Cove, Tilt Cove, Nipper's Harbor and several other settlements in Notre Dame and Bonavista Bays, finishing his tour on the 7th of November. Despite the depression of trade and the lack of money consequent upon the failure of last season's fishery we succeeded in disposing of books to the amount of \$872 15 a showing which proves the faithfulness, efficiency and zeal with which he discharged his difficult and onerous duties.

Public Meetings in aid of this work have been held this year at Carbonear and Bonavista District Meetings and also at St. John's during the Conference Session, and the following amounts raised in support of the Committee's operations.

Carbonear District.....	\$11 20
Bonavista "	21 00
Conference Public Meeting.....	13 80
	<u>\$46 00</u>

SUBSCRIBERS TO THE FUND.

C R Ayre.....	\$4 00	Rev G Bullen.....	1 00
J L McNeil, J.P.....	4 00	" A J Cheeseman.....	1 00
J E P Peters, M H A.....	2 00	" R Bramfit.....	1 00
Hon J J Rogerson.....	2 00	" J Pincock.....	1 00
Rev G P Story.....	4 00	W N Snelgrove	1 00
" G J Bond, B A.....	4 00	W Whealan.....	1 00
B Snelgrove.....	4 00	Alex. Christian.....	1 00
Rev W Swann.....	2 00	R K Bishop.....	1 00
" F R Duffill.....	1 00	J R Moss.....	1 00
" T W Atkinson.....	1 00	J R McNeilly	1 00
" J Embree.....	1 00		
" R W Freeman.....	1 00		
			<u>\$40 00</u>

The Conference commends this undertaking to the favorable attention and support of our people, and as this work has been made a great blessing to our outlying circuits and missions, it has many claims on the sympathy and generosity of all who love pure literature and sound doctrine.

QUESTION XXVI—What further measures can be adopted for the promotion of the work of God within or beyond the bounds of Conference and what are the recommendations of the District Meetings on this important subject ?

ANSWER.

That having heard the reports by the various brethren, we would magnify the Grace of our God that has brought salvation.

But while rejoicing in what has been done, we feel humbled at the remembrance of how much more might have been done, and here and now we give ourselves afresh to God and his service, seeking the fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit and that he may be in us a spirit of wisdom, love and sanctifying power, fitting us for every duty to which we may be called.

QUESTION XXVII—When and where shall our next Conference be held?

ANSWER.

At Harbor Grace on the fourth Wednesday in June 1886.

QUESTION XXVIII.—What shall be the order of business for the Conference of 1886 ?

ANSWER.

TUESDAY, June 22nd.—Preparatory Day.

4 p. m., Stationing Committee.

4 p. m., Temperance Committee.

7 p. m., Colportage Committee.

7 p. m., Nominating Committee.

WEDNESDAY, June 23rd.—Opening of Conference 9.30 a.m.

It is recommended from 2.30 to 5.30 p. m., be set apart for meeting of Committees, and that at 7.30 p. m. a Public Meeting for the consideration of the work of God be held.

EXAMINING BOARD FOR CANDIDATES AND PROBATIONERS, 1886.

CANDIDATES.

English Grammar and Composition.....	Edgar Taylor.
Arithmetic	George Paine;
Geography.....	Jesse Heyfield.
Ancient History (Schmitz)	George Vater;
Modern History (Green's).....	John Goodison;
New Testament History (Dr. Smith's).....	Anthony Hill.
Wesley's Sermons I to LII (Burwash's).....	John Pratt
Wesley on Christian Perfection	John Reay.
Methodist Catechism No. II.....	F. G. Willey.

FIRST YEAR'S COURSE.

Angus' Hand Book, Part I, to III inclusive.....	James B. Heal.
Smith's Old Testament History.....	Jabez Hill.
Wesley's Sermons, I. to LII (Burwash's).....	Robert Bramfit.
Fletcher's Checks, I. to V.....	William Swann.
Greek Grammar.....	G. J. Bond B.A.

SECOND YEAR'S COURSE.

Angus' Hand Book, Part I, Chapters 4 and 5.....	R. W. Freeman
Gospel of St. John in Greek, Chapters 1 to 10 inclusive	J. Parkins.
Blackburn's History of Christian Church.....	W. H. Edyvean.
Pope's Theology, Volume I.....	G. P. Story.
Stewart's "Outlines," with Supplement by McCosh.....	T. W. Atkinson

THIRD YEAR'S COURSE.

Epistle to Romans, in Greek, Chapters 1 to 11.....	Dr. Milligan.
Beet's Commentary on Romans.....	Henry Lewis.
Kidder's Homiletics and Blaikie's 'For Work of the Ministry' George Boyd.	
Bain's Rhetoric.....	G. J. Bond, B.A.
Stevens' History Methodism.....	T. H. James.
Pope's Theology, Volume II.....	J. Embree.

FOURTH YEAR'S COURSE.

Pope's Theology, Volume III.....	J. Parkins.
Wright's Logic of Christian Evidences and Diman's Theistic Argument.....	Jesse Heyfield.
Milne's Elementary Notions of Logic.....	George Bullen.
Day's Praxis.....	G. P. Story.
Murray's Hamilton.....	W. R. Tratt.
Discipline of the Methodist Church.....	James Nurse.

N.B. 1—Papers are to be marked according to an estimate of the value of the answers required, but the aggregate must reach 1000, viz: 900 for matter and 100 for writing, spelling, grammar and style.

2—Questions are to be prepared in sections; two questions in each section of equal value, only one of which shall be answered, thus giving the Probationers a choice of questions.

3—The papers when examined shall be returned to the Probationers showing the number of marks and any remarks that the examiner may deem fit to make.

4—The required number of questions be prepared by the examiners and sent to the Rev. John Goodison, Secretary of Committee by the 1st of April, 1886.

5—All subjects omitted by the Candidates and Probationers are required by the Conference to be taken up afterward.

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CONFERENCE MISSIONARY MEETING.

This meeting was held in George St. Church, St. John's on Thursday evening, June 24th, the President of the Conference in the chair.

The Church was crowded and the meeting most enthusiastic. Prayer was offered by Bro. Parkins and the report was read by Rev. G. Boyd, Secretary of Committee.

TOPIC 1—The "Growth of Green Bay Methodism" was spoken to by Rev. J. Embree.

TOPIC 2—"Our Red Bay Mission its past, present, and future."—Rev. H. C. Hatcher.

TOPIC 3—"Our Missions outside of Newfoundland."—Rev. A. Carman, D.D.

THE EDUCATIONAL MEETING

Was held on Friday evening June 26th in Cochrane Street Church. The President of Conference presiding. After singing Rev. J. Dove, engaged in prayer. Rev. G. P. Story presented the report.

TOPIC 1—Sanctified culture, a necessity for the future success of the Church.—Rev. James Lumsden.

TOPIC 2—Ministerial education from a Laymen's point of view.—H. J. B. Woods, Esq.

TOPIC 3—Our Educational Institutions, their important work and claims on the sympathy and liberal support of the Church.—Rev. A. Carman, D.D.

The meeting was most enthusiastic, and the collection largely in advance of any previous year.

G. P. STORY, Secretary.

CONFERENCE TEMPERANCE MEETING.

The Conference Temperance Meeting was held in St. George's St. Church, June 29th 1885. Presided over by the President Rev. G. J. Bond, B.A. Prayer was offered by the Rev. J. Embree.

The Report was read by the Secretary Rev. J. Heyfield. Rev. Dr. Carman, General Superintendent addressed the meeting.

TOPIC 1—"The duty of personal abstinence enforced."—Rev. John Goodison.

TOPIC 2—"The importance of sound Temperance teachings amongst the young."—George W. Mews, Esq.

TOPIC 3—"The total prohibition of the liquor traffic imperatively demanded."—Rev. Thomas H. James, supported by the Hon. J. J. Rogerson.

COLPORTAGE MEETING.

The Conference Colportage Meeting was held in Gower street on the evening of Tuesday, June 30th. Rev. John Godison in the chair. After singing the 921 hymn. Rev. J. Parkins engaged in prayer. The Report was read by Rev. W. Swann.

Topics were spoken to by Rev. H. Lewis, Rev. James Nurse and the Rev. A. Carman, D.D.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL MEETING

Was held in Cochrane Street, July 1st, 1885. President of the Conference in the chair. The Report was read by Rev. George Willey.

TOPIC 1—"Sabbath Schools, their past and present and future prospects."—Rev. George Paine.

TOPIC 2—Address by J. E. P. Peters.

TOPIC 3—"The Sabbath School in relation to the great Mission Cause."

MEETING FOR THE PROMOTION OF HOLINESS.

A Meeting for the above object was held in the Methodist Church, Gower Street, on Saturday evening, June 27th.

The meeting was conducted by the Rev. Thomas H. James and addressed by several of the brethren.

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF
THE NEWFOUNDLAND CONFERENCE.

DEAR BRETHREN :

We gladly avail ourselves of the opportunity of presenting to you our Annual Address. Separated from you for a season in body but not in heart, we desire that our care for you may be made manifest. All our deliberations during our Conferential gatherings, are we trust, chiefly for your sake, and we have confidence in you, dear brethren, that you will co-operate with us in giving practical effect to the decisions at which we have arrived for the welfare of our Zion. We claim not for ourselves infallibility of judgment, but we believe that the Divine Spirit whose guidance we have daily sought and which you too have prayed that we might receive has been given to us. Nor can we doubt that the carrying out of our suggestions and resolutions will add to the strength of your piety and to the general welfare of our loved cause.

We record with gratitude to Him who kindly preserves our lives that our ministerial ranks have not been broken by death since our last Conference.

Some of the brethren have, however, been laid aside from their hallowed toil by ill-health.

Our Church too has sustained a great loss in the death of its Senior General Superintendent, the Rev. Doctor Rice. He after a lifetime of eminent and consecrated service has been removed to the Reigning Church above.

We thank God that another gifted, and we believe in every sense well qualified minister, the Rev. Dr. Williams, has been appointed to the responsible position of General Superintendent, as the associate of Dr. Carman. Pray, dear brethren, that both these honored ministers of our church may be blessed with strength and wisdom for the fulfilment of their numerous and onerous duties.

To many of you the past year has been one of unprecedented sorrow and trial. You have passed through deep waters of affliction and bereavement. Hard has been the struggle in many cases with poverty and privation. Often you have been ready to adopt the words of the Apostle, "We are troubled on every side;" but we are persuaded, dear brethren, that as ye have been partakers of much suffering so ye have been of much consolation. Need we assure you of our deep sympathy; yea, our tender love for you in the bowels of Christ Jesus our Lord. God our heavenly Father has also permitted trials to come upon us. We have been called to mourn: The shadows of affliction and death have fallen upon our homes. We bow un murmuringly to His will, for we know that love alone prompts Him to afflict His children. In common with us you will have noticed the gratify

ing numerical increase of more than 13,000 Methodist people within the limits of our Conference during the past ten years. Not in a Spirit of vain glorious boasting, but in one of gratitude we record this fact. We are still more thankful for the blessed ingathering of precious souls which we have been permitted to witness year by year, as the reward of our labor and the seals of our ministry. Hundreds in different parts of our Island have been brought to decision for God, and into communion with His church, during the past year. We would give him all the praise. Not unto us O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory for Thy mercy and for Thy truth's sake. The total membership in our societies is now 8721. with 1518 on trial, an increase for the year of 700. We hope however to see still larger accessions and results more nearly commensurate with the efforts that are being put forth.

We now desire to address to one and all words of loving counsel and of warning. Some of you are but babes in Christ needing to be fed with the "sincere milk of the word that ye may grow thereby." Rejoice, little children, that your sins are forgiven for His name's sake. Be followers of God, and followers of those who through faith and patience now inherit the promises. Remember for your encouragement that the "good shepherd" loves most dearly the lambs of His flock, gathers them with His arms and carries them in His bosom. Some are young men, strong physically and strong in the Lord; and others are fathers in Israel, who have watched with thankful hearts the growth of our Church, and in the days of her weakness contended for and manfully maintained her rights. We still prize the counsels of your matured minds, and your matured piety, and shall hold your memory in grateful recollection when you have crossed over the border land, and are reunited with the many friends of your youth and manhood who have crossed before you.

Dear brethren, we would beseech you to guard against a stationary religion. Our religious life may be, and is, when healthy, and the proper means are used for its increase, one of constant growth and development. The blade, the ear, the full corn in the ear; the grain of mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds but when it is grown the greatest of herbs; these and other metaphors of similar import are used by Christ the Great Teacher as descriptive of it.

Add to your faith, virtue; and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance," etc., is an apostolic injunction. "For if these things are in you and abound they make you that ye shall be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." These things are we believe already in you and they may abound also. A life thus gloriously complete is your undoubted privilege. Such dear brethren is the second blessing, "the second grace," and from thence, from the living root of a new and purified life. "Grow in grace and in knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." No place is so safe or so happy for the soul to dwell in, the secret place of the Most High, under the shadow of the Almighty. All there and your souls will be watered with the river of life flowing from the throne of God. You will feed on the hidden manna, the bread which endureth unto life everlasting.

Neglect no outward means of grace. Punctually enter your closet and shut the door that you may pray to your Father in secret. Prize the class-meeting, that highly honored means of grace which aided so largely in the establishment of early Methodism, and which, when rightly conducted retains all its power as a means of comforting and quickening the soul. In the Prayer-meeting, at the Table of the Lord, under the preaching of the Word, in every means of grace available to you seek to obtain strength from God and you will assuredly go from strength to strength. Guard also dear brethren against a religion of mere emotion. Religion is for the entire being, and for the entire life. In it there is nothing onesided or incomplete. It is as a gem or precious stone clearly cut and perfectly rounded. It is not as a clay cold statue without life or feeling. "Her ways are ways of pleasantness." Feelings too deep and too tender for utterance or expression by any outward sign or action may be possessed and cherished. But emotions that expend themselves in outward forms of excitement, and produce no permanent fruits of goodness are valueless. We would urge you to cultivate intelligent piety; for the soul to be without knowledge is not good. Especially would we urge this upon the young, whose minds are receptive and retentive, much more so than is the case with those advanced in life. Seek to be so well grounded in the knowledge of the Lord that you may be always ready to give to every one that asketh you a reason for the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. With all our mind as well as with all our heart and strength we are commanded to "Love the Lord our God." Let your religion be eminently practical, "Be ye doers of the Word." Your position and circumstances in life are very varied. God has blessed some of you with wealth and placed you where your conduct is the subject of constant scrutiny and criticism by the men of the world. You are called to the performance of public duties. Make it felt in the world that no men of business are more worthy to be trusted than the members of our beloved Church. Every pledge which you give, faithfully redeem, every promise faithfully fulfil. Let the law of truth be in your hearts, and words of truth always on your lips. Hasten not to be rich, for they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare. Whether you are tradesmen or legislators, be faithful to your conscience and faithful to your God. And brethren you who are called to serve others, render faithful service, never let the fear of poverty lead you to do what is wrong. But remember God's promise "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Take the Word of God in all the affairs of this life for your guidance. Ponder its precepts and warnings, and copy the conduct of those whose lives it records as men who served God and served their generation according to His will. Do your duty in every station of life. Maintain a fearless and uncompromising opposition against sin and wrong of every kind. Seek to be actuated in your doings by a sincere desire to please God. Have a "single eye" and your "whole body will be full of light." "Your light will so shine before men that they will see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." The mine of inspiration is very deep and full of precious truths. Careful, prayerful study and the aid of God's

Holy Spirit are essential to a right understanding and due appreciation of God's own word. In our hymn-book you have a manual of devotion. Often in the sanctuary and in the household is the soul borne heavenward on the wave of holy song. In the closet too these marvellous songs of praise will be found to be healthful. From our Methodist Publishing Houses many valuable books are issued, which you will do well to purchase and peruse as you have means and opportunity.

Whilst you naturally desire to acquire general knowledge and to become acquainted with the current literature of the day, or such of it as is healthy and instructive, we would ask you not to neglect the Standard Works of our Church, nor our weekly or monthly publications. In all these you will find much valuable information calculated both to inform your minds and strengthen your spiritual life. Our Sabbath School papers cannot fail both to interest and instruct your children. We trust that the time is not far distant when some or all of these will find their way into every Methodist home in the land. We would again commend to your sympathy the various interests and institutions of our Church and bespeak your heartiest co-operation in their behalf. We praise God for the readiness with which many of you have given of your substance for the maintenance of God's cause. Ours is a growing Church and as you are aware dependent entirely for material support on the voluntary free-will offerings of our people. The churches, schools and parsonages which have been erected testify to the fact of your willingness and liberality. You must however, bear with us, dear brethren, when we say that in many cases, and on many circuits there is ample room for improvement, and the most pressing need if our work is to be sustained and extended, for greater liberality. Remember the words of Jesus, "The labourer is worthy of his hire." For ourselves we court not riches, but we are anxious for your sake and for the honor of our Divine Lord that the ministry amongst us should be respectably maintained and kept free from worldly embarrassment. Our day and Sabbath schools still need your fostering care. Marked and gratifying improvement has been made during the past decade, but there is still need of putting forth strenuous efforts to increase the efficiency of all our schools.

We are anxious that the sons and daughters of Methodist parents may be qualified for the very highest position both in the Church, and Commercial and Professional life. We trust that the proposed erection of a new Methodist College and Ministers' Childrens' Home at Saint John's, will commend itself to your judgment and receive your liberal support.

As Methodists let us seek to maintain our prestige by being in the van of Christian workers. Aid the great Temperance movement. Past progress and victory, as well as partial defeat should but teach wisdom, and add strength to our efforts. Do not rest until the flag of Prohibition floats over every part of our land. And brethren whilst we think of the wants of our own land and do all we can to supply them, let us not forget that many millions of those for whom Christ died are perishing for lack of knowledge. The Church through straitened means cannot impart the word of life to these. More fervent prayers and more liberal contributions are needed

that the world may be won for Christ. Aid the great work of Christian Missions to the utmost of your power.

Our Conference has been favored with the presence of the Rev. Dr. Carman, the Senior Superintendent of our Church. To us it has been a great source of pleasure to enjoy the benefits of his counsel and aid in despatching the business of the Conference, and in listening to his addresses on our Connexional interests, and his able setting forth of Divine truth from the pulpits of our churches. We believe that the visit of this honored servant of God and the Church to our Island, will result in much permanent good to us as ministers, and to you as members of the Church of Christ. We are led to praise God for the unity of our beloved Methodism in the Dominion of Canada and Newfoundland, and believe that there is a glorious future before the united Church.

Now, in conclusion, whilst addressing words of exhortation to you we do not forget our own great need of possessing every grace in our souls, and of exemplifying every virtue in our lives. Our high and holy calling entails tremendous responsibilities for whose fulfilment we feel ourselves to be of ourselves altogether insufficient. Pray for us that we may be more fully endued with power from on high, that we may both feed and be examples to the flock of Christ. Soon both ministers and those ministered unto will be called to give up their stewardship to God. Let us therefore be diligent that we may be found of Him in peace, without spot and blameless. Then in the song of the glorified our voices will blend in praise "Unto him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father, to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved :—

1.—That all Circuit Returns be made up in future to the 31st of May in each year.

2.—That the Conference has great pleasure in expressing its unabated confidence in the self-denying and laborious service rendered the Church and the Country by the Rev. G. S. Milligan, LL.D.,— and would assure him of its continued co-operation and hearty support, in effecting the education of our people.

3.—The Conference desires to express its satisfaction on hearing from a joint Committee respecting new College Buildings and the erection of a Children's Home especially for ministers' children, and while offering its deep conviction of the necessity of such erections, hereby resolves to pledge its united earnest and hearty support to carry out the enterprise with speedy and complete success.

4.—That a Conference Collection be taken up on each Circuit to help defray the expenses of Brethren travelling to and from Conference and District Meeting, to meet all claims above \$5.00 and that a Treasurer be appointed to disburse the same when the Conference meets.

5.—That the Conference has very great pleasure in expressing its high appreciation of the Canadian Methodist Magazine as supplying a cheap popular, instructive, and most valuable literary publication, that has already won its way into many families, and begs to place on record its esteem for the Rev. W. H. Withrow, D.D., its Editor, and its assurance of a fixed purpose to extend if possible its circulation.

This Conference desires also to assure Dr. Withrow that our various Sunday School Papers edited by him are greatly prized by Sunday scholars and S. S. teachers and workers, and by all interested in the intelligent piety of our youth, and will do its best to secure their introduction and use in all our Sunday Schools and in general by our people.

6.—That the best and heartiest thanks of the Conference are hereby tendered to the friends in St. John's for their kindness in entertaining the Ministers during their stay in this city. And that this resolution be read from the various pulpits on the Sabbath.

7.—*Resolved* that this Conference desires to place on record its deep regret at the loss which the Methodist Church has sustained by the death of Rev. S. D. Rice one of the General Superintendents who by lengthened experience and eminent administrative ability was specially qualified for the office to which he was chosen, and while bowing in submission to the

Divine Will would tender to Mrs Rice, the widow of our departed brother, its sincerest sympathy praying earnestly that Divine consolation may be richly vouchsafed.

8.—This Conference would desire to express its cordial acquiescence and satisfaction in the appointment of Rev. J. A. Williams, D.D., to the office of General Superintendent made vacant by the death of the Senior Superintendent Rev. S. D. Rice, D.D.

9.—That the Conference has great pleasure in expressing its thanks to Joseph Laurence, Esq., of East Keswick, Yorkshire, England, for the deep interest he has taken and still manifests in the work of God in this Conference.

10.—That on any Circuit inviting a minister through the Quarterly Board, said invitation being accepted by the minister invited, the removal expenses to be paid by the circuit inviting.

11.—That this Conference, desires to express its grateful acknowledgment to Almighty God for His gracious providence in bringing to us our highly esteemed Senior General Superintendent, Rev. Albert Carman, D.D., to aid in presiding over our Sessions and to render in many ways very important service to our Connexional interests. His presence in the chair has done much to secure despatch, and his weighty words of counsel have greatly helped to promote efficiency. His public addresses, have been most practical, and have afforded much valuable information respecting our doctrines and economy, and his public ministrations in the pulpit thoughtful and heart-searching as they have been, have been also felt by many to be refreshing, edifying, and stimulating, towards a better and higher life. We believe that his visit to Newfoundland, (especially as he hopes before leaving to see as many Circuits and Missions as possible) will prove an invaluable and permanent advantage to our work. While gratefully recognizing these facts, we beg to assure Dr. Carman, that we cherish for him affectionate regard and that our prayers will often arise for him and for his worthy associate in the General Superintendency of our Church that they may be preserved in their extensive journeyings, upheld in their manifold duties, and rendered every where an abundant blessing.

12.—That this Conference while refusing to identify itself with any party politics (so called) rejoices in the success of the Temperance movement in this land, and from a long-abiding and deepseated conviction that Prohibition is the grand remedy for the Intemperance of the country, pledges itself to use all appropriate means to secure a Prohibitory Law for this land.

13.—Any brother not expecting to be at the next Conference shall inform the minister where the said Conference is to be held that he will not require a home, at least one month before Conference.

14.—That in the judgment of the Conference, it is hereby ruled that an application from a Probationer to visit England, in course of his probation shall not be entertained *in ordinary*, and that permission shall only be

AN ALPHABETICAL LIST
 OF THE
MINISTERS AND PREACHERS ON TRIAL
 OF THE
Newfoundland Conference
 OF THE
METHODIST CHURCH.

The figures at the beginning of the lines show the year in which the Minister commenced his Ministry, and those at the end of the lines denote his first, second, etc., annual appointment to present Circuit.

1881	Abraham, Henry	Student, Sackville	2
1872	Atkinson, Thomas W	Harbor Grace	2
1872	Bond, George J., B.A.	St. John's East	3
1872	Boyd, George	St. John's West	2
1875	Bramfit, Robert	Herring Neck and Change Islands	2
1875	Bullen, George	Twillingate	1
1883	Browning, W. H.	St. George's Bay	1
1884	Cheeseman, A.	Indian Island and Rocky Bay	1
1883	Curtis, Levi	Student, Sackville	1
1882	Duffill, F. R.	Bonavista	2
1882	Dunn, W. T. D.	Student, Sackville	1
1855	Dove, James	Brigus	1
1875	Edyvean, W. H.	Channel	2
1871	Embree, Jeremiah	Fogo	1
1856	Fox, Thomas, <i>Sup'y</i>	St. John's West	10
1873	Freeman, Robert W	Bonavista	1
1883	Fenwick, Mark	Britannia Cove	3
1883	Frazer, George C.	St. John's, West	1
1860	Goodison, John	Heart's Content	1
1874	Hatcher, Henry C.	Moreton's Harbour	2
1874	Heal, James B.	Freshwater	3
1874	Heyfield, Jesse	Pouch Cove	2
1874	Hill, Anthony	Green's Harbor	1
1873	Hill, Jabez	Old Perlican	1
1883	Hooper, Herbert	Little Bay	1
1884	Howe, Theophilus	Sound Island	1
1871	James, Thomas H.	Grand Bank	2
1874	Jennings, William	Greenspond	2
1882	Jennings, Samuel	Musgrave Town	2
1875	Kendall, William	Carbonear	2
1874	Lewis, Henry	Blackhead	1
1874	Lisler, Joseph	Bay Roberts	2
1881	Lumsden, James	Wesleyville	1
1874	Leach, Charles	Petites	1
	Matthews, Solomon	Western Bay	2

DECEASED MINISTERS'

OF THE

Newfoundland Methodist Conference,

1876 to 1885.

Entered Ministry	Name	Time of De- cease.	Age.	Years of Ministry
1873	John Dixon,	Aug. 4, 1876	26	4
1871	John G. Currie,	May 8, 1878	27	7
1873	George H. Bryant,	Sept. 17, 1879	37	7
1828	Wm. E. Shenstone.	Dec. 11, 1880.	77	52

1854	Milligan, G. S., LL.D.....	St. John's, West.....	11
1883	Newman, John T.....	Hamilton Inlet, Labrador.....	2
1872	Nurse, James.....	Burin.....	2
1874	Paine, George.....	Trinity.....	1
1873	Parkins, Joseph.....	Haut's Harbor.....	3
1840	Peach, J. S., <i>Sup'y</i>	Carbonear.....	10
1874	Pincock, James.....	Little Bay Islands.....	2
1873	Pratt, John.....	Cupids.....	1
1866	Reay, John.....	Island Cove.....	2
1883	Rex, William.....	Musgrave Harbor.....	1
1884	Scott, Henry.....	Bonne Bay and Bay of Islands.....	2
1883	Smith, John B. J.....	Burgeo.....	1
1873	Snowden, Samuel.....	Fortune.....	3
1876	Story, George P.....	Catalina.....	3
1885	Stephens, Matthew J.....	Flat Islands.....	1
1871	Swann, William.....	Exploits.....	1
1875	Taylor, Edgar.....	Random North.....	2
1877	Tratt, W. R.....	Port de Grave.....	2
1878	Vater, George.....	St. John's, East.....	2
1883	Vickers, J. W.....	Twillingate.....	1
1872	Wiley, F. G.....	Random South.....	2
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1884	Wilson, Thomas.....	Flower's Cove.....	2

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