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OF THE

SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Free Christian Baptist General Conference

OF

NEW BRUNSWICK.

HEID AT

FREDERICTON, N. B.,

October 9th, 11th and 12th, 1897.

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Mr. L. A. Fenwick,.......Acadia College, Wolfville.

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" Frank S. Hartley,.....Cobb's Divinity School, Lewiston, Me.

" A. H. Williams,Dover.

" A. Stoerger, Mouth of Keswick.

District Meeting Licentiates.

Mr. A. D. Paul,...............Cobb's Divinity School, Lewiston, Me.

" Charles Stirling, Bristol.

J. H. Puddington, Coldstream, Carleton Co.

SOCIAL CONFERENCE.

Saturday, October 9th, at 10 a. m., the Annual Social Conference was held. The Pastor, Rev. F. C. Hartley, presided, having associated with him Revds. J. Noble and B. H. Nobles, the Moderators, respectively, of the Ministers' Conference and the General Conference. "All hail the power of Jesus name," &c., was sung. The Church Covenant was read; and prayer was offered by Rev. J. Noble. The Pastor welcomed the people to the privileges of the Church and to the hospitality of its homes. Nearly one hundred persons spoke in the meeting; and when there was no more time a large number testified their love for Christ by rising. It was a good meeting.

SABBATH SERVICES.

No.	
F. C. BAPTIST CHURCH,	per Service, Rev E B Gray.
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7.00 p. m.— "	J T Parsons.
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7.00 p. m.— "	G F Currie.
GIBSON METHODIST 7.00 " "	T O DeWitt.
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3.00 p. m.— "	G B Lewis.
PENNIAC,10.30 a. m.— "	J J Barnes.
MARYSVILLE, 3.00 p. m.— "	W H Perry.
7.00 " — "	G Swim.
KESWICK F. B.,11.00 a. m.— "	J J Perry.
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THE FREE CHRISTIAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE Of New Brunswick convened with the F. C. Baptist Church at Fredericton, in the County of York, on Saturday, the ninth day of October, A. D. 1897, at two o'clock, P. M., the Moderator, Rev. B. H. Nobles, in the Chair.

Opened by Singing, Reading of Scriptures and Prayer by Rev. Gideon Swim.

The Roll was called, when the following members were found to be present:

OFFICERS :

REV. B: H. Nobles, Moderator.

- " Gideon Swim, Assistant Moderator.
- " J. McLeon, D. D., Corresponding Secretary.

MINISTERS

Rev	7. Joseph Noble,		Rot	ON Mott.
	John Perry,		"	
"	G A Hartley,			G W Foster,
"			"	G F Currie,
	J T Parsons,		"	W H Perry,
"	J N Barnes,		"	C B Lewis,
"	T S Vanwart,		"	F C Hartley, A. B.
"	T O DeWitt,		"u"	H Allen Bonnell,
u	Elijah Gray,		"	A G Downey,
"	C T Phillips,		"	David Long,
"	T W Carpenter,		ш	Abram Perry,
"	John Henderson,		"	
"	J Wesley Clarke,			S J Perry,
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GENERAL CONFERENCE LICENTIATES: Mr A H Williams.

REPRESENTATIVES OF DISTRICT MEETINGS :

First District - F C Bloodsworth, Esq. Clerk.

Second District—W J Owens, Esq, Clerk; Messrs G McLeod, Charles Vanwart and E L West, Delegates.

Third District—W Sheppard, Esq. Clerk; Messrs Moses Yerxa, Charles
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Fifth District—G J Worden, Esq, Treasurer; Messrs James McRae and A E Slipp, Delegates.

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Messrs T B Bassett, G W McLeod, Job McFarlane, Judson Steeves and J W Lowery, Delegates.

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Mr James E McCready, Cor Secretary for Sabbath School Executive.

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Rev F G Francis, Corresponding Delegate from the Free Baptist General Conference of Nova Scotia.

Rev Joseph McLeod, D D, Corresponding Secretary, submitted the following Report:

Bro. Moderator and Berthren,—One of the duties of the Corresponding Secretary of this Conference is

"to prepare an annual report of the state of religion in the churches,"
which report he is instructed to read "in the first business session of
the Conference."

For the Conference to know the religious condition of the churches is most important. To discover that condition, and set it forth, is most difficult.

The material from which such report must be made comes, principally, from the Clerks of the several District Meetings, each furnishing a summary of the reports of the churches in his district.

An additional source of information was provided for by the Conference, at its last session, by a resolution (No. 38) requiring each minister, ordained and licensed, to report to the Corresponding Secretary of his work during the year.

The summaries sent by the District Clerks are, presumably, as full and accurate as could be made of the material furnished in the reports from the churches. The Clerks have, also, at the request of the Corresponding

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Secretary, kindly permitted him the use of their Records and the 1897 reports of the churches.

Of the ministers twenty-eight (21 ordained and 7 licensed) have sent reports as required by resolution of the Conference of 1896; from twenty-six (22 ordained and 4 licensed) no reports have been received. The non-reporting brethren will, perhaps, at the proper time state their reasons for not complying with the request of Conference.

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From the sources of information indicated the facts hereinafter set forth have been gathered.

MINISTERS.—There are on the Conference Roll forty-three (43) ordained ministers and four (4) licentiates. Besides these there are seven District Meeting licentiates, and three church licentiates.

Of the Ordained Ministers five are out of the Province—Rev J H Erb, in Texas, on account of his health; Rev F A Currier, MA, who has a pastorate in the Nova Scotia Conference; and Revds A H McLeod and W Reud, who are at Cobb Divinify School. Four—Revds Thos Connor, J S Jones, T W Carpenter and L A Cosman, on account of age or ill-health, have not been able to engage in the work of the ministry. The working force of the ordained ministry has, therefore, been thirty-four. Of these, four—Revds J Noble, T O DeWitt, H Hartt and J Henderson—have been engaged in general mission work, brethren Noble and DeWitt the whole year—the former some of the time under the direction of the W M Society, the latter some of the time under direction of the Conference H M Executive; brethren Henderson and Hartt, part of the time, independently.

Twenty-nine—Revds John Perry, G A Hartiey, J T Parsons, J N Barnes T S Vanwart, E B Gray, C T Phillips, W DeWare, J W Clarke, J J Barnes' W J Halse, O N Mott, G W Foster, G F Currie, B H Nobles, W H Perry, G Swim, C B Lewis, F C Hartley, H A Bonnell, A G Downey, D Long, A Perry, I D Harvey, S J Perry, J B Daggett, E S Parker, W C Klerstead and D Patterson—have been pastors; and one, Rev Jos McLeod, has been editor of the denominational paper the Religious Intelligencer.

Of the Conference Licentiates, CT Coombes and AH Williams were in charge of pastorates the whole year; SJ Case was teaching at Horton Academy and is now teaching in a Free Baptist school at New Hampton, NH; LA Fenwick was pursuing his studies at Acadia University, and is now there; both these brethren did some preaching during the symmer vacation.

Of the District Meeting Licentiates, FS Hartley, who is at the Divinity School, spent the summer vacation with churches in the Third District under direction of the H M Executive; T Patterson, who is at the Bible School, spent part of the summer with churches in the Sixth District; A D Paul has been two years in Maine, part of the time attending to Bible School, and he thinks to continue his studies there another year; J E Puddington was engaged with some churches in the Second District; A Stoeger with churches in the Third District; C Stirling with churches in

the Fourth District; and Z Doody gave some care to a church in the First District.

Of the Church Licentiates, M L Gregg and G D Milbury spent the summer, under direction of H M Executive, with churches in the Seventh District; R McKim gave some care to a church in the Fifth District.

As Ordinations take place only at Conference, there could not be any addition to the list of Ordained Ministers during the year. To the list of Licentiates there have been added since last Conference: by the First District Meeting, Z Doody; by the Second District Meeting, Chas Stirling and J E Puddington; by the Third District Meeting, A Stoerger; by the Sixth District Meeting, Talmage Patterson; by Predericton Church, G Douglas Milbury; by Snider Mountain Church, M L Gregg: by Fifth Wickham Church, Robt McKim.

Of the Pastors only five have had but one church each. The others have had the care of pastorates embracing from two to seven churches each, the pastorates averaging four churches each.

Churches.—The number of Churches connected with the Conference, according to the enrollment in the several Districts, is one hundred and fifty-five (155). Of these one hundred and eighteen (118) reported to their respective District Meetings this year.

The following table shows the number of churches, in each District, the number reported and the number unreported this year:

District.	Churches.	Reported.	Unreported
First	21	7	14
Second	26	25	0 1
Third	28	18	10
Fourth	16	15	1
Fifth	21	15	6
Sixth	29	26	3
Seventh	14	12	2 '

Churches Having Pastors.—One hundred and fifteen (115) of the reported churches had pastoral care during the year, as follows:

First District.

Rev S J Perry: Bath, Beechwood, Upper Kent, Lower Perth.

Rev J Perry: Wicklow, River de Chute.

Second District.

Rev C T Phillips: Woodstock, South Wakefield.

Rev J N Barnes; Lower Brighton, Pembroke, Newburgh, Hartland, Upper Brighton, River Bank.

Rev J J Barnes: Rockland, Coldstream, Gordonsville, Windsor.

Rev A G Downey: Victoria, Somerville, Connell, Charleston.

Rev Wm DeWare: Third Tier, Waterville, Lakeville, Brookville. Seventh Tier.

Rev E B Gray: Tracey Mills, Knoxford.

Licentiate Puddington: Knowlesville, Foreston (partial).

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Rev J T Parsons : Marysville, Peniac.

Rev T S VanWart: Upper Hainesville, Staple's Settlement, Millville. Rev F C Hartley: Fredericton.

Rev W C Keirstead : Douglas, Kingsley, Gibson.

Licentiate Coombs: Southampton, Campbell Settlement, Meductic,

Licentiate Stoerger: Stanley, Bloomfield (partial)

Licentiate F & Hartley: Prince William, Bear Island, Lower Queens-Fourth District

Rev O N Mott: Fredericton Junction, Tracey Station, Little Lake.

Licentiate Williams: Blissville, Patterson, Mill Settlement, Clarendon. Licentiate Stirling: Waasis, Oromocto, Waterville, French Lake, Vic-

Rev J B Daggett; Lincoln (partial).

Rev. T O DeWitt: Upper Gagetown, Rusiagornish (partial).

Rev John Henderson: Geary, Rusiagornish (partial).

Fifth District

Rev G W Foster: Hampstead, Upper Hampstead, Jerusalem, Hibernia,

Rev C B Lewis: 2nd Johnson, 1st Wickham, 2nd Wickham, 4th Wickham, 6th Wickham.

Rev H A Bonnell: 1st Greenwich, 2nd Greenwich, 5th Hampstead

Licentiate McKim: 5th Wickham (partial).

Sixth District

Rev B H Nobles: Sussex, Penobsquis, Newtown, Dutch Valley.

Rev G F Currie: Norton Station, Midland, Long Point, Erb Settlement

Rev G Swim : Petitcodiac, Corn Hill, Lower Ridge, Portage.

Rev A Perry : Steeves Settlement, Wheaton Settlement, Lewis Mountain, Coverdale, Steeves Settlement, Eagle Settlement.

Rev D Long: Apohaqui, Millstream, Millstream Mountain, Sinder Mountain, Upper Millstream.

Rev E S Parker : Moncton.

Seventh District

Rev G A Hartley: Carleton, St John.

Rev J W Clarke: Waterloo St, St John.

Rev W J Halse: Victoria St, St John.

Rev W H Perry: North Head, Grand Harbour, Seal Cove.

Rev I D Harvey: Whitehead.

Rev D Patterson: Wilson's Beach, North Roads.

Licentiates Fenwick and Milbury : Beaver Harbour (partial).

Licentiate Gregg: Fair Haven, Chocolate Cove, Northern Harbour

Rev Jos Noble, the senior minister, though now 82 years of age, was

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abundant in labours during the year. He visited churches in every District—his journeyings taking him from Beaver Harbour, in Charlotte Co, to Riley Brook, on the Tobique river, and to the head waters of the Miramichi. He preached every Sabbath, except one, during the year. His visits to the churches have been highly appreciated.

Additions to Churches.—The churches which received new members during the year are the following:

CHURCH,	MINISTER.	BAPTIZED.	BY LETTER.
Arthurette	Rev S J Perry	5	1
Reechwood	Rev S J Perry	1	
Riley Brook	Revds C T Phillips and S J P	erry 3	5
Lower Brighton	Rev J N Barnes	8	
Rockland	Rev J J Barnes	7	
Woodstock	Rev C T Phillips	18	8
Coldstream	Rev J J Barnes	1	••
Weterville	Rev W DeWare	1	- 1
Lakeville	Rev W DeWare	2	2
Fredericton	Rev F C Hartley	2	R. St
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Comphell Settles	mentLicen Coombs	1	
Middle Southam	ptonLicen Coombs and Rev W	J	
Middle southann	Halse	19	
Cibeon	Rev W C Keirstead	16	21
Marmarilla	Rev J T Parsons	8	
Marysvine	Rev O N Mott	2	
Tracey Station	Rev TO DeWitt	5	
Kusiagornian	Licen Sterling	9	1
W ##818	Rev J Henderson	8	
Geary	n Rev T º DeWitt	7	1
Opper Gagetown	Rev H A Bonnell	8	
Greenwich	hany)Rev G W Foster	5	1
Gagetown (Deti	Rev G W Foster	1	
18t Hampstead.	Rev G W Foster	1	
3rd Hampstead	Rev H A Bonnell	4	2
5th Hampstead.	Rev C B Lewis	1	
4th Wickham	Rev C B Lewis	i	3
6th Wicknam	Rev H A Bonnell		5
Westfield	nRev D Long	1	
Snider Mountai	Rev G Swim	4	
Lower Ridge	amRev D Long	1	
Upper Milistres	inRev A Perry	6	
Steeves Mounta	Rev G Swim	6	(Section 1)
Taylor Village.	Rev B H Nobles	3	
Newtown	Rev E S Parker		1
Moncton	Rev B H Nobles		2
Sussex	Rev B H Novigs	15	
	noRev J W Clarke	3	
	Rev W J Halse	2	
do North.	W II Dames	3	
Seal Cove	Rev W H Perry	3	
North Head	Rev W H Perry	0	

The additions during the year were: By baptism 185; by letter 62; total 247. The net increase is 46.

The membership of the reported churches is 9169; the estimated membership of the unreported churches is 2790, making a total of 11,959.

New Churches—Churches were organized as follows:

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At Havelock, K Co, June 12th, by Revs J N Barnes and A G Downey, with 17 members.

At Riley Brook, V Co, a church long dormant, was resuscitated in January by Revs C T Phillips and S J Perry.

Сичкси Buildings—A new church building at Connell, Car Co, was dedicated to public worship. Church buildings are nearing completion in the following places. Victoria, C Co; Kingsley, York Co; Bloomfield, York Co; Waasis, S Co; Westfield, K Co; Castalia, Ch Co.

Besides the foregoing several church buildings have been much improved at considerable cost, among them the following: Gibson, Marysville, Lincoln, Brown's Flat, Portage, Coverdale, Upper Millstream, St John.

CHURCH PROPERTY. The value of church property, so far as can be ascertained from the reports, is \$160,000.

There are twelve parsonages-three in the second District, two in the third District, four in the sixth District, and three in the seventh District.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The money raised for all purposes, by the reported Churches, was \$28,907.48. " The items making up this amount, as stated in the reports of the churches, are set forth, by Districts, in the following table:

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Education.	\$8 5 8	184 06	24 05	1 50	5 50	98 9	46 74	\$271 55
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Foreign Missions.	69	41 37	90 24	8 61	8 60	163 81	80 00	\$342 98
Home Missions.	69	15 40	60 50	6 25	13 14	98 97	44 82	\$239 08
Building, Improvements.	\$ 20 00	3,800 60	2,764 56	755 51	79 69	1,245 08	707 50	\$9.859.08
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Some of the items which go to make up the total (\$28,907.48), are incomplete. For instance, the reports of only two Districts make mention of money raised for Sabbath Schools. It is not to be understood that the other Districts failed in this branch of work. The explanations of the omission is that the Clerks of five Districts, knowing that a report dealing exclusively with Sabbath School work is presented by an officer of the Conference, did not think it necessary to include financial or other particulars of Sabbath School work in their reports to your Corresponding Secretary.

Other items, also, as Education, Y P Societies and others, are, manifestly, not fully reported.

The aim for some years has been to have prepared for the information of Conference a statement of all monies, for all purposes, raised in all the churches. There is an improvement in the reporting, but to get everybody who has to do with these things to be as systematic and painstaking as is desirable is found to be a not easy thing. There is yet much to be done before the reports will convey an accurate financial statement, or an adequate idea, in any respect, of the work the denomination has in charge, and how the ministers and churches are seeking to do it, and with what success.

Some Averages.—Of all money reported for all purposes, the average payment per resident member is found to be \$4.61—being \$2.06 for ministers' salaries, \$1.91 for other local purposes, 4 cents for Home Missions, 6 cents for Foreign Missions, 8 cents for Conference fund, and 45 cents for all the other purposes specified in the financial table

By Districts the average payment per reported resident member is, 1st Dis \$2.82; 2nd Dis \$6.19; 3rd Dis \$6.55; 4th Dis \$2.95; 5th Dis \$2.60; 6th Dis \$4.51; 7th Dis \$4.45.

Missions and Conference Fund.—The Home Mission money was contributed by thirty-eight (38) churches, reporting 2428 resident members; the Foreign Mission money by fifty-one (51) churches reporting 2911 resident members; the Conference Fund by eighty-eight (88) churches reporting 5465 resident members.

Twenty-two churches contributed to Foreign Missions only; ten churches to Home Missions only; twenty-nine churches contributed to both Home and Foreign Missions.

The number of churches which contributed to H M, or F M, or both, are, by Districts, as follows: 2nd Dis 13; 3rd Dis 12; 4th Dis 3; 5th Dis 8; 6th Dis 22; 7th Dis 3.

Churches reporting 3829 resident members gave nothing for Home Missions; and churches reporting 3348 resident members gave nothing for Foreign Missions.

The Sixth District has the distinction of having contributed most to Home and Foreign Missions, of having the largest proportion of its churches

sharing in the contributions, and of having the largest per capita contribution by an individual church.

COMPARISIONS.—Comparing this year and last it is seen that the additions to the churches by baptism are 252 less this year.

Comparing the salaries and other expenditures for church purposes, it is shown that there is an increase in this year of \$2,415.52.

The increase was chiefly in expenditures on church buildings, the increase in salaries being only \$15.39.

There has been a falling off in the contributions to Home Missions of #312.14; and in those to Foreign Missions of \$316.94.

The Conference Fund is larger this year than last year.

Two Periods—Correct judgment of gain or loss cannot be formed by examination of a single year, nor even by comparing the record of a year with that of its immediate predecessor. Comparing periods gives more accurate and, therefore, more satisfactory results.

There have been things in the history of this Conference—peculiarly trying experiences, which have to be considered in order to a just estimate of the denomination's growth and present standing.

In 1877 the number of churches enrolled was 148, 112 of which reported that year. The membership of the churches was 9131. The salaries and other expenditures for local church work amounted to \$15,704.20.

In 1887 the number of churches enrolled was 145, 115 of which reported that year. The membership was 9607. The salaries and other expenditure for local church work amounted to \$19,693.39.

It needs to be remembered that in the latter half of the decade (from 1882) certain distracting and disintegrating influences were at work in many churches, preventing growth.

In 1897 the number of churches enrolled is 155, 118 of which have reported this year. The membership (estimated) is 11,085. The salaries and other expenditures for local church purposes amounts to \$24,693,39.

During the decade ending with this year the denomination suffered much from an unhappy schism, the culmination of the influences mentioned as at work from 1882. In the first year of this decade (1888) twelve ministers—nine ordained and three licensed—were lost to the conference, with their following; and for a considerable time there was a severe struggle caused by the influence of those who were separated from the denomination. It has been surprising to many, and very gratifying to all, that the denomination so soon recovered from the shock and loss.

"THE STATE OF RELIGION."—The foregoing facts may not show as clearly as some may desire "the state of religion in the churches."

Attendance at monthly conferences and mid week prayer-meetings is perhaps, regarded as a better index of spiritual condition.

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Besides the financial record, the table of attendance at conferences and mid-week prayer meetings, and the statement of additions to the churches—each of which indicates something of the religious condition of the churches—the reports from Ministers throw considerable light on the situation. The following are brief summaries of the reports received from Ministers. They are given in the order of seniority—as the names are recorded in the Year Book:

REV. G. A. HABTLEV is in the fortieth year of his pastorate in Carleton, St. John. Sunday services "well attended, and mid-week meetings fairly so." All branches of church work well sustained. Finances very good; \$1,722.00 for the year. Three added. His health not so good as formerly. Church gave him three months vacation. Health is now improved, and he resumes work in October.

REV. J T. PARSONS is in his "6th year at Marysville. Baptized three. Church has raised \$903.00. Y. P. Society in good condition. W. M. Society doing good work. Outlook good. Preaches also at Peniac, fortnightly. Church there small."

Rev. T. S. Vanwarr has been "pastor one year at Upper Hainsville, Millville and Staples Settlement. No special interest, but churches in healthy condition. The field is too small to sustain a Pastor without H. M. aid. It is an important field, and should have care of denomination—Other denominations are in all parts of the field, and unless our people have regular care our cause will suffer loss."

REV. T. O. DEWITT "spent six months under direction H. M. Executive—three months at Upper Gagetown and three at Rusiagornish. Revival in both places; baptized sixteen. Last three months of year was acting Pastor at Rusiagornish. Upper Gagetown and Greenfield churches must have regular care or they may be lost to us."

REV. E. B. GRAY has been Pastor one year "at Tracy Mills and Knoxford. No revival. Meetings good, especially the conferences at "the Mills." Not so encouraging at Knoxford."

REV. J. HENDERSON "visited Rusiagornish several times during winter. Held special meetings in Geary; nine were baptized. During the sum-

mer went to Geary fortnightly."

REV. J. J. BARNES, Pastor (his year) of "Rockland, Coldstream, Gordonsville and Windsor churches. Rockland has a measure of spiritual life; prayer meeting has interest well sustained though attendance is small; members are scattered. Coldstream is in like condition. Gordonsville doing well. Fine mid-week prayer meeting. Windsor has large Sabbath congregations. Churches as whole doing well. No serious disturbance."

REV. G. W. FOSTER in "third year at Hampstead, Upper Hampstead, Jerusalem and Hibernia. Gave some care to Gagetown also. Held special meetings at Upper Hampstead, Hibernia and Gagetown. Five baptized at Gagetown, four at Hibernia. Churches in fair spiritual condition, yet not as bright and flourishing as should be. In one church there are some difficulties, to make the work more successful we need a deeper, more com-

plete consecration to God."

REV. G. F. CURRIE first year "at Norton, Midland, Long Point and Erb Settlement. Norton in good condition; meetings are seasons of spiritual refreshing. Midland has good Sunday congregations. Difficult to maintain mid-week prayer meeting. Many live long distance from church; some are old; but chief trouble. perhaps, is low spirituality. Long Point a small church. Not much chance for enlargement. Cordial feeling between our people and those of other denominations. Long Point and Kurs, directly across the Bellisle, would be helped by uniting in work, have same pastor, and go back and forth to meetings. They are practically one community, especially in winter. Erb Settlement is small church. A grant of \$20 to \$25 from H. M. Board would help the church. No special meetings during year. No additions. In aggressive work we are not doing what we ought. The good features on this field are (1) Peace, (2) Church buildings in good condition and no debt on any, (3) Good parsonage, with only \$200 debt, and that to be paid in a few months. We ought to occupy new ground here-Case Settlement and Mercer Settlement."

REV. B. H. NOBLES has three churches—"Sussex, Penobsquis and Newtown. Pastorate too large for one man to successfully carry on all branches of the work, and build up strong interests. Not easy, if even possible, to make proper arrangement of appointments. Sussex is a most promising field, if rightly cared for; but cannot become the strong church it is capable of being unless the pastorate is divided. Spiritual condition of pastorate might be better. Feel, as probably other pastors do—that to awaken deeper spirituality there should be one or more Evangelists in our field."

REV. W. H. PERRY has been four years Pastor of North Head, Grand Harbor and Seal Cove. Seven have been added. The cause on the Island was weakened by the secession of 1888, but is gaining."

Rev. G. Swin has "Petiticodiac, Cornhill, Lower Ridge and Portage.— Spiritual condition of church not all he desires, but is hopeful. Grane's Settlement Church is in the pastorate, and is visited occasionally. It is small

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small and weak, and should have H. M. help, if it is to live and grow."
REV. A. H. McLeon is at Cobb Divinity School. Preaches every Sunday and says, "I am happy to say that I am preaching the Gospel with all the love and earnestness of my being, and rejoice that the message finds acceptance."

REV. C. B. LEWIS has the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wickham and 2nd Johnson and Henderson churches. Preaches three times each Sabbath. Churches getting on fairly well. A few in each church are faithful at conference and prayer meetings. Regretable that so small a proportion of members realize responsibility to God and His cause. Outlook not so cheering as would like, but am hopeful that seed of Divine truth, though sown in weakness, will bear fruit to the glory of God. Held special meetings at Shannon and 6th Wickham; two baptized, four others added.

REV. F. C. HARTLEY "spent the year as pastor in Fredericton. No revival. Several baptized and received into church."

REV. H. A. BONNELL has had "four churches—Westfield, Brown's Flat, Oak Point, Hamilton Mountain. A good year. Revival at Hamilton Mountain and Brown's Flat. Ten baptized. Oak Point church is low spiritually; the others are in good condition. Have, received \$300 from the churches. It has been the best year of my life spiritually."

Rev. D. Long spent the year swith Lower Millstream, Upper Millstream, Millstream Mountain, Snider Mountain and Apohaqui churches. Interest in churches fairly good. No special work during year. No debt on churches or parsonage. Need of special work on the pastorate."

REV. J. B. DAGGETT "spent part of the year at the U.N.B. During this time he visited several churches, as Lincoln, Rusisgomish, Bear Island, Lower Queensbury and Prince William. Went to assistance of Bro. Stirling at Wassis, and baptized and administered Lord's Supper. Attended at Lincoln fortnightly several months. Spent some weeks in Spring and Summer visiting churches in interest of Intelligences. Supplied some pulpit nearly every Sabbath—four Sabbaths in the Congregational church, St John. During year preached 69 times—60 in F B churches."

Rev. E. S. Parker, Moncton, reports struggles and triumphs. Prayer-meetings well attended. Conference regularly held. C E meetings good. Church building has been improved. An effort is being made to pay off the burdensome debt. If faith be considered and faithfulness; if perseverance and hope are not lost sight of in making an estimate it may be said that our spiritual interest is good. The church needs a generous grant from the H M Board.

REV. W. C. KEIEESTEAD cared for Keswick, Douglas, Kingsley and Gibson, and completed his junior year at the U N B. Keswick has done well financially, and spiritual condition is good. Douglas is low spiritually. Kingsley has done well. Building a church at cost of \$1,500. Will soon be ready for dedication. Gibson has had good year; 30 new members. Made improvements in church to extent of over \$900.

REV. D. PATTERSON cared for "churches on Campobello—Wilson's Beach and North Roads. No additions. Religious condition of churches very good. Different departments work done with good degree of faithfulness."

LICEN. A. STOEGER received license from Gibson Church, and then from Third District Meeting. At Stanley and Bloomfield from May. Found interest low, the field having been some months without care. Spiritual interest reviving, and the outlook promising. New church building at Bloomfield nearing completion.

LICEN. L. A. FENWICK completed his junior year at Acadia College. Did not take regular work in vacation. Spent two Sundays at Beaver Harbor. Interest there low. If Church is to live and grow, help must be sent soon.

LICEN. A. H. WILLIAMS had Blissville, Patterson, Mill Settlement and Clarendon (branch). Patterson is in more encouraging condition than any other part of field. People are spiritual. Of course, some not as much alive, nor as benevolent, as should be; but taking Church as a whole, they are a good people. Blissville is low. Not as much union as should be. Christian Endeavour meetings, conference and preaching generally well attended. Mid-week prayer meeting poorly attended. Mill Settlement has good attendance Sundays, but that is all. Made 413 pastoral calls. attended 25 mid-week prayer meetings, 33 C E meetings, 16 Conferences, preached 141 times, besides meetings and preaching away from pastorate. Have received to date (Aug 31) a little more than \$200.

LICEN. C. STERLING had Oromocto, Waasis, French Lake and Victoria. Special meetings at Waasis; nine baptized. Special meetings at Oromocto helped the church. Special meetings at Victoria; one baptized.—Visited Waterville; the cause was helped.

LICKN.J. G. Puddington gave some care "to Foreston, Bigger Ridge, Beaufort, Knowlesville, Cloverdale and Main Stream. Had good degree of blessing. These places need H M help."

LICEN. M. L. GREGG spent summer at Deer Island, by direction H M Board. Chocolate Cove, Rair Haven and Northern Harbour Churches low the last nearly extinct when he went; the interest has been helped. The Island needs a resident Pastor. A single man could be supported without M Aid."

LICEN. G. D. Milbury spent summer vacation at Beaver Harbour by direction H M Board. Church low spiritually. Ability to support preaching not what it was 8 or 10 years ago. Much need of thorough revival. At Back Bay, 18 miles from Harbour, there is promising Free Baptist interest; Bro G A Eldridge labors there. The Harbour and Back Bay, with small H M grant, could support pastor.

If all the Ministers, instead of about half of them, had reported as fully and frankly as those whose reports are summarized above, there could have been spread before Conference a very good pen picture of the state of the I the than

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the Denomination as seen by the men who are most closely identified with the work and the very life of the body and who know it more intimately than any others. Perhaps another year all will report. They ought.

OBSERVATIONS.

1. The statistics in this report are made up from such as are given in the District Reports which have come to your Secretary, supplemented, in some cases, by reports from Ministers. If any facts are omitted, if anything is inaccurately stated, or if any minister's work is not mentioned, or is only partially reported, the Corresponding Secretary thinks it is because of the omission of the matter from the two sources of information—District Reports and Ministers' reports.

Of the unreported churches it is necessary to say that some of them
have not reported for several years. Possibly some of them are extinct,
either by becoming merged into other churches, or by weakness resulting
from schism or no care. Every one of them should be looked after.

3. This report does not include the work of the W M Society, the work of the Y P League or Sabbath Schools' work—all of them prosperous branches of denominational activity—except the incidental and partial reference made to some of their finances.

4. Since the returns upon which the financial exhibit of this report is based were made up there have been, and during the session there will be payments made to various funds. Such payments will change and improve the totals given in this report; but they will scarcely be sufficient to change the lesson which the figures presented herein teach.

CONDITIONS AND NEEDS.

Examination of the facts and figures which have come to the Corresponding Secretary reveal certain conditions, and are suggestive of certain needs, among them the following:

 Compared with earlier years a large proportion of the churches have pastoral care.

2. The unreported churches and the pastorless churches are nearly identical. Forty (40) were without pastors; thirty.seven (37) are unreported. One hundred and eighteen (118) are reported; one hundred and fifteen (115) had pastors.

3. Church reports are not as full as they should be, and sometimes are not quite accurate in what they do set forth. They are, except in a few cases, not much more than statistical statements. While even bare figures do tell something of spiritual condition, the reports should tell more than they do about the spiritual life of the churches.

4. Our statistics, especially those of our membership, are not, it is believed, as accurate as it is desirable to have them; and yet they are as nearly correct as it is possible to make them from the statements which come

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fully could ate of from the churches. It would be well to have a careful revision of membership records and other statistics.

- 5. Lack of care in transferring members is, probably, responsible for some of the uncertainty which attaches to church statistics. When members move to another community they should join the church there. They should be superior to the sentimentalism that may prompt them ato live and die with the old church" though they live many miles from it. But in changing their membership they should be careful to get letters of demission. Pastors should not receive members of other churches without such letters.
- 6. Some churches report a large number of non-resident members. There are two classes of non-residents, (1) those living within the Conference bounds, and (2) those living in other countries. These should be distinguished so far as possible, in the reports.
- 7. So far as can be judged from their reports, very little discipline is exercised in the churches Occasionally a report states that some members have been "dropped" from the church roll because they are non-residents: but very rarely is there any report of discipline of the unrighteous. Is this because there is no occasion for the exercise of discipline?
- 9. Pastorates are becoming smaller, which is a good sign. Here is a case illustrating the better grouping of churches. Only a few years ago the churches from Peniac, on the Nashwaak, to Bear Island on the 8t John river, embracing, besides the two churches named, Marysville, Keswick, Douglas, Lower Queensbury, Prince William and Dumfries—eight churches in all, were in one pastorate, cared for by the late Rev J E Reud. Now, with two churches added, the field has four pastors. With smaller pastorates the churches get more care, and, in return, yield a better support of all branches of church and denominational work.
- 10. Some District Meetings might do their work more thoroughly. The churches report directly to them, and are represented in them by delegates. They should look carefully into the life of the churches, and adopt measures for their help when needed. To look after the unreported and weak and troubled and struggling churches, if there be such within their bounds, is certainly the duty of District Meetings.
- 11. The ministers of the Conference are self-sacrificing men. The salaries paid the pastors do not average more than \$400 each. The largest salary does not contain four figures; the smallest salary is very small. The ministers cannot fairly be charged with being self-seekers. They rarely make complaint. It is impossible, however, for them to do as efficient work as if they were better supported. They cannot make provision for sickness or old age. The churches should increase the salaries of their pastors. Besides, the Conference would do well to consider the establishment of a fund, from which the salaries of the pastors who minister to the poorer pastorates could be augmented.

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The denomination is strangely neglectful in that it is making no real provision for its aged and disable 1 ministers. The Conference in 1895 appointed Ministers' Relief Fund Sunday (see Res 12 Year Book '95). The reports of this year contain no intimation that the recommendation of 'Conference was observed. There is need of a better system than the present.

12. It has not been a year of large accessions to the churchet. The gains by conversions are smaller than for many years. This fact may well provoke thought and heart-searching. It is not wise to seek to satisfy ourselves by saying, "Well, it has been the same in all the denominations." We are not to judge ourselves by comparison with others. Nor is it enough to say, "This has not been a harvest year."

May not every year be one of reaping as well as of sowing? The best condition of christian life will not be reached till through every year, in the use of what are called "the ordinary means of grace," there are accessions to the churches by conversions.

It is better and braver to look the situation in the face. Even a cursory examination of the reports show that the spiritual life of the churches is not what it might be. What is the matter?

To endeavor to discover this is, surely, the duty of the ministers and representatives of the churches here assembled. The only hope of continued usefulness and success of this denomination is in maintaining the doctrine and experience of a genuine spiritual life.

13. This Conference is to hear other reports than this, dealing with different departments of denominational work. Is that all? If so, we had better have remained at home. The business—and it is God's work—of such α meeting of christians as this is, by examining into every part of the life and work of the churches, to ascertain in how much the denomination is doing its part in extending the Kingdom of Christ; and to adopt such measures as will assure the best development of the spiritual life and the greatest efficiency of the body.

Concusion—Looking back of this year—back through sixty-five years, to the organization of this Conference (the denomination consisting then of two ordained ministers and six churches) there is seen more clearly what God has done; and we give Him thanks and "take courage." Recalling His gracious dealings with our fathers, we pray—

The Lord our God be with us, as He was with our fathers; let Him not leave us, nor forsake us; that He may incline our hearts unto Him, to walk in all His ways, and to keep His commandments, and His statutes, and His judgments, which he commanded our fathers." Amen!

Jos. McLeon, Cor Sec.

Fredericton, N. B., Oct. 9th, 1897.

On motion of Rev. C. T. Phillips, seconded by Rev. G. A. Hartley:

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Ordered, That the Report of the Corresponding Secretary be taken into consideration on Monday next.

Rev. F. G. Francis, Corresponding Delegate for the Free Baptist General Conference of N. S., conveyed the fraternal greetings of that Conference.

He reported that connected with the Nova Scotia Conference are 17 Churches and 4,000 members, and spoke of an awakened interest in Missions, Temperance and Sabbath Observance.

On motion of Rev. J. W. Clarke:

2. Resolved, That this Conference has heard with pleasure the Report of the Corresponding Delegate from the Nova Scotia Free Baptist General Conference, Rev. F. G. Francis, and highly appreciate and reciprocate the Christian Greetings of our Sister Conference, and cordially invite our brother to a seat with us.

Prof. A. W. Anthony, Corresponding Delegate from the Maine Free Baptist Association, expressed the pleasure it gave him to meet with the Free Baptists of New Brunswick. He reported that the Association consisted of 253 churches and 16,000 church members, and read the following Resolution, passed at the late Session of the body by him represented:

Whereas, The Free Baptists of Nova Scotia and the Free Christian Baptists of New Brunswick, in their doctrine, polity and spirit, are already recognized as one with our Free Baptists of the United States; and

Whereas, Practical unity in Foreign Missions, and co-operation, so far as tried, in publications and educational works have been fruitful of good; therefore

Resolved, That our representative to Nova Scotia F. B. Conference and to the Free Christian Baptist Conference of New Brunswick, be instructed to urge upon our brethren in the Provinces a closer union with us, by entering into organic relations with the General Conference of Free Baptists.

On motion of Rev G A Hartley:

3. Resolved, That this Conference has heard with pleasure the Report of the Delegate for the Maine State Association, Prof. Anthony, of Cobb Divinity School of Lewiston, Maine, and highly appreciate his christian greetings, and cordially invite our brother to a seat with us.

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Rev Gideon Swim, Delegate to the Free Baptist General Conference of Nova Scotia, submitted the following Report:

Fredericton, October 9th, 1897.

BROTHER MODERATOR,-Your Delegate appointed to attend the Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia, begs leave to report that he attended to that duty. The Conference this year was held in the Free Baptist Church in Yarmouth Town. All the Ministers of the Conference were present and there was a large attendance of delegates and visitors. The business during the entire session was carried on harmoniously. The Corresponding Secretary's Report showed that good work had been done during the year and that the outlook for the future is encouraging. Your Delegate was cordially received, and I conveyed to them the Fraternal Greetings of our Conference. In your name I asked for a continuance of the delegation, and Rev F G Francis, whom I am sure we are all pleased to see with us to-day, was appointed to attend this

Respectfully Yours,

GIDEON SWIM.

Ordered, That the Report just read be adopted.

The Moderator appointed Rev T S Vanwart, S J Perry, O N Mott and H A Bonnell, and Messrs W J Owens, James E Mc-Cready and James Patterson a Committee on Nominations.

On motion of Rev J McLeod, D D:

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4. Resolved, That we do now adjourn until 7.30 p. m. Closed by Prayer by Rev. Dr McLeod.

Fredericton, N. B., October 9th, 1897.

Conference met at 7.30 p. m., pursuant to adjournment. Moderator in the Chair.

Opened by Singing, Reading of Scriptures and Prayer by Rev G W Foster.

Minutes of Afternoon's Session read.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Afternoon Session be adopted. Rev L A Cosman and Rev F A Currier, A M, and Lt-Colonel

T L Alexander, Treasurer of the 4th District, having arrived took their seats as Members of Conference.

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Mr J E McCready, from the Committee on Nominations, submitted the following Report:

Nominating Committee beg leave to Report :---

1 .- Committee on Absent Brethren.

Bros S J Perry, Geo McLeod, Chas Lutz, T L Alexander, Alfred Slipp, Job McFarlane, Jacob Morrell.

2 .- Committee on Collections.

Rev Jno Henderson, Fred Bloodsworth, Chas Vanwart, Peleg Smith, Jas McRae.

3.—Committee on Appeals.

Bros John Perry, G A Hartley, J N Barnes, Elijah Grey, Wm Peters.
4.—Committee on Deceased Brethren.

Revds Jos Noble, J W Clark, A G Downey, G W Foster, W H Perry.

5 .- Committee on Correspondence.

Bros Long, E L West, J E McCready, Rev T W Carpenter, Woodbury Sheppard.

6 .- Committee on District Meetings.

Bros S J Perry, J J Barnes, Thos VanWart, J S Kinney, H A Bonnell, T B Bassett, Ed Slipp.

7.—Committee on Literature.

Revds W Keirstead, G Swim, F C Hartley, C T Phillips, B H Nobles.

The Committee ask leave to sit again. Respectfully Submitted.

Fredericton, Oct. 9, 1897.

J. E. McCREADY, Secretary.

Ordered, That the report of the Committee on Nominations be taken up section by section. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th sections adopted.

On motion of Mr. J. E. McCready. 5. Resolved, That the Committee on Nominations be granted leave to sit again.

Mr. J. E. McCready, Corresponding Secretary of the Executive Committee for Sabbath Schools, submitted the following report:

The Executive Committee of Sabbath 8chools for the year 1896-7 take pleasure in submitting the following report:

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Regretting the fact that a large number of schools failed to report other schools have renewed sending reports so your executive are able to present a report from 86 schools, which represent a total of 5203 scholars and 451 teachers. These figures being about two hundred scholars and twenty-five (25) teachers less than last year, are accounted for by the lesser number of schools reporting, which, divided into districts are as follows:

First District—Four schools, 138 scholars and 12 teachers; while five conversions are reported during the year. This is less than half the number of schools in the district.

SECOND DISTRICT—Reports 15 schools, 806 scholars and 77 teachers. Number converted during the year 26.

Third District—Reports 11 schools, 696 scholars, 66 teachers and 28 conversions. Two schools less than last year.

FOURTH DISTRICT—Fourteen schools, 672 scholars, 54 teachers; with 22 converted during the year. A gain of three schools, 150 scholars and nine teachers.

FIFTH DISTRICT—Nine schools, 339 scholars and 33 teachers. Eleven conversions during the year.

SIXTH DISTRICT—Twenty-one schools, 1093 scholars and 96 teachers; with 15 reported conversions. A loss of three schools, 233 scholars and 18 teachers.

SEVENTH DISTRICT—Reports 12 schools, 1460 scholars and 113 teachers; number converted during the year 17. Ten out of the 12 schools in this district being evergreen schools.

For convenience the following table of facts has been prepared to which your attention is myited:

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Year.	1897	1	3	:	:	:	1897	1896	1895	1894	1893
Pr c, attendance children in Dist.	80	200	62	20	22	45	65	70	144	74	02
Pr c. of Ch. mem- bers attendance,	50	57	34	35	38	35	36	88	100	35	32
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While the work in comparison with last year fairly holds its own for the number of schools reporting, saving the number of reported conversions. can it be said that the efforts of such a number of christian workers can On the contrary it cannot le but that great good has been done where Christ has been held up to over five thousand dear children so faithfully during the year. And although the result of that labor cannot be seen now the Master has told us that the laborer is worthy of his hire and the reward will, yea, must, surely come

A number of schools have not reported. The first district most noticeably. The sixth, heretofore the banner district, has taken second place, the seventh taking the lead, on account of Superintendents not reporting their schools at the district meetings.

In conclusion your committee would respectfully urge the renewed efforts on the part of all Sabbath School workers, knowing that from the children come the hope of our churches and our beloved denomination, and that all such efforts with their subsequent blessings be faithfully reported to Con-

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. MCCREADY, Corresponding Secretary.

On motion of Rev Gideon Swim, seconded by Mr T B Bassett, supported by Lt-Col Alexander, and Rev G A Hartley:

6. Resolved, That the Report of the Executive Committee on Sabbath Schools be adopted.

The Moderator left the Chair, which was taken by the Assistant Moderator, Rev Gideon Swim,

On motion of Rev F C Hartley, A B:

7. Resolved, That we do now adjourn to meet at 9 A M, 11th

Closed by Prayer by Rev W C Keirstead.

FREDERICTON, N. B., OCTOBER 11TH, 1897.

Conference met at 9 A M, 11th October, 1897, pursuant to ad-The Moderator, Rev B H Nobles, in the Chair.

Opened by Singing, Reading of Scriptures and Prayer by Rev Gideon Swim.

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Rev W DeWare, and E J Clarke, Esq. a member of the Board of Managers, having arrived, took their seats as Members of Conference.

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Minutes of Saturday evening's Session read.

Ordered, That the Minutes as read stand approved.

Rev Gideon Swim was elected Moderator and Rev F C Hartley, A B, Assistant Moderator.

Rev T S VanWart, from the Committee on Nominations, submitted the following Report:

8 .- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Rev D Long, Corresponding Secretary; Rev J W Clarke, Treasurer; Dr Burnett, Revds B H Nobles, C T Phillips, F C Hartley, and Wm Peters.

9.—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Rev G F Currie, Corresponding Secretary; E W Slipp, Treasurer; Revs Dr McLeod, John Perry. G W Foster, A Perry, H A Bonnell, G A Hartley.

10 .- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Jas E McCready, Corresponding Secretary; Rev J T Parsons, O N Mott, Fred Bloodsworth, C W Weyman.

11 .- SICK AND DISABLED MINISTERS.

Gideon McLeod, Treasurer; Revs G A Hartley, Jos Noble, TS VanWart,
J J Barnes, C T Phillips.

12 .- BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Rev G A Hartley, A C Smith, B S Palmer, W H Heine, E J Clarke, Jas E Good.

13 -COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Revs E S Parker, J B Daggett, W C Kierstead, S J Case, D Patterson.

14 -- COMMITTEE ON SABBATH.

Revs W H Perry, C B Lewis, J N Barnes, T O DeWitt, and G J Worden.

15 -COMMITTER ON TEMPERANCE.

Revs A G Downey, E B Gray, Wm DeWare, Mr J T Carpenter, G W Sharp. 16.—Corresponding Delegate to N S Conference, Rev D Long; Substitute, Rev G W Foster.

17.—Your Committee recommend that a delegation be sent to the General Conference of Free Baptists.

Your Committee would recommend Dr McLeod as such delegation.

J E McCREADY, Secretary.

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Ordered, That the Report just read be taken up section by section.

8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th sections adopted.

On motion of Rev T S Vanwart:

8. Resolved, That the Report of the Committee on Nominations be adopted.

Rev J B Daggett, from the Committee on Sabbath, submitted the following Report :

BROTHER MODERATOR:

Your committee on the Sabbath beg leave to report:

1. That in our opinion there are few questions of more vital importance to the Christian Church than that of the proper observance of the Lord's

2. We would emphasize and urge that our people keep close to the teaching of the Bible and the practice of the fathers in that the Sabbath Day be a time when all business be suspended and that the day be spent in spiritual exercises and worship of our Heavenly Father. We feel that any departure from this standard would be fraught with serious consequences to the church and nation.

3. We express our sympathy with and approval of the Sabbath Day as now observed, and would give our disapproval of any and all efforts to make any change in the day as now observed.

4. We view with alarm the growing tendency to devote the Sabbath Day to pleasure and to business in the running of Sunday excursions, on the one hand in the pursuit of business, on the other of pleasure, and we think this Conference should give no uncertain sound in condemnation of all such, believing them to be serious forms of Sabbath desecration.

J B DAGGETT, H A BONNELL, H HARTT, JOHN HENDERSON, PELEG SMITH.

On motion of Rev J B Daggett:

9. Resolved, That the Report of the Committee on Sabbath be adopted.

Rev Jno Henderson, from Committee on Collections, submitted the following Report:

BROTHER MODERATOR:

Collected at	Fredericton	\$41	52
и	Douglas Church		23
6	Marysville and Peniac	6	25

Which amount has been paid over to the fund for sick and disabled ministers.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES McCrea, F C Bloodsworth, John Henderson.

Oct 11, 1897.

On motion of Rev John Henderson:

 Resolved, That the Report of the Committee on Collections be adopted.

Rev J T Parsons, Secretary of the Ministers' Conference, submitted the following Report:

BROTHER MODERATOR,

Rev W J Halse, a Minister of this Conference, came before his brethren in Ministers Conference and stated that from differences of opinion regarding matters of doctrine, he felt it his duty to ask for his dismission from that body.

As the Ministers Conference have no power to grant dismissions, they recommend this General Conference, for the reasons given, to grant Rev W J Halse the dismission asked for.

J. T. Parsons, Sec. Ministers Conference.

On motion of Rev J T Parsons:

11. Resolved, That the Report just read be adopted, and that Rev W J Halse be granted his dismission from the Conference, in good and regular standing.

Rev W C Kierstead, from the Committee on Temperance, submitted the following Report:

At each successive Conference this Denomination has declared itself to be in direct antagonism to the Liquor Traffic. It is hardly necessary to restate our position:

1. We believe Intemperance the greatest evil of our country; the enemy alike of the Individual, Home, Church and State. We demand Total Abstinence of the individual; we impress upon him his duty to labor for Prohibition for the State.

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2. We think a question so vital should be made a supreme issue, so that on either side of it political lines would be drawn. We urge upon our members their duty at the Primaries, party caucuses and at the poll, in Dominion, Provincial and Municipal matters to bring the Temperance question

3. We believe in Prohibition by a Dominion Law. While the Plebescite was not of our seeking, we think if fairly taken the temperance cause has nothing to fear; we think the Plebescite should be a straight Yea and Nay pronouncement on Prohibition. This Conference most emphatically protests against any other submittal, either in restrictions or complications with other questions, as revenue, compensation, etc. If properly presented we urge our people to do all in their power to make the election a victory for temperance.

We think the License Law passed at the session of 1896 by the Local Legislature was not in the interests of Temperance. As we will in the near future have a Provincial election we urge our people to be very careful in the selection of candidates. No bad man can be a good citizen or lead a good cause. We would also urge them to retain the Scott Act in preference to this license law, and elect councillors who will vigorously support the enforcement of the act.

5. We think while the average citizen recognizes his rights he fails to understand the duties of citizenship. This reform can be carried when men have principles and vote for them. Opposed to this cause will be the iniquitous influences and machinations of self-seeking politicians. We urge therefore that our pulpits give teaching on this matter. The reformation of politics will follow the regeneration of the individual.

Respectfully submitted.

W. C. KIERSTEAD, Chairman.

Ordered, That the Report be taken up section by section. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th sections adopted.

On motion of Rev W C Kierstead:

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12. Resolved, That the Report of the Committee on Temperance be adopted.

On motion of Rev F C Hartley, A B:

13. Resolved, That we do now adjourn, to meet at 2 o'clock, PM. Closed by Prayer by Rev David Patterson.

Conference met at 2 P M, pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator in the Chair.

Opened by Singing, and Prayer by Rev Abram Perry.

Minutes of Morning Session read.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the forenoon Session as read stand approved.

Ordered, That Bros T S VanWart, D Long and C W Weyman be a committee on Leave of Absence.

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On motion of Rev J McLeod, D D:

14. Resolved, That we do now adjourn to meet at 7.45 o'clock, $_{\rm P}$ M.

Closed by Prayer by Rev J T Parsons.

Conference met at 7.45 o'clock P M, on the 11th October, 1897, pursuant to adjournment. Moderator in the Chair.

Opened by singing and prayer by Rev Abram Perry.

Minutes of afternoon session read.

Ordered, That the Minutes as read stand approved.

Rev J W Clarke, Treasurer of the Home Mission Executive, submitted the following report:

REV. J. W. CLARKE,

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Respectfully submitted,

J. W. CLARKE, Treasurer.

Fredericton, October 11, 1897.

Ordered, That the Report just read be referred to the Auditor. Rev F C Hartley, A B, Corresponding Secretary of Home Mission Executive, submitted the following Report:

Report of the Home Mission Executive.

BROTHER MODERATOR:

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The meeting of Conference this year in Fredericton calls to mind the fact that it was here thirty-three years ago that the Free Christian Baptist Home Mission Society of New Brunswick was first organized. No doubt many of the older ministers will remember that occasion. The scattered position of many of our churches, the many calls for labor and help, the splendid opportunity for the extension of our denominational borders and the salvations of precious souls, made the organization of a Home Mission Society a necessity.

After all these years of history coming again as we do to the place of its organization, we naturally ask ourselves the question: Has the society justified its organization? The growth and development of our denomination and its condition now as compared with its condition when no Home Mission Society existed is in part an answer.

No doubt the denomination would have lived and grown had the organization never been effected, but that the home field would have been as well developed and arranged as it now is, is not at all probable. When we think of the many successful and zealous missionaries who have labored under the Board's direction, of the churches strengthened and encouraged, of the hundreds of souls—some of them now in Heaven, many of them standard bearers in our churches—which have been converted to God and added to our membership, we have a reason for much gratitude and a more complete vindication of the existence of the Home Mission Society.

Our people recognize now as they did not years ago—they have learned it by experience—that a regular gospel ministry is not only an ordinance of God, but it is the best means of permanently developing the strength and life of the church, as a result of this nearly all, if not all of our churches are grouped in convenient pastorates and in a position to receive regular ministerial care.

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From the very first it has been the object of our society to assist all our weak and struggling interests, and to put the gospel within the reach of all the people of this province. During the thirty-three years of the society's history much, very much, has been accomplished. Much, however, still remains to be done. We have been progressing and to make still greater advance is our supreme desire.

During the past year the Executive have been convened five times considerable business has also been done by way of correspondence; to all the business coming before it the Executive has given its best consideration and has always endeavored to do what, in their judgment, seemed for the best interests of our denomination as a whole.

In general missionary work the Executive have not accomplished as much as in other years. Immediately after last General Conference an effort was made to secure the labors of Bro F A Currier as missionary, but the brother accepted a pastorate in Nova Scotia and we were consequently disappointed. Bro T O DeWitt has given a large portion of his time this year to the pastorless churches in the Fourth District; part of the time his labors have been directed by the Home Mission Executive. Three months care was given to the church at Upper Gagetown where five persons were baptized; eleven persons were also baptized and added to the church at Rusiagornish. Bros C T Phillips and Samuel Perry spent a short time at Riley Brook and succeeded in organizing a church there. Bro Perry baptized three persons and added six to the church.

In assisting young men to secure fields during their summer vacation the Executiva have done what they could. Bro F S Hartley, a student at Cobb Divinity School spent the summer on the Prince William—Queensbury circuit. Bro M L Gregg, who graduated this year from the Provincial Normal School spent the summer on Deer Island, while Bro Douglas Milbury has been at Beaver Harbor. All of these brethren have worked faithfully and well, most encouraging reports have been received of their acceptance among the people and of good accomplished.

As in other years so this year the Executive has been called on for assistance by several of our weaker circuits, which in themselves are not as yet self-sustaining. Several circuits receiving help from the Home Mission Society last year have been able this year to do without any outside assistance. This is as it should be and is very gratifying. In the First District, Rev S J Perry the energetic and efficient pastor of Bath—Arthurette circuit—has had the assistance of the Executive. He has covered a large extent of territory, ministering to no less than seven churches

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In the Second District—the Brighton and Hartland circuit—of which Rev J N Barnes has been pastor the past two years received a continuation of the grant of last year. Bro Barnes has been very successful on the pastorate and we are sorry to hear that he has resigned its pastoral care.

During the past year a new church was organized at Havelock consisting of seventeen members. Bro Barnes also baptized one at Hartland.

In compliance with a request of the Third District meeting a grant was made the Upper Hainesville circuit, which includes Staple Settlement and Millville—both needy churches. Rev T S Vanwart has had pastoral care of this field and writes encouragingly of the future.

As the Southampton circuit was anxious to retain the services of Licentiate Coombes but were not able to raise the required salary, your Board thought it wise to make the circuit a grant. Bro Coombes has worked very faithfully during the year and his labors have not been without good results.

Bro W J Halse assisted the pastor in special services at Eel River and at Campbell Settlement. At Eel River nine were baptized and the church greatly strengthened; while at Campbell Settlement nineteen received the right of baptism.

Bro Keirstead, a member of the Executive, has visited the Southampton Church on two occasions and administered baptism.

In the Fourh District, the Oromocto—Rusiagornish Circuit—has not been visited this year. This was not however the fault of Bro Stirling who has ministered very acceptably to a part of the circuit. The churches over which he has had charge have had a little assistance from the Executive. Bro Stirling held special services at Waasis and at Oromocto; at the former place ten persons were baptized.

Bro H A Bonnell, Pastor of the Churches at Oak Point, Brown's Flat, Westfield, and Hamilton Mountain, all situated in the fifth district, sends a very satisfactory report of the work done on that circuit during the year. He has baptized ten persons; considerable money has been expended for building and other improvements.

At its last session the General Conference recommended the Home Mission Executive to make a grant of one hundred dollars to the Church at Moncton. This request has been complied with. The Church has enjoyed a year of unusual prosperity under the leadership of its Pastor, Rev E S

In the seventh district aid has been extended to the pastorates on Grand Manan and (ampobello; on Campobello aid was given the North Road church to assist in securing the labors of Rev David Patterson. The thurch now holds regular preaching, prayer and conference meetings and

has a good Sabbath School. Bro W H Perry has spent the year on Grand Manan and has been very faithful to his people. He has baptized seven persons during the year.

It will be seen from this report that considerable Home Mission work has been done during the last year. The aid given the pastorates has been greatly needed and not as large as we might wish it were; it has been extended over the entire field, churches on each of the seven districts receiving assistance. In all twenty-nine churches have been helped.

In presenting this report the Executive would desire to call the attention of the Conference to the request made of the District Meetings, that each appoint some person who might be consulted by the Home Mission Executive in regard to Mission matters in his district. We think the District Meetings should give more attention than they do to Home Mission work, and believe that it would be a move in the right direction and greatly profitable if the secretary or some member of the Executive could attend each District Meeting and be afforded an opportunity of presenting the work and claims of the Society.

The Church of Christ, and we are a branch of that church, has a great work before her; through her efforts the ends of the earth are to hear the gospel; it is her business to make the gospel the property of all nations. To effect this design the Church of Christ must exhibit a liberality as yet unknown, and we are constrained to believe that until the benevolent effort and holy sympathy of the strong church and able individuals is brought to bear on the weak place in our home fields our denomination as such, is not in a position to do her part in carrying out our Lord's command. That is an erring benevolence indeed that seeks to illumine all other lands of and neglect our own weak interests. The wiser course is that we seek to follow, to well evangelize our own land and thus bring its concentrated power, holy and invincible, to bear on the condition of the world.

In closing this report we desire to express great gratitude to God for all the success of the past year, and a hope and prayer for even greater things in the year upon which we are about entering.

Respectfully Submitted,

FRED CLARK HARTLEY, Cor Sect H M Executive. pi

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On motion of A C Smith, Esq, seconded by Rev J W Clarke:

15. Resolved. That the Report of the Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Executive be adopted.

Rev G F Currie. Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Executive, submitted the following Report:

BROTHER MODERATOR,

That it is the duty of the Christian Church to propagate Foreign Missions, is now so generally admitted that there needs be but little argument

adduced to show to christian people their privileges in this matter. It may be said however that the church, in this day, that refuses to engage in Foreign Mission work, refuses to be aggressive, and fails to carry out the great and last command of her Lord, viz: "fio ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." The inevitable result of such failure cannot be other than weakness, decay and death.

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In scanning the whole field, which is the world, and carefully noticing the work to be done and the workers, etc, we cannot but conclude that the present seems to be a critical time with the whole missionary enterprise Some eminent and life long advocates of Foreign Missions are viewing the present status of missions as peculiarly alarming and dangerous. Not that missionaries are being exposed to more than usual persecution and death, not that God has failed to bless and give success to the heroic men and women toiling for Him in lands of darkness, not that doors have not opened, great and effectual, and in such miraculous ways as to seem to be the very voice of God bidding His people go up at once and possess the land. But wherein lies the danger? The danger is in what appears to be a growing apathy and indifference throughout the church as to the world's evangelization. The outcome of which is failure to disern the signs of the times and to notice the movings of God opening ways and commanding His church to go forward, enter, and in the name of Christ take possession of those whitened fields all ready for the harvest.

Is it not alarming when we consider the abundance of wealth possesseds and the luxuries enjoyed by christians in this home land, and compare the small and inadequate amount given to this great work, that missionaries are being crippled in their work by insufficient support. That the Mission Boards, without scarce an exception, are not only embarassed, but in many cases almost hopelessly overwhelmed with debt. And instead of being able to advance and occupy the entire world for the Master, their drums beat a retreat and they are compelled to call loudly to retrench. In the Foreign Mission work it is not so much opportunity to do work nor consecrated men to perform it, but money; money is the great need today

It should provoke us, as a denomination, to thanksgiving that the terrible plague which of late has raged in India has not reached the district occupied by the Free Baptist Mission. The effects of the famine, however, has been felt somewhat in the scarcity of rice and the consequent increase in price. From the reading of the Yearly Report of the Free Baptist Mission in Southern Bengal, it is evident that the missionaries have done faithful work throughout their different stations; and that the various branches of the work has been carefully looked after. The report shows some reasons for joy and others for sorrow. The low death rate among the church members, the good health of the missionaries, prosperity and real progress of some of the churches, especially in the long strides toward self-support, etc. Again it is sadly evident that the workers are far too few and that through

the lack of means at the disposal of the missionaries render the facilities for carrying on the work altogether too insufficient.

Thirty-three years ago at the General Conference then convened in this city the Free Baptists of this Province formally committed themselves to Foreign Mission work, and joyfully undertook the support of a Missionary to India. Since then throughout all those years this good work has to a large extent engaged our interests, and each year we have endeavored to do something toward advancing the cause. But it is sadly evident that at no time have we come up to the full measure of our responsibility in this matter. So-much have we lacked in this that we fear the Master cannot say of us, "They did what they could."

For the year just closed we have not much to report. We have no representative in the Foreign Field, nor have we given support to any station or native worker. The usual amount of money has not been contributed this year; there being a falling off of about \$200.00 from that of last year.

We wish to put on record our appreciation of the grand work which has been done, and is being done by our sisters of the Women's Foreign Mission Society, and rejoice with them in their prosperity and success.—We would also recognize with thanksgiving the interest taken in Missions by the Young People's Provincial League. Venturing at the same time to express the hope that ere long they may have the privilege to support of themselves a Missionary in the Foreign Field.

The prayer of this Conference, as well as all the Churches here represented, should now be that God would call men from our midst to do work in India. "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he may send forth laborers," is what Christ taught us to do. Brethren, the time has come when we should stop playing at Missions and consecrate our lives and our substance to the advancement of God's cause.

Notice these facts :

1st. We have the men. We may not be able to say why no man has been forthcoming and saying to us, "here am I, send me," send me to India. But we know that it it not because of the lack of men well qualified for the work. Here in our midst standing to-day are men, young men, strong in body and stronger in intellect, well equipped by education, &c., for the work in the Foreign Field.

2nd. We have the means,—we may not be able to get the money. Men of means may refuse to contribute of their substance to this work. They may dare to withold from God His money, and rob Him of that which is His due. But in any case it will not be because of our poverty that no missionaries go out from our midst.

3rd. We have the opportunities,—we hear the cry come over and help us. We may see the hand of God opening doors, removing barriers more and more as the years pass, untill now nearly all the world is open to

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missionaries. With both eyes and ears we see and hear of opportunities to do work. No person can read carefully the report from our own mission without seeing that the most prominent and impressive feature is lack of possibility to enter all the doors that open. Brethren there are over 3,000,-000 souls looking to the Free Baptists of America for the Gospel, and many of them are hungering for the truth.

"Truly the harvest is plenteous but the labourers are few." Look on the fields all white and ready for the harvest.

Oh, where are the reapers, Oh, who will come To share in the glory of the harvest-home? Oh, who will help us to garner in,

The sheaves of good from the fields of sin?

Respectfully Submitted.

GEO F CURRIE.

Fredericton, Oct 11th, 1897. Cor Sec of F M Executive.

On motion of Rev W C Kierstead, seconded by Rev D Patterson:

16. Resolved, That the report of the Corresponding Secretary of Foreign Mission Executive be adopted.

E W Slipp Esq, Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Executive, submitted the following report: E W SLIPP, TREASURER,

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Balance in Treasurer's hands	\$500	71
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Respectfully Submitted,

E W SLIPP, Treas F M Executive.

Fredericton, N B, Oct 11th, 1867.

Ordered, That the report of the Treasurer bc referred to the Auditor.

On motion of Rev G F Currie:

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17. Resolved, That we do now adjourn to meet at 8.45 AM, 12th October. Closed by prayer by Rev Dr McLeod.

OCTOBER 12, 1897.

Conference met at 8.45 o'clock A M, on the 12th October, 1897, pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator in the Chair.

Opened by singing, and prayer by Rev G A Hartley.

Roll called.

Minutes of last session read.

Ordered, That the Minutes of last session as read be adopted.

Rev S J Perry, from the Committee on Absent Brethren, submitted the following report:

BROTHER MODERATOR .-

Your Committee on Absent Brethren beg leave to submit the following report:

1st. We find ten ministers absent; seven (7) ordained and three (3) licentiates.

2nd. We'recommend that Revds T Connor, J S Jones and C F Rideout be excused on account of age and infirmities.

3rd. That Revds J H Erb, W R Reud and A H McLeod be excused on account of being out of the Province.

4th. That Rev I D Harvey for the reasons given by him be excused.

5th. That Licentiates S J Case A M, L A Fenwick and C T Coombes be excused on account of being out of the Province.

6th. Bros J H Erb, W R Reud, A H McLeod, L A Fenwick and S J Case sent greetings to the Conference. Your committee thinks that any brother who cannot be present should send an excuse.

Respectfully Submitted,

S J PERRY, GEO McLEOD. T L ALEXANDER, JOB McFARLAN.

Oct 12th, 1897.

Ordered, That the report just read be taken up section by section. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th sections adopted.

On motion of Rev S J Perry:

18. Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Absent Brethren be adopted as a whole.

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James Patterson, Esq, Treasurer of Conference, submitted the following report:

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Ordered, That the report of the Treasurer be referred to the Auditor.

Rev G A Hartley for the Board of Managers submitted the following report:

Report of the Board of Managers.

BROTHER MODERATOR, - Your Board of Managers, in presenting another Annual Report, is pleased to say that the property under the control of the Board, and the monetary business of the Conference entrusted to us, have been attended to with usual care. So far as is known, all the Boards of local Trustees have been careful and true to their trusts.

2. It is gratifying to report that each year new and substantial church edifices are built and old ones re-built, so that now nearly all our churches throughout the whole denominational vineyard are in the enjoyment of commodious and comfortable houses in which to worship. Good parsonages have been erected in several pastorates quite recently, while others of our churches are building or preparing to build like good homes for the comfort of their pastors and families. It is very desirable that every church or pustorate in the denomination shall own a good home for the minister. It is also desirable that all church property be free from encumbrances and kept well insured. A year ago your Board gave notice, as instructed, to S. R. Hayden, that the money for his matured mortgage was needed. The money was promptly paid and the mortgage discharged.

3. The interest due on other secureties has been nearly all paid.

4. All payments due from the Board have been made, as will be shown by the Treasurer's account.

 After careful consideration your Board has decided to recommend this Conference to drop from the assets in our accounts the note of Rev. G. W. McDonald.

6. Your Board has pleasure in stating that the Executive of Conference, acting on Resolution 44 of last year's Conference, has made satisfactory and final arrangement and settlement with the late President of the Union Baptist Education Society, paying that gentleman fifteen hundred dollars, the full share of the amount due him from the F. C. Baptists. Of this amount one thousand dollars were drawn from the Treasurer of this Board; the remaining five hundred dollars being freely contributed by our Churches. While in our corporate capacity we were not responsible for any amount due any creditor of the late Union Baptist Education Society, yet feeling the weight of the moral responsibility for our share—one third—of the amount due the late President, your Board thinks that every true Free Baptist feels better, and is better for this act of honorable payment. We sincerely wish an equally satisfactory settlement could be made with every creditor of that unfortunate institution.

7. Your Board has not yet carried out the intention of Resolution 45 of last year, in the matter of the payment of \$200, Boyer donatian to the British and Foreign Bible Society. The scarcity of uninvested money this year, and the death of the Treasurer of that Society during the year, is the excuse for delay. We hope to carry out the wishes of the Conference during the ensuing year.

8. Your Board would again call the attention of our people to the importance of making especial effort to increase our denominational funds. Our fund for aiding sick and disabled Ministers deserves immediate augmentation. We should also do something worthy of ourselves and of our young men, towards aiding those who are trying, educationally, to fit themselves for efficient work in the Master's service.

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9. Your Board recommend for appointment by this Conference the following named local Boards of Trustees for the next year, or until others are appointed in their stead; this Board to exercise its usual jurisdiction

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Mapleton, York Co-Rev Dr McLeod, Rev F C Hartley, Rev J T Parsons.

Upper Kent-John Bloodsworth, Clopper Tompkins.

Wheaton Settlement-John Brown, Frederick Lutz, William Murray, sr. Chocolate Core-John N Fountain, William H Henny, John W Stover, Oliver S Fountain.

Fairhaven—George A Simpson, James W Mosely, W Rufus Cummings, Theodore Holmes, Stephen O Ferris.

Northern Harbour-Samuel Butler, Stephen Ferris, Asa N Lord.

Waterville-John Whitney, Wm Culberson, Jacob Palmer.

Bath-Samuel Barker, Elijah F Shaw, A F Giberson.

Woodstock—Charles VanWart, Daniel A Grant, Benjamin F Clark, C R Watson.

Wickham—Milton Worden, Jacob R VanWart, James T Belyea. Petitcodiac-J Wesley Lowrey, Elton Cochrane, B H Freeze.

Victoria Road, Moncton—John McFarland, Henry Budds, Philip Kelley. Norton Station-Milton McLeod, William Heine, O R Patriquin, T B Bassett, J E McCready.

Perth—George Morchouse, Charles H McLauchlin, Frederick Grant. Jacksonvil e-Elisha Slipp, D W Smith.

Upper Millstream-Malcolm Mason, Warren Mason, B Ensley Keith, Zebulon Gaunce, W A Patterson.

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Stanley-James Wade, Thomas Jeffrey, W Steward.

Lower Millstream—George W McLeod, W D Fenwick, James E Good, Westfield, K Co-Geo T Flewelling, Wm S Bonnell, Wilmot Neal. Oromocto-Jas S Kinney, J W Currier.

Kingsley Church, Y Co-John Foster, Frank Anderson, Henry Currie, Wm Seymour, John Henderson:

Temperance Vale Ch-George Bartlett, Samuel Scriber, Peter Dunham. Bloomfield Ch-John Holt, Joseph Howard, Edward Howard, John Scott, John Spencer.

Respectfully submitted,

Fredericton, N. B., Oct. 12, 1897.

G A HARTLEY, Secretary.

Ordered, That the report be taken up section by section. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th sections adopted. On motion Rev G A Hartley:

19. Resolved, That the report of the Board of Managers be adopted.

B S Palmer, Esq, Treasurer of the Board of Managers, submitted the following report:

BROTHER MODERATOR,

The Treasurer of the Board of Managers begs to report, that he has received during the past year:

Cash on hand, 5th Oct, 1896	183	78
G W Boyer, Oct 1896	196	
W J Owens, Nov 1896	84	00
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G W Boyer, Oct 12th, 1897	190	100
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Respectfully Submitted,

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Ordered, That the Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Managers be referred to the Auditor.

Rev J W Clarke, from the Committee on Literature, submitted the following Report:

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Your committee on Denominational Literature beg to submit the following report:

While we believe the printing press has been and is a great power for good, we also believe that much of its power has tended to evil, for in large proportions, the cheap literature of to-day which has a wide circulation, is of questionable character, the reading of which fascinates the mind and leads to immorality.

We therefore believe the Conference should be loud in its denounciation of the same, and that all pastors and Sunday School Superintendents should frequently speak on this matter that all our people may be educated along the line of careful selection as to books and papers.

Your committee further believe that greater uniformity should be had in the use of "Hymn Books" for the churches, and that in all our Sunday Schools Free Baptist Quarterlies and literature should be used, used only as helps, and always secondary to the Bible.

Your committee strongly favor resolution 35 on page 54 of the "Year Book," 1896, in reference to a Denominational Literature Agency, and do herewith recommend the re-appointment of Dr McLeod as Agent.

We most heartily endorse the Religious Intelligencer as our Denominational paper, and believe it merits the encouragement of, and that the denomination needs the benefit of, its wider circulation, and do therefore recommend that the Conference pay for three hundred subscriptions to the

Respectfully Submitted,

J W CLARKE.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee on Literature be taken up section by section.

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th sections adopted.

On motion of Rev J W Clarke :

20. Resolved, That the Report of the Committee on Literature be adopted, and that this Conference subscribe and pay for 300 copies of the Religious Intelligencer for one year.

Mr James E McCready, from the Committee on Correspondence, submitted the following Report:

BROTHER MODERATOR.

Your Committee on Correspondence beg leave to report as follows:

A letter placed in our hands from Bro M Stiles, bearing on Missionary work and our duties in this regard, and we would recommend the same read to the Conference.

No other Correspondence came to our hand.

On behalf of Committee,

D Lone, Chairman; W Sheppard, E L West, J E McCready.

On motion of Mr James E McCready:

21. Resolved, That the Report of the Committee on Correspondence be adopted.

Rev F A Currier, A M, from the Committee on Education, submitted the following Report:

BROTHER MODERATOR,

Your Committee on Education beg leave to report:

1. We are pleased to learn that seven of our young men are pursuing their studies with the aim of more thoroughly fitting themselves for the Christian Ministry. Five of them are studying at Lewiston, Maine. Brothers W R Reud and Frank S Hartley are members of the Senior Class at Cobb Divinity School. Bro A H McLeod is in the Junior Divinity and Bro T Patterson in the Middle Divinity Class of the same school. Bro W C Kierstead is in the Senior Class of the University of New Brunswick, and Bro L A Fenwick is pursuing his studies at Acadia College. All of these men are doing good work, and we would recommend that this Conference do devise and execute some means to assist them while pursuing their studies, where assistance is necessary.

2. We believe that he who is to teach men should himself be taught. We think there is no profession that demands so wide and thorough a training as that of the Christian Ministry. The law demands that the physician and surgeon should be learned in the science of medicine and in Human anatomy; the lawyer finds it absolutely necessary that he be skilled and learned in his profession, and should not the man who is to act as a physician of the soul and as interpreter of the sacred law between God and man be skilled and trained for his work?

We would recommend that any person having the Ministry in view should as far as possible aim at a thorough preparation for the work.

3. This Conference regrets that it has at present no Institution of learning of its own, and therefore our young men preparing for the ministry are compelled to seek elsewhere the privileges denied them at home.

Your Committee feel the time has come when something definite should be done by us in the matter of Education. Your Committee recommend that the Conference consider the advisability of co-operating with the Free no rais

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Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia, either in the endowment of a Chair, in connection with some Provincial Institution, or in the appointment and support of a Professor in the Faculty of Cobb Divinity School, and for the execution of this recommendation we further recommend that a special committee of five members be appointed to consult with a committee of the Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia, and in conjunction with that committee, if it be thought advisable, to appoint a Professor, to fix the amount of his annual salary and to devise and execute means for raising the pro vala part of the salary, which should come from the Churches of

But your Committee would recommend that this Conference enter into no engagement to appoint or support said Professor until the means of raising his salary are definitely secured.

Respectfully submitted,

F A CURRIER. F C HARTLEY, E W. SLIPP.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee on Education be laid on the table.

On motion of Rev F C Hartley, A B:

22. Resolved, That we do now adjourn to meet at 2 o'clock, P M to-day.

Closed by Prayer by Rev F A Currier.

Conference met at 2 o'clock, P M, pursuant to adjournment; the Moderator in the Chair.

Opened by Singing and Prayer by Professor Anthony.

Minutes of Forencon Session read.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Forenoon Session be approved as

The Recording Secretary submitted the following Report: BROTHER MODERATOR,

Your Executive Committee beg leave to report:

lst. That the Committee have held three meetings during the year:

2nd. At one of the meetings arrangements were made by which the sum of 1500 was paid to the President of the Union Baptist Education Society and received by him in full satisfaction of al! moral obligations for which

Respectfully Submitted,

D. McLEOD VINCE,

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On motion of the Recording Secretary :

23. Resolved, That the Report of the Executive Committee be adopted.

Rev C T Phillips, for the Treasurer of the Executive for Sick and disabled Ministers, submitted the following Report:

BROTHER MODERATOR,

Your Committee for Ministers' Relief Fund begs leave to report as follows:

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During the past year your Executive has had occasion to extend assistance in some cases to which their attention had been called, to the amount of One Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars, which leaves a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of \$286.07.

Respectfully Submitted

C T PHILLIPS.

Ordered, That the Report of the Treasurer for Sick and Disabled Ministers be referred to Auditor.

Rev S J Perry, from the Committee on District Meetings, submitted the following Report:

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BROTHER MODERATOR,-

Your Committee on District Meetings beg leave to submit the following Report:

First District Meeting to be held with the Church at Lower Perth, on the last Saturday in June, 1898, at 10 o'clock, A M.

Ministers to attend, Revs J Noble, C T Phillips, J Perry, A G Downey, E B Grey.

Second District Meeting to be held with the Church at Connell, on the Third Saturday in June, 1898, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

Third District Meeting to be held with the Church at Douglas, on the third Friday in September, 1898, at 2.30 o'clock, P.M.

Fourth District Meeting to be held with the Church at Patterson Settlement, on the second Friday in September, 1898.

To attend, Rev G A Hartley, Rev J W Clarke.

Fifth District Meeting to be held with the Church at Jerusalem, the first Friday in July, 1898, at 10 o'clock, A M.

Sixth District Meeting to be held with the Church at Lower Millstream, the second Friday in July, 1898, at 2 o'clock, P M.

Seventh District Meeting to be held with the Church at North Head, Grand Manan, the fourth Saturday in July, 1898.

Your committee would recommend that Dr McLeod attend all the District Meetings that is possible for him to do.

Respectfully submitted,

S J PERRY, J J BARNES,

T S VANWART, T B BASSETT,

E L SLIPP,

H A BONNELL.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee on District Meetings be taken up section by section.

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th sections adopted.

On motion of Rev S J Perry:

24. Resolved, That the Report of the Committee on District Meetings be adopted.

On motion of Rev D Patterson :

25. Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby tendered to the Pastor, Members and Friends of the Fredericton Church, for their kind and untiring efforts in entertaining the members of the Conference.

On motion of Rev W C Kierstead:

26. Resolved, That copies of the proceedings of this Annual Session be printed, published and distributed to the Churches of the Conference.

On motion of Rev C T Phillips:

 Resolved, That the blank in Resolution 26 be filled with 3,500.

On motion of Rev T S VanWart:

28. Resolved, That the Year Book be published by the Recording Secretary, and that he be paid thirty dollars therefor.

On motion of Rev H A Bonnell, Moderator of the Ministers' Conference:

29. Resolved, That the Rev John A Robertson be admitted as a Minister and Member of this Conference.

Rev John A Robertson took his seat as a Member of Conference.

On motion of Rev F C Hartley, A B:

30. Resolved, That the Moderator do now leave the Chair, and that this Conference go into Committee of the whole.

Rev T S VanWart in the Chair of the Committee.

The Moderator Resumed the Chair.

Rev T S VanWart, from the Committee of the whole, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered. That the Report be received and leave granted.

31. Resolved, That we do now adjourn to meet at 7.30 m P м. Closed by Prayer by Rev L A Cosman.

Conference met at 7.30 p m, pursuant to adjournment—the Moderator in the Chair.

Opened by Singing, and Prayer by Rev E S Parker.

Minutes of Afternoon Session read.

Ordered, That the Minutes as read stand approved.

The Auditor pro tem submitted the following report :

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Respectfully Submitted		

D McLEOD VINCE, Auditor, pro tem.

Fredericton, N B, Oct 12, 1897.

On motion of Auditor pro tem:

32. Resolved, That the Report of the Auditor pro tem, together with the Reports of the Treasurer of Conference, Treasurer of the Board of Managers, Treasurer of the Executive of Home Missions. Treasurer of the Executive of Foreign Missions, and the Treasurer of the Executive for Sick and Disabled Ministers be adopted.

On motion of Rev F C Hartley, the Report of the Committee on Education was taken from the table and considered.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the report of the committee on Education be deferred.

On motion of Rev T S Vanwart:

33. Resolved, That the Moderator do now leave the Chair, and we go into Committee of the Whole. Rev T S Vanwart in the Chair of the Committee.

The Moderator resumed the Chair.

Rev Thos S Vanwart, from the Committee of the Whole submitted the following report:

BROTHER MODERATOR,

Your Committee of the Whole begs leave to recommend the following for adoption by this Conference:

- 1. That application be made at the next session of the Legislative Assembly of N B, to so change the several Acts incorporating this body that the corporate name of this Conference shall be "The Free Baptist General Conference of N B."
- 2. That Bros Dr McLeod, A C Smith, G A Hartley, Phillips and M Heine be a committee having in charge the above application to the Legislative Assembly of N B.
- 3. That the Executive be instructed to act for the Conference (when necessary) in connection with this matter.

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Wherea, We, Free Baptists of New Brunswick, recognize essential unity in doctrine, polity and spirit existing be tween ourselves and the Free Baptists of the United States; and

Whereas, We believe many benefits would accrue from a close union amongst all Free Baptists; be it

Resolved, That our delegate to the General Conference of Free Baptists which convenes at Ocean Park, Maine, in August 1898, convey to the said General Conference our most cordial greetings and express a hope that the friendly feelings may continue in the future even to a greater degree than in the past, and to say that we would be most happy to welcome a fraternal delegate.

- 5. That Brothers L A Fenwick, S J Case A M, Frank S Hartley, A H Williams be granted General Conference Licenses.
- 6. That Brothers Charles Stirling and A D Paul be continued on District Meeting Licenses.
- That the Rev A Stoerger, who formerly belonged to the Reformed Baptist Church, be permitted to labor with our churches during the ensuing year with the status for that year of a Conference Licentiate.

Respectfully Submitted,

Oct 12, 1897.

T S VANWART,

Chairman.

On motion of Rev T S Vanwart:

34. Resolved, That the report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted, and the recommendations therein contained be carried out.

On motion of Rev F C Hartley :

35. Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Education be adopted, and that a committee of five be appointed to confer with the committee of the Nova Scotia Conference.

Ordered, That Bros F C Hartley, Dr McLeod, Kierstead, J W Clark and B H Nobles do compose said committee.

On motion of Rev F C Hartley:

36. Resolved, That the distribution of the copies of the Religious Intelligencer be referred to the Executive.

On motion of Rev F C Hartley :

37. Resolved, That the location of the next session be referred to the Executive.

On motion of Rev J W Clarke;

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38. Resolved, That the sum of Ten Dollars be paid to the reporter of the Religious Intelligences.

Rev G F Currie gave notice that he would at the next Annual Session move to amend Article One of the Bye-Laws of Conference.

Ordered, That Rev B H Nobles be Treasurer of the Students' Fund.

On motion of Rev E S Parker:

39. Resolved, That a collection be taken in each of our Churches annually for the Students' Fund.

Conference proceeded to the election of the Executive, which resulted in the election of Rev G A Hartley, Dr McLeod, C T Phillips, J W Clark and D Long.

Minutes of evening session read.

Ordered, That the Minutes as read stand approved.

On motion of Rev G A Hartley:

40. Resolved, That we do now adjourn.

Closed by Prayer by Rev Gideon Swim.

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EXECUTIVE MEETING.

Executive met at the office of the Religious Intelligencer in the City of Fredericton, on 13th Oct, 1897, at 10 o'clock, A M.

Present: Rev G Swim in the Chair; Rev G A Hartley, J McLeod, D D, J W Clarke and D Long and Mr D McLeod Vince.

Opened by prayer by Rev G A Hartley.

On motion of Rev Dr McLeod:

- 1. Resolved, That the Moderator preach the Annual Sermon, 1898.
- 2. Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be empowered to prepare Circulars in the matter of the Religious Intelligences. On motion of D McLeod Vince:
- 3. Resolved, That the matter of the location of next Annual Session of Conference be left in the hands of Rev G A Hartley and Dr McLeod.

Adjourned.

D McLEOD VINCE, Secretary.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT.

The Twenty-First Annual Meeting of the Woman's Mission Society was held with the Church at Fredericton, on Monday, October 11th, at 10 o'clock, a.m. President in the Chair. Opened by reading of Scripture by President, Singing and Prayer by Mrs. Hartt.

The Roll being called, the following Officers were found to be present:

Mrs A C Smith, President; Mrs William McKinnon, Mrs Thos Alexander, Miss Augusta Slipp, Mrs C W Weyman, Mrs A C Smith, Vice-Presidents; Mrs Jos McLeod, Recording Secretary; Mrs C W Weyman, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs Henry Hartt, Home Secretary; Mrs Vince, Treasurer; Mrs M Fenwick, Auditor.

Board of Managers—Mrs Wm Peters, Mrs David Long, Mrs G F Atherton, Mrs G A Hartley, Mrs J W Clarke, Miss Jane Weyman, Mrs C T Phillips, Mrs J J Barnes, Mrs J N Barnes, Mrs F C Hartley, Mrs R J Alexander.

Rev Mr Daggett having asked permission, occupied about five minutes in presenting some matters in connection with the Reliefous Intelligencer.

The Home Secretary read her very interesting Report of work done in the Districts. On motion of Miss Weyman, seconded by Mrs Hartley, the report was adopted. The Corresponding Secretary's Report was given orally by Mrs C W Weyman. She stated that a written one would be sent for publication. Mrs Vince,

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Treasurer, presented her Report, stating at the close that the report was not complete, as the returns for First and Third Districts had not been received.

The credentials of Miss DeMerritte, Treasurer of the Free Baptist Woman's Mission Society of the United States, and of Mrs Whitcombe, Editor of the Missionary Helper, a delegate from the Maine Free Baptist Woman's Mission Society, having been presented, it was, on motion of Mrs C W Weyman, seconded by Mrs G F Atherton—

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Resolved, That the credentials be accepted, the Sisters invited to seats, and the correspondence considered.

Upon being introduced to the meeting. Mrs Whitcombe spoke briefly, explaining some matters under discussion, in connection with the publication of which she is editor.

A Nominating Committee was appointed as follows:

Mrs Bloodsworth, Mrs T S Vanwart, Mrs Henry B Mitchell, Mrs C H Ebbett, Miss Jane Weyman and Mrs Wm Peters, to report at 10 a m on Tuesday.

Adjourned to 10 a m on Tuesday, 12th October.

PUBLIC MEETING.

At 3 p m the Public Meeting was opened by singing "All Hail the power of Jesus' Name," etc; Reading of Scriptures, 44th Chapter of Isaiah and part of tenth Chapter of Romans, and Prayer by Mrs G A Hartley. "I Gave My Life for Thee" was sung, after which Mrs F C Hartley read the Address of Welcome.

The President, in her introductory address, expressed thanks for the warm welcome given, and said, further:

As we review the year we are thankful for the blessings that have come to us and we ought to realize our duty in respect of Missions. While we cannot go to India, there is an abundance of work within our reach. We all feel grateful that Sister Gaunce has been spared to the Church in the field of India. But she needs help, she needs workers to assist. Let all the members pray to God that these workers may be forthcoming.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Mission Society.

MADAME PRESIDENT AND SISTERS,-

Another year has spead swiftly away and we meet again to-day in our Twenty-second Annual Session to review our work and devise plans for the future.

India has been scourged during the past year. says: "Poor India has had plague, famine and now is threatened with A missionary writing trouble on its frontier." But we are glad to know that these troubles have not reached the district where our mission is located, viz, Balasore; although the effects, especially of the famine, have been felt somewhat. Our missionary speaks in grateful terms of the generous response made to India's needs by Canadians, especially of this province and of the Free Baptist constituency thereof. It is a source of gratification to our missionaries that while we have been supplying their spiritual needs we have not been unmindful of their temporal wants, and this is the true secret of missionary success. This was Christ's own method. During the year past, Sister Gaunce has been toiling faithfully in the field. As you know she lives at Balasore and does some work there; but since Sister Boyer left has had full charge of the work at Ujarda some miles distant from Balasore. As is well known in our society Ujurda was, until recently, an entirely heathen community; not a single Christian there when Brother Boyer asked us to undertake to help them. Now we have a church with 17 members with a native Christian community of 57. What hath God wrought?

Stationed at Ujurda and supported by our society we have a native pastor, Brother Elliston Saren. one colporteur and three teachers. Referring to the work done Miss Gaunce says: "I have been pleased at the interest the pastor has taken in his work and the spirit a few of the people are manifesting in spiritual things. Besides the regular Sunday services and weekly prayer-meeting, during the cold season twice a week cottage prayer meetings were held. A Bible Class has also been formed to meet once a week. The women's prayer-meeting conducted by the pastor's wife is well attended. The Sunday School is flourishing. community attend. The day school has a Christian teacher; Elliston's wife at its head and is doing good work. The religious instruction especially is receiving attention. All the Christian children and a number of Hindoos attend." Shortly after Christmas Miss Gaunce visited Ujurda taking with her Christmas presents for the women and children. She spent four weeks there then and in company with two women visited the adjoining villages. She found the people ignorant and superstitious, yet the women seemed eager to hear as she told them of the way of Life. She says they never tired of hearing her sing. Mishin, the Balasore Colporteur also spent two months of the cold season out here helping the Col-

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porteur Bhikair. They visited the markets and villages selling tracts and telling the people the way of Salvation.

One very pleasing feature to me of the year's work at Ujurda is that a whole family of seven have broken caste and come in from Hinduism to become Christians. "Bless the Lord O my soul and all that is within me bless His Holy Name.' During the year Miss Gaince has superintenaed building a house and digging a well at Ujurda. The house is about completed and the large room will be used as a church as at present they have no suitable room for that purpose. The well will be a great blessing as formerly they have had no water that was fit for use, but had to use the water from the tanks in which the natives bathed, etc.

At Balasore this year Miss Gaunce has two Hindoo girls' schools. She says: "Some of the pupils have made good progress, others forget as quickly as they learn." Once a week she has a sewing class, the children enjoy sewing even the little ones being anxious to learn. Miss Gaunce is trying to get the children to give up the use of tobacco and is meeting with some success. Every Sabbath morning our sister has a service for the children which is well attended. This year the average has been over thirty.

One of the most interesting departments of the work, and perhaps the one by which the most good is accomplished, is the Bible women's work. Sister Gaunce now has charge of nearly all the Bible women at Balasore. They go out by twos visiting the native women in their homes, telling them the glad news that Jesus is their Friend. Before they go out to work Miss Gaunce has them meet with her for roll call and prayers. This year she has been going out with them, one day to one village and the next day to another, and so on, until the round is completed. Hindoo, Mohammedan and Brahmi Somaj homes are visited. Miss Gaunce says: "Whenever a home is opened to us we enter, and tell of God's love towards sinners. In some of the homes I believe there are some who believe in Christ, but on account of relatives dare not confess him." Our society supports three Bible women. In Miss Gaunce's report you will hear of their work. I see by Miss Phillip's report that Miss Gaunce is organist every alternate Sabbath evening at the church service.

As Miss Scott has gone home on furlough leaving Mrs Smith of the Sinclair Orphanage alone, Mrs Smith wished Miss Gaunce to come live with her, Miss Gaunce has therefore moved to Mrs Smith's and writes that she is pleased with her new home. You remember that Miss Hooper lived with Mrs Smith for some time. Miss Gaunce will have charge of the Zenan; work during Miss Scott's absence.

During the year Miss Gaunce's health has been fairly good with some slight indisposition incident to the climate. Last year she used to go out to her work on horseback but her horse proving to be a fractious animal she disposed of him and now uses a bicycle. She spent her holidays this year with Mrs I'r Sunder (formerly Mrs Boyer) and we can imagine what

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some go out nimal s this what pleasant days they were to both Mrs Sunder and Miss Gaunce. Miss Gaunce speaks of the very great-kindness of both Doctor and Mrs Sunder in doing all they could for her comfort and happiness, and they have invited her to make their house her home whenever she needs rest. I am glad to tell you that Mrs Sunder's health has very much improved since her return to India and I believe in her happy Christian home she will prove a blessing to India.

Miss Gaunce thanks you all for your prayers and your sympathy. Speaking of the appropriations made she says: "I am glad the Women have granted more for Ujurda work this year. When I received your letter about it I felt it compensated for the discouragements I had been having, and that God had answered the many prayers I had offered. I am also grateful for the sum to be used at my own discretion. I hope I may use it wisely as God would have me."

We should be thankful to our Heavenly Father for calling our Sister to this work, and that she is proving to be so eminently fitted for it. She is indeed "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

Home Work.—Last year we continued the grant made the previous year to Rev Mr Noble, and requested him to continue his work as he had done the previous year. Although he has felt the infirmities of age more during the year and that his physical strength was failing, yet he has done a large amount of work, travelling many miles and visiting many localities from Beaver Harbor to the Miramichi, to the Tobique and up the Aroostook. Wherever he has gone he has presented our work and has received a welcome from the people. As our esteemed brother is present and will report, I need not further refer to his work, except to say his labors have been abundant, and we expect to reap the fruits thereof in the coming years. We also made a grant of Fifty Dollars to the Conference Home Mission Executive to assist them in their work. I hope the time is speedily coming when we will be able to do more in this branch of our work.

In closing my Report I might say I have been asked to tell of the needs of the work. There are in India 140,000,000 of women, of whom 100,000,000 cannot read. What is being done for all these? If they were divided up among all the Protestant Lady Missionaries of every denomination and nationality, European, Eurasian and American, each missionary would have 195,000 under her care. Again, suppose you could distribute bibles to the women of India at the rate of 20,000 copies per day, you would require seventeen years to give each woman a bible.

In view of these facts, and of the great commission given to women nearly nineteen hundred years ago by the Master himself on his resurrection morn, when he said. "Go Tell."—Think ye, will we hear when summoned to give an account of our stewardship the blessed commendation "She hath done what she could."

"Far, far away, in heathen darkness dwelling, Millions of souls forever may be lost, Who, who will come, salvation's story telling, Looking unto Jesus, counting not the cost?" Respectfully Submitted,

MRS. C. W. WEYMAN.

Fredericton, October 11th, 1897.

Miss Gaunce's Report.

DEAR SISTERS,-

Time with unerring precision has brought us to the close of another year, and it is my duty to lay before you a Report of the work done.

Discouragements there have been, as well as things to encourage, and it is with gratefulness that we testify to the faithfulness of the promise—Lo I am with you always.

At our last Annual Meeting, which convened with the Church at Midnapore, Babu Elliston Saren was appointed Pastor of Ujurda. Bhikari, a Colporteur, who was stationed there last year, was allowed to remain as an assistant.

The condition of the Church is not what it ought to be. How I have longed and prayed to have these Christians strong for Christ. One of the Christians, on account of not receiving Mission employment, for which he was totally unqualified, became vexed and made trouble. I was called on to settle the disturbance. Peace and good feeling were renewed by the other members of community, but the instigator of the disagreement is still impenitent. He used to exert a great influence over the other members of the community, but I am glad to know it is becoming less and less. I cannot help believing God is answering our prayers by giving us this very trial.

During the year a family of seven have come in from Hinduism to Christian community. Such ideas as some have of Christianity! (It means taking off your beads, eating with Christians, and occasionally attending service, to some of the ignorant). The Ujurda School at present has two teachers. The higher classes are being taught by Pastors wife; smaller children, majority of which are Hindus, are under a Hindu teacher's instruction. At the close of daily recitation the head teacher gives instruction in the Bible.

Every Thursday afternoon the Pastor's wife conducts the women's prayer meeting. The meetings are well attended. Elliston Babu, or Bhikari Babu, conduct the men's prayer meeting.

During the year I spent over two months with the people and did Bible work in the adjoining villages.

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The Bible women Juma, Adjudya and Marni come with the other Bible women for roll call and prayers before going to their work in the village. Marni was in Bhudruck assisting Miss Barnes' Bible Woman, but she returned before vacation and is now working here. Since vacation I have been unable to go out with them often, as the Zenana teachers are now in my charge, until Miss Scott, who this year went on furlough to her native land (Scotland) returns.

This year I have had Hindu Schools to report. One is not all I would wish, but am hoping for improvement. The teacher of the new and largest school is anxious I apply for a government grant. I think I shall. The School building is too small for the children in attendance. I have asked the villagers to build a house, and they have promised to help after the "hard times." Mishra, the Balasore Colporteur, supported by you, spent the cold season in the country. I sent him out to Ujurda several weeks. He reported of the eagerness with which the Hindus listened to the Word. In the evenings he visits the bazaars here. He is a great reader and has a good memory. I hope his work may bring forth much fruit.

I thank you all for the prayers offered in my behalf, and ask our Father to bless you in return We need your prayers, your love. In your petitions remember the native workers and their work.

Yours sincerely,

L. E. GAUNCE.

The Home Secretary, Mrs Henry Hartt, gave a synopsis of the following Report:

MADAM PRESIDENT AND DEAR SISTERS,-

Another year, in our history, with its privileges and opportunities, is passed, and it is a solemn thought, that, somewhere in the future we shall each meet its record, "for all must appear before the judgment seat of Christ." Yet how animating and inspiriting it is to know that the benefits arising from our feeble efforts, will be felt while endless ages roll. This fact should give us renewed energy and courage for the future. The reports coming in, from some of our Districts, were somewhat limited, but I shall endeayour to give you as best I can an idea of what has been done during the year. I regret to report a deficit of some twenty-seven dollars compared with last year's receipts. This is due, no doubt, to the year being an unusually hard one financially, and not to a lack of interest. There is one improvement, however, I wish to mention, that is each District Secretary has promptly forwarded her report. When our officers are faithful, the interests of our societies will surely progress.

FIRST DISTRICT.

The Secretary of this District, who has served faithfully for years, has

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moved away. This of course, had its effect, and the interests have somewhat dwindled. Mrs Curry, a daughter of Rev J Noble, was appointed to fill her place and I have no doubt she will nobly do so. Hence we can look forward hopefully to the future of this District. Death has removed some members, which affects the interest as well as the contributions. Lower Perth maintains regular meetings. The contributions are as follows:

Lower Perth	 \$16	3 00
Bath		3 00
Mrs A C Thompson, Caribou, Me	 1	00
Per mite box	 	50
Mrs D A Jenkins, Boston	 1	00
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SECOND DISTRICT.

The Secretary of this District gives an encouraging report, and says in many societies there is increased interest. At the last annual meeting, which was one of interest, committees were appointed to visit the different societies and organize where needed. She says there is another measure by which the interests could be made more permanent. It is by reviving our work in Band Societies. For a number of years good work was done in some societies among the children, but of late has been allowed to lapse. It is from the children we expect our recruits of missionaries as well as local workers. Hence the importance of establishing Bands in our Societies. In this District several societies maintain monthly prayer-meetings. Tracey's Mills we presume continue their regular meetings. Water-ville and Third Tier have united together and endeavor to maintain regular prayer-meetings and have been blessed in the effort. Doubtless other societies have done so to some extent, but we have no definite knowledge. Societies contributed as follows:

Woodstock	\$61	81	
Tracey's Mills	18	45	
Pembroke		00	
Knoxford	1000	50	
Hartland	1200000	75	
Knowlesville		27	
Lower Brighton		60	
Rockland		00	
Victoria Corner		05	
Upper Brighton		00	
Third Tier		55	
Charleston		65	
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Somerville	9' 50	
Windsor	6.00	
Lindsay	2 00	
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THIRD DISTRICT.

This important part of our denominational field contains only five societies. Fredericton society reports twenty-six members, holds regular monthly prayer-meetings, which are largely attended. Held a public meeting last December which was addressed by Mrs Sunder, a collection of \$15 was taken. They also have a Mission Band in connection. Marysville has twenty-five members and maintains monthly meetings. Keswick has five members. Contributions are as follows:

Fredericton		
Fredericton	\$39	64
Aeswick	28	90
Southampton	10	50
Upper Hainesville	5	00

FOURTH DISTRICT.

This District sends a most encouraging report. In several churches where no societies exist, contributions have been sent, nine churches are represented, which is nearly double the number of last year. The Secretary fails to tell what gave the impetus, but expresses a regret that so many churches fail to contribute. No doubt all would if the subject was brought

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Fredericton Junction Blissville Patterson Settlement	\$26 90
Patterson Settlem	22 00
Clarendon	9 98
Rusiagornish	2 75
Lincoln	6.30
Oromocto	3 45
Gagetown	1 53
Mill Settlement	1 00
M188 Annie Smith	4 10
Half collection at meeting	2 00
Half collection at meeting	5 12
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FIFTH DISTRICT.

The Secretary of this District reports contributions from ten churches, but the amount is not as large as last year. The business meeting held in time of District Meeting is reported as being largely attended and very interesting.

The amount from the churches is as follows:

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Central Hampstead	ı,					S 9	40
Narrows, -							75
Wickham, -							00
Shannon, -			100	 •	han.	1	
Jerusalem, -							00
Greenwick, -				il a			00
Brown's Flat,							00
Johntson, -							90
Upper Hampstead,	- 1						00
Carpenter, -						3	50
Collection, -	-				1		65
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SIXTH DISTRICT.

This District is the largest in our denominational field and sends the largest contribution. Many carnest and devoted workers live within this District. The Secretary reports eighteen Societies, four of which maintain Prayer Meetings. One Mission Band is reported. The Societies contribute as follows:

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Norton.		2 05
Dover,		3 71
Petitcodiac,		
Sussex,		75
Taylor Village,		7 00
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Snider Mountain,	- 2	00
Moncton, Apohaqui,	8	50
Apohaqui,	- 9	55
Lower Ridge,	7	50
Lower Ridge, Coverdale,	,	10
Cornhill	10日 日本の大学を	00
Dutch Valley, Midland,	18	
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Millstream Mountain,	10	50
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SEVENTH DISTRICT.

The work done by the respective Societies in this District has been fully reported by the Secretary. One new Society at Grand Harbor numbers nineteen, holds monthly meetings. Society at St John mourns the loss of two faithful members. Three classes in the Sunday School contribute as follows:—Infant Class, \$4.00; Mrs D Miller's Class, \$3.00; Mrs O'-Brien's Class, \$2.00. The Auxiliary at Carleton has had an increase in membership; they hold monthly meetings, which are interesting and helpful. The Missionary Committee of the C E Society still meet at Mrs A C Smith's. Have contributed \$25.00, which pays two years board for a little orphan, left by a native christian of Ujurda, who was placed in the Orphanage by Miss Gaunce. The Sunday School Class taught by Miss Laura Tufts sent Miss Gaunce \$5.00 for work among the Hindoo children. The Auxiliary at Wilson's Beach has increased in membership. Holds prayer meetings fortnightly a held one public meeting. The S S of Fair Haven sends a contribution. The Secretary expresses a wish that the Society formed there a few years ago would awaken and become a sharer

The Secretary adds that the interest of the Societies of that District are advancing, notwithstanding the contributions are smaller than last year. Some of their best workers were either hindered by illness themselves or

Contributions as follows:

	Grand Harbour		
	Grand Harbour North Head Wilson's Beach Commodel.	\$17	20
	Wilson's Beach, Campobella	17	00
		20	00
		33	00
	St John, West.	13	30
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		8	75
	Collection at annual meeting	1	50
		5	28
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In reviewing the reports, I notice only a part reported the meetings of District Societies. I understand the President and Secretary of the Third District were prevented from attending their yearly meeting by sickness hence there was none. It is at those yearly meetings, that the workers in our local societies get inspiration, and an interest is begotten in the individual churches. And we ought not to be satisfied until every church is represented for even the existence of a church depends to some extent on

Respectfully Submitted,

Oct 10th, 1897.

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Mrs Vince read the Treasurer's report as follows: MRS. VINCE, TREASURER,

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Mrs A W Johnston	1 00
Mrs Joseph McLeod	1 00
Mrs C Burtt	1 00
30. 4th District, per Miss D Mersereau	1 00
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Oct 9. 1st District, per Mrs Currie	29 43
Mrs Babcock, Lewiston, thank offering	25 00
3rd District, per Mrs F C Hartley	2 00
11. 5th District, per Miss S J Carpenter	84 39
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Mrs George Ebbett	25
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Rev Mr Noble, the Home Mission

Rev Mr Noble, the Home Missionary of the Society for the past year, in giving his report said he had gone from Beaver Harbor to the Miramichi; to the Tobique and up the Aroostook. He had been kindly received by the people wherever he went on his mission work. Mrs Gatcombe favored the meeting with a solo, Cast

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A thoughtful paper on Systematic Giving, written by Miss Lydia Fullerton, of St John West, was, because of her absence, read by Miss Gertrude Seely, of St John.

Miss DeMerritte, Treasurer of the Woman's Mission Society of the F B Church of the United States, delivered a powerful ad-She was glad to feel as much at home here as on the other side of the line. She hoped that there would be a closer union between the two bodies in the United States and Canada, forming one grand Continental Church, and that the union would take Their common inheritances were many. Prof Anthony had last night beautifully brought out one of them, the law of obedience, that Christ had acted out in His life as an ex-The last commandment Christ gave was the one we

had least lived up to. It was: Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, and lo I will be with you al-Why was it? Because we have thrown around the command to repent and be baptized all our personal interests, losing sight of the missionary command to a very great degree. Christ had just laid the foundation of a Kingdom that was to last forever, and just as He passed away He gave the great command, "Go ye into all the world." Passing on she urged all to follow the last command of Christ, to go out and preach the gospel to all the The Christian Church is called to it, and there is an obligation to follow it out. One of the pleasing features to-day is the growing interest in Missions. Why, even the newspapers and magazines were growing interested in it. The Cosmopolitan had sent Julian Hawthorne to India and he had written special articles on it. Women like educational work, and she felt like Mrs Smith, that Auxiliaries were what was wanted in order to carry out the work of Missions. The Church most successful was the Church that had an Auxiliary Society working with it. To make these Auxiliaries very strong it was necessary to do a good deal of public work, to keep their Pastor up to the Missionary line and to let him see that they were close behind him. She was a believer, too, in systematic giving as necessary to the success of the Church. The growing Christians to-day were those that were living for others, were broadening through their love for humanity.

While the choir sang an anthem the collection was taken up. Rev Mr Swim pronounced the Benediction, closing a very successful meeting.

Tuesday, Ootober 12, 1897.

Business Meeting opened at 10 a m, with Devotional Exercises, led by Mrs C W Weyman. The 28th Psalm was read and several Sisters engaged in Prayer.

Minutes of former meetings were read and approved. The Rules of Order were read by President.

On motion of Mrs G A Hartley, the visiting Delegates, Mrs Whitcombe and Miss DeMerritte, were invited to sit with us and take part in our deliberations.

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During the Session there was considerable discussion as to whether the Society should make any change in the channel through which the India remittances are made. The result of the discussion was that it was decided not to make any change.

There was also some talk about making the *Helper* the organ of the Society, and the following Resolution, moved by Mrs C W Weyman, was adopted:

Resolved, That we are not prepared to make the Helper our organ at present; also

Resolved, That this Society considers the Helper an excellent medium for the dissemination of Missionary Intelligence, and hereby recommends it to the use of the local Societies.

The Report of Nominating Committee was presented, and, on motion of Mrs Weyman, was take up section by section, resulting in the following:

President-Mrs A C Smith.

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vice-Preside	nts-1st District,	Mrs Stephen Barker
and the	2nd "	" L E McFarlane
	3rd "	" W. M. T.
	4th "	" Wm McKinnor
	5th "	" Thos Alexander
	6th "	Miss Augusta Slipp
1		Mrs C W Weyman
D 10 00	7th "	" A C Smith.
Recording Sec	retary,	Mrs Joseph McLeod
Assistant Reco	ording Secretary,	" J S Smith.
Corresponding	Secretary.	" C W Weyman.
Home Secretar	ry,	Weyman.
Treasurer,		" Henry Hartt.
Auditor,		" Vince.
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Board of Managers—Mrs Wm Peters, Mrs David Long, Mrs G F Atherton, Mrs G A Hartley, Mrs J W Clarke, Miss Carpenter, Miss Jane Weyman, Mrs C T Phillips, Mrs J J Barnes, Mrs E Dunfield, Mrs F C Hartley, Mrs R J Alexander, Mrs J N Barnes.

Mention was made of the illness of Assistant Recording Secretary, Mrs J S Smith, and much regret was expressed at her absence, as well as appreciations of her past services.

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Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary is hereby instructed to write her, conveying the love and sympathy of the Society here convened.

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Oct 12th, 1897.			Auditor.	

Adjourned till 2 p m.

AFTERNOON.

Meeting opened at 2 p m. President in the Chair. "Nearer My God to Thee" was sung; Prayer by Mrs J N Barnes.

Matter of Missionary Intelligence was taken up and discussed.

On motion, \$2.00 was voted to the Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mrs G A Hartley associate with herself two other Sisters to be the Committee on Missionary Intelligence.

The President and Corresponding Secretary were appointed a Committee to consult with the Editor of the Intelligencer as to the best means of distributing the copies of Intelligencer subscribed for by the Society.

A Committee of one from each District was appointed to assist in distributing the papers as follows:

First District—Mrs Samuel Perry;
Second " " J J Barnes;
Third " " Wm McKinnon;
Fourth " Miss Dora Mersereau;
Fifth " Augusta Slipp;
Sixth " Mrs E S Parker;
Seventh " J W Clarke.

Adjourned to meet at 4.30 o'clock, p m.

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SAND-MAP EXERCISE.

Tuesday at 3 p m there was a public meeting. It was opened with Devotional Services, led by Mrs C T Phillips. "More Love to Thee" was sung; a portion of Scripture concerning Charity was read and commented on by Mrs Phillips; and a solo was sung by

The speaker of the afternoon, Mrs Nellie Wade Whitcomb, having prepared a Sand-Map of the grounds and buildings of the Women's Missionary Society at Balasore, India, gave a talk, pointing out the different buildings, roads, bazaars, &c. field in which our Society's Mission work is done. The buildings are the Girls' Orphanage; the Boys' High School, built and conducted by Mr Boyer, and afterwards occupied by Mrs Boyer in her work; the Russel Orphanage; the Phillips residence, occupied for a great many years by the family of Missionaries, of whom the late Dr Phillips was one; native mud dwellings, straw thatched, were there, and the road travelled by the Pilgrims to juggernaut. But a part of the map of even more interest than others to a Fredericton audience was Mr Boyer's grave in miniature.

The Sand-Map Exercise proved a very interesting one, and Mrs Whitcomb a very pleasant and instructive talker.

Miss Hooper was present, and by request occupied a portion of the time by telling incidents which were in part illustrated by the map, and she also gave assistance where the Oriya language was Two persons in costume, representing high and low class native women, were also brought before the audience at the proper

At 4.30 p m there was a meeting of the Society. Minutes of previous meetings were read and approved.

On motion of Mrs Weyman, seconded by Mrs Phillips, a Committee to arrange for next year's Public Meeting was appointed as

Mrs Wm Peters, Mrs G A Hartley, Mrs J S Smith, Mrs A C Smith and Mrs J W Clarke.

On motion of Mrs Weyman, it was

Resolved, That the \$40 voted to Miss Gaunce for bullocks and cart for her Bible women be forwarded to her at once.

On motion of Mrs G A Hartley,

Resolved, That all members of this Society who shall receive business letters in connection with our work, shall consider themselves bound to answer such letters promptly and all questions contained therein.

On motion of Mrs G A Hartley,

Resolved, That a letter be sent from this Society through the Corresponding Secretary to the Woman's Foreign Mission Society of the Maine State Association, conveying greetings, and our wish that ere long we may be more closely united by delegation.

Resolved, That we do now adjourn.

J. F. McLeon, Recording Secretary. p

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BOARD MEETINGS.

Board of Managers met at 3 P M Friday, 8th Oct. President in the Chair. Opened by singing and reading of Scriptures. A season of prayer was participated in by Mrs Hartt, Mrs Barnes, Mrs Hartley, Mrs Smith and others, at the close of which "I need Thee every hour" was sung. The roll being called sixteen members were found to be present.

Mrs G A Hartley proposed that the India remittances be sent to Miss Gaunce through another channel than the one at present used. Much discussion was occasioned by this, but nothing definite arrived at until later. On motion of Miss Weyman, seconded by Mrs J W Clark, it was

Resolved, That \$400 be appropriated for Miss Gaunce's salary, to be paid quarterly.

Mrs G A Hartley stated that the committee to arrange for Public Meeting had procured a picture of Miss Gaunce, and that if this Society wished, it could become the owner of the picture by paying the price—\$4.00. On motion of Mrs J N Barnes this was done.

On motion of Miss Weyman, seconded by Mrs Alexander, \$100 was appropriated for the salary of the native preacher at Ujurda.

On motion \$15.00 was ordered to be paid toward the travelling expenses of Miss DeMerritte and Mrs. Whitcombe.

On motion, the President and Corresponding Secretary were appointed to meet the visitors from the United States at the train.

On motion of Mrs J W Clarke the meeting adjourned to meet on Saturday, 9th, at 2 P M.

The Board met at 2.30 P M Saturday. Opened with singing and prayer. Minutes were read, and after a slight change in one item, approved.

A communication was read from Mrs Babcock of Lewiston, Me, that touched the hearts of all the sisters, and hopes were expressed that she might meet with us at our next annual meeting.

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Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary reply to Mrs Babcock expressing our good wishes and giving a synopsis of the work done at this

On motion, the Treasurer's report was read, though she said it was not complete because two Districts, Ist and 3rd, had not yet been heard from.

On motion of Mrs C W Weyman, the report was left in the hands of the Treasurer to be completed.

Mrs Vince read, also, Mrs Gaunce's financial report, as well as a letter in which she told the need of a conveyance for her Bible Women, by the use of which they would be able to do a greater amount of work.

On motion of Mrs Weyman, seconded by Mrs Long, the sum of \$200 was voted to Miss Gaunce, to be used in the carrying on of her work in

Mrs M Fenwick moved, seconded by Mrs Long, that the \$25 given by a lady in the 6th District for special work, be supplemented by \$15 from this Society to pay for a garry and bullocks for Miss Gaunce's Bible Women.

On motion of Mrs Phillips, a bill for blanks, stationery, postage, etc, amounting to \$3.32, was ordered paid to Mrs H Hartt; also a bill presented by Mrs G A Hartley for postage amounting to \$1.08, was, on motion of

On motion of Miss Weyman, a committee was appointed to wait upon Rev Mr Noble and learn if he is willing to act as the Home Missionary of this society for the ensuing year. Mrs J W Clarke and Mrs C T Phillips

On motion of Miss Weyman, it was

Resolved, That Mrs Babcock's letter be published in the INTELLIGENCER. The committee sent to interview Rev Mr Noble returned, accompanied by himself. In a short but touching speech, which was felt as a benediction, he declared himself quite unequal to the work on account of failing

The President replied in a suitable manner, after which Father Noble took leave, the audience rising and singing "Blest be the tie that binds,"

On motion of Mrs G A Hartley, seconded by Mrs Atherton, it was

Resolved, That \$50,00 be appropriated for Home Mission work.

The Treasurer stated that Mr Saunderson, the agent of the Bank of Nova Scotia at Woodstock, had declined to make a charge in doing business for this Society on learning that the money was for the support of Missions. On motion of Mrs Weyman, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer convey to Mr Saunderson the thanks of this society for his kindness and interest in our work.

Adjourned till 9 A M Monday.

Monday Morning, Oct 11th, 1897.

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Board met. Opened by singing and prayer by Mrs Alexander.

Moved by Mrs C W Weyman, seconded by Mrs Geo Atherton, that the sum of \$50 be paid to the Editor of Intelligencer as a small token of our appreciation of his placing at our disposal for a number of years a column and often nearly two columns of the valuable space of the Intelligencer to be used by us as a Mission Column.

Moved by Mrs Weyman that we express our appreciation of the Column and our heartfelt thanks are due to its Editor and the sisters who so kindly contributed such interesting papers during the past year.

Several of the members expressed personally as to the worth of the Column and their interest and pleasure in reading the excellent articles it contains. Also the interesting letters written by the voluntary contributors during the past year.

Mrs Smith read a letter from the Woman's Foreign Mission Society of the United States; also from the Maine Free Baptist Association sending their greetings, introducing their delegates and desiring closer relations in our work.

Mrs Weyman moved, seconded by Mrs Hartley, that the credentials be received that the sisters, viz: Miss DeMeritte, Treasurer of W F M Society of the United States, and Mrs Whitcombe, Editor of Helper be invited to seats with us and that the correspondence be considered.

Moved we adjourn to give place to the meeting of the General Society.

Tuesday, Oct 12th, 1897.

The Board met at 9 A M. Unfinished business being called for, report of the committee meeting held Monday afternoon was presented by Mrs C W Weyman. After some discussion it was, on motion of Miss Weyman, seconded by Mrs C T Phillips,

Resolved, That \$150 be expended for 100 copies of Intelligences, to be distributed throughout the seven districts.

On motion of Mrs C W Weyman it was recommended that a committee be appointed to confer with the Editor and to further attend to the distribution of this literature.

Adjourned.

J.F. McLeon, Secretary to the Board.

Free Baptist Young People's Provincial League.

The League met in its fourth annual session with the Christian Endeayor Society of the Free Baptist Church at Woodstock, August 4th, 1897. The first session was held at 7.30 r M, and was a welcome meeting. The President, S J Case, filling the Chair. Addresses of welcome were delivered by Rev CT Phillips, pastor of the church, and TA Lindsay, President of the local society, and J Watts. The responses were by Rev J B $\mathrm{Dag}\textsc{-}$ gett, Corresponding Secretary of League; Rev A M McNinch, president and representative of the Nova Scotia Provincial Union, and Rev John

On motion, meeting adjourned to meet at 9.30 Wednesday morning.

Wednesday, 9.30 a M—Opened with a praise screice led by Frank S Hartley.

10.30 a.m. President S J Case took the Chair; Rev G Swim offered

The Secretary called the roll of officers and reports from the different societies were read, and the names of the different committees were given.

Rev Dr McLeod, delegate to the Nova Scotia Young People's Union, reported as follows:

The undersigned appointed at the last meeting of the League to represent it at the annual meeting of the NSFBYP Union, begs to report that he attended the meeting of the Union held at Port Medway, N S, on

The attendance was not as large as in other years, due chiefly to the fact that the place of meeting was remote from the majority of the churches Those present, however, showed much devotion to the work and were apparently as enthusiastic as if there had been a larger attendance. The Secretary reported eighteen societies in the Union, and that there had been a good increase of members during the year. A letter from Miss Wile, the India missionary of the N S Conference, was received with much pleasure, and created a good degree of missionary interest. An address on Denominational Loyalty by Rev A W Currie was a feature of their session and was much enjoyed. It was afterwards published in the Intelligencer.

Your representative was cordially received. He told the Union of the young people's work in N B, and conveyed your Christian greeting. He also in your behalf, asked for a delegation to this meeting of the League. Delegates were appointed one of whom Rev A M McNinch, President of the N S Union, is present.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Rev John Nason from Houlton, was introduced as delegate from that Society, and spoke very encouragingly of the work on his charge.

Rev J B Daggett read a letter from the Secretary of the Society at Grand Harbour, Grand Manan sending greetings; also inviting the League to meet with them at its next annual gathering. The invitation was accepted.

Rev A M McNinch, President of the N S Union, was welcomed and gave a very encouraging report of the work being done in his different societies.

The Treasurer T A Lindsay spoke of the neglect of some of the societies to send capita tax money, which is very essential to the finances of the League. Meeting adjourned to meet at 2 P M.

2 P M.—Session opened with Social Service, led by Rev O N Mott.

2.30 PM.—President in the Chair. Opened with prayer by Rev C T Phillips, after which the report of the Nominating Committee was read and

An excellent paper on "Lift" was read by Frank S Hartley and discussed by several of the ministers, and voted to be published in the Intelligencer.

The Summarizing Committee reported as follows:

Of the 34 societies, 26 have sent written reports, two have sent verbal reports and six have given no report. Five societies have been organized, and one re-organized during the year.

Membership as reported is:

Active memb	rs						756
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This shows an increase of 93 active members and 85 associate members over that of last year.

Seventeen associate members have become active and united with the church, only one-third the number of last year.

\$897.31 has been raised during the year, \$200 in excess of last year. \$282.86 for Orphanage, \$81 for Foreign Missions. \$553.45 for current expenses and Home Missions.

One Junior Society has been organized during the year.

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Report received and adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions submitted the following:

The League desire to put on record its warm appreciation of the space and attention given by the Intelligencer to the work of the Young's People's Societies, and to say without doubt this movement has been much helped by the INTELLIGENCER. It is the belief of the League that the members of our societies should be regular readers of the denominational paper, and that by so doing they will become more intelligent and efficient Christian workers. It is also the feeling of the League, that an excellent work

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The Auditor reported that he had examined the report of the Treasurer and found it correct in every detail.

Meeting adjourned until 7.30 P M.

7.30 PM.—Session opened with singing by the choir. Scripture reading and prayer, followed by an address by Rev John Nason.

THURSDAY, 9.30 A M.—Session opened with a Social Service led by Rev G F Currie.

The first item of business that took up the attention of the meeting, was the question of the Orphanage or missionary in India, suggested by the

The motion to adopt the suggestion of the committee elicited a very enthusiastic discussion. Some of the speakers were strongly in favor of continuing the Orphanage, while others were quite as strongly in favor of supporting a missionary, and others were not fully decided which they preferred. But as the subject was discussed opinions began to harmonize.

The discussion was adjourned till the afternoon when this section of the report was referred back to the committee, who amended it as follows.

We would suggest, in order to increase our zeal in missionary work, that this League consider the advisability of maintaining a Foreign Missionary as well as carrying on the Orphanage work. This amendment was unani-

Then the Convention spent a few minutes in earnest prayer for increased inspiration in Foreign Mission Work.

On motion, it was resolved that this League undertake at once to carry out the suggestion of the summarizing committee. 1st. By pledging ourselves to pray the Lord of the Harvest to send us laborers for the foreign field; and, 2nd, that we pledge ourselves for their support.

Officers for current year:

President-Rev W C Kierstead.

Vice-President, 1st District, Mrs Stephen Barker. 2nd Mrs B R Johnston. 3rd

Miss Lizzie Merithew. 4th Miss Dora Mersereau. 5th C H Gorham. 6th

Rev G Swim. 7th " Miss Gertie Seeley. Corresponding Secretary,

Rev J B Daggett. Treasurer, T A Lindsay. Recording Secretary, Phebe E Boyer. Asst Recording Secretary, Miss Lottie Vandine. Auditor, W L McGee.

2 P M-Opened with Social Service led by Rev G Swim.

The newly elected President, Rev W C Kierstead, presided at this session. Papers were read as follows:

"Golden Opportunities," Miss Kate Phillips; "The Spirit of Self-sacrifice in Foreign Missions," Miss Jessie Slipp.

At this stage of the proceedings Rev Dr Chapman, pastor of the Methodist Church, and Rev W J Rutledge, pastor of the Baptist Church, were introduced and responded in pleasant addresses.

On motion, it was resolved that Rev W C Kierstead preach the annual sermon next year.

Rev J B Daggett was elected delegate to the N S Y P Union.

The Committee on Resolutions submitted the following which were unanimously adopted.

We desire to bring before the League the cause of Temperance and ask each member to use all influence to oppose the liquor traffic; and, further, the committee recommend special preparation for the Temperance Topic. We also tender to the Woodstock Church and Society our hearty thanks for their many acts of kindness in entertaining the representatives to this session of the League.

On motion, it was resolved that the Vice-Presidents be requested to report quarterly to the Y P column in the Intelligencer, and the Corresponding Secretary of each society report monthly regarding the work done in their several spheres.

Meeting adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock.

Thursday, 8 P. M.—Meeting opened with prayer by Rev W.J. Rutledge and G.F. Currie. Question Box was opened and questions answered by S.J. Case and J.B. Daggett. Collection for missions was taken. Address by the President and the meeting closed with singing "God be with you 'till we meet again.

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APPENDIX D.

F. C. B. Woman's Foreign Mission Aid Society.

Memorandum of Monies received since publishing the Minutes last year, from the following Churches.

The following Resolution was passed at the Annual Session of the Woman's Mission Society:

On motion of Mrs G A Hartley, it was

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be authorized to write Miss Gaunce, expressing our approbation of the work done by her; also sending our love and good wishes for future health and usefulness; also that she is requested by this Society to take regular periods of rest.

FIRST DISTRICT

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