

MINUTES

OF THE

Proceedings of the Fourteenth Session

OF THE

Newfoundland Conference

OF

The Methodist Church,

HELD IN

Gower Street, Methodist Church,

St. John's, June 23rd, 1897.



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ST. JOHN'S, N.F.,

of

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THE NEWFOUNDLAND CONFERENCE

OF THE

METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA,

WAS ORGANIZED IN THE GEORGE STREET CHURCH, ST. JOHN'S,

AUGUST 5TH, 1874.

SESSION OF CONFERENCE,

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

The Newfoundland Conference of The Methodist Church was organized
in Gower Street Church, St. John's, July 1st, 1884.

YEAR.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.
1884	St. John's.	G. S. Milligan, L.L.D.	Geo. J. Bond, B.A.
1885	St. John's.	Geo. J. Bond, B.A.	George Boyd.
1886	Harbor Grace.	George Boyd.	F. G. Willey.
1887	St. John's.	Jeremiah Embree.	William Swann.
1888	St. John's.	Geo. J. Bond, B.A.	William Swann.
1889	Carbonear.	Thomas H. James.	William Swann.
1890	St. John's.	William Swann.	James Nurse.
1891	St. John's.	James Nurse.	George P. Story.
1892	Grand Bank.	Thomas W. Atkinson.	A. D. Morton, M.A.
1893	St. John's.	George P. Story.	A. D. Morton, M.A.
1894	St. John's.	G. S. Milligan, L.L.D.	A. D. Morton, M.A.
1895	Harbor Grace.	William Swann, [M.A.]	John T. Newman.
1896	St. John's.	H. P. Cowperthwaite.	John T. Newman.
1897	St. John's.	H. C. Hatcher, B.D.	John T. Newman.

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THE METHODIST CHURCH

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ST. JOHN'S.

The FOURTEENTH SESSION of the Newfoundland Conference was opened in Gower Street Methodist Church, St. John's, on Wednesday, June 23rd, 1897, at 9.30 a.m., the President Rev. H. P. Cowperthwaite M.A. in the chair.

After singing hymn 108 the Secretary, Rev. J. T. Newman, read the Scriptures 1 Peter, 1, and the Rev. J. Reay and Bro. J. G. Lucas engaged in prayer.

QUESTION I.—What Members of Conference are now present?

The Secretary called the roll and forty-five ministers and fifteen laymen answered to their names.

Following are the names of the lay members as reported by the District Secretaries.

I.—ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

Hon. James Angel	Sidney Woods
Hon. H. J. B. Woods	George W. Mews
John Angel	Dr. Burns
Chas. P. Ayre	John E. P. Peters
Hon. J. J. Rogerson	H. C. Burchell
A. W. Martin	A. F. Shirran
Alex. J. Scott	R. K. Bishop

II.—CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

Alfred Penny	Stephen Cramm
Andrew Black	David Currie, J. P.
W. G. Parsons	Nath. Pike
R. Eastman	B. Parsons
Allan G. Hudson	James P. Guy
J. C. Eveley	Robert Simpson.
John Trapnell	John C. Moores

III.—BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

J. G. Lucas	A. J. Crocker
James Groves	W. W. Watson
	Geo. Christian

IV.—TWILLINGATE DISTRICT.

Peter Samways	James Strong
Andrew Roberts	James W. Boyde
Solomon Roberts	Robert Batstone
Simon Manuel	Job Randall
Joseph Moore	

V.—BURIN DISTRICT.

Daniel Bishop	John E. Lake
John E. Collins	George A. Buffett
James Inkpen	Dr. Macdonald

ELECTIONS.

The Rev. H. C. Hatcher, B.D., was elected President.
 The Rev. John T. Newman was elected Secretary.
 The Revs. Jabez Hill, W. Henry Browning, S. J. Russell, and Mr. A. W. Martin, were appointed Assistant Secretaries.

REPORTERS.

Guardian—J. Pye.
Wesleyan—J. J. Durrant.
Greeting—W. J. Hutcheson.
Methodist Recorder—J. C. Sidey.
Telegram—C. Lench.
Daily News—T. B. Darby, B.A.
Herald—C. Flemington.
Twillingate Sun—J. C. Sidey.
Harbor Grace Standard—N. Pike.

HOURS OF SESSION.

The Hours of Session were fixed as follows:—
 From 9.30 a.m. to 12.30, and from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30.

MINISTERIAL SESSION.

The Minutes of The Ministerial Session held in accordance with Section 4, par. 114 of the Discipline were read for record as follows:—

The Ministerial Session of the Fourteenth Newfoundland Conference was held in the Gower Street Church, St. John's, on Tuesday, June 22nd, 1897, at 9.15 a.m., the President Rev. H. P. Cowperthwaite, M.A., the chair.

After singing hymn 753 the Secretary read Pslm 103 and Revs. Dr. Milligan and William Swann led in prayer.

The roll being called 42 ministers answered to their names.

QUESTION II.—*What Ministers or Probationers have been transferred to or from the Conference?*

ANSWER: C. W. Follett into the Toronto Conference.

QUESTION III.—What Supernumerary Ministers are recommended to be restored to the active work?

ANSWER: None.

QUESTION IV.—Are there any objections or charges preferred against our Ministers or Probationers?

ANSWER: None.

QUESTION V.—Who have resigned from the ministry of our Church and are entitled to Credentials of Standing?

ANSWER: F. G. Drake.

QUESTION VI.—Who are suspended from the Ministry?

ANSWER: None.

QUESTION VII.—What Probationers for the Ministry are now received into full connexion with the Conference and ordained?

ANSWER: T. E. Roberts, G. E. Heal.

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

ANSWER I:

Who are Probationers of Four Years and are continued at College?

Herbert Clegg.

ANSWER II:

Who are Probationers of Three Years?

(a) J. J. Blythe who has been two years at College.

(b) C. House, Chas. W. Squires, W. G. Luscombe, James Opie, —Sackville.

A. E. Rowson and Edgar Jones have leave of absence for one year.

ANSWER III:

Who are Probationers of Two Years?

(a) Eugene Forsey, who has been two years and is continued at College.

(b) Geo. Burry, W. A. Palmer, Samuel Halfyard, John K. Curtis

ANSWER IV:

Who are the Probationers of One Year?

R. M. Bickle, Sidney A. Chancey.

ANSWER V:

What Candidates for the Ministry are now received on trial?

Chas. K. Hudson, Chas. R. Durrant, John W. Bartlett, Fred W. Matthews.

QUESTION IX.—What Ministers and Probationers for the Ministry have died during the year?

ANSWER: None.

Newfoundland Conference Necrology

SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1874.

*"These all died in faith. They rest from their labors,
and their works do follow them."*

ENTERED MINISTRY.	NAME	PLACE OF BIRTH.	DIED.		AGE.	No. Years in Ministry.
			PLACE.	DATE.		
1873	JOHN DIXON .....	.....	Jackson's Cove	Aug. 4, 1876	26	4
1871	JOHN G. CURRIE ..	Ayr, Scotland	Island Cove ..	May 8, 1878	27	7
1873	GEORGE H. BRYANT	Cornwall, England ..	Old Perlican ..	Sept. 17, 1879	37	7
1828	W. E. SHENSTON ..	.....	Brigus	Dec. 11, 1880	77	52
1884	THEO. B. G. HOWE	St. Kitts, W. I.	Sel-Come-Bye	Feb. 4, 1888	31	4
1856	THOMAS FOX	Devonshire, Eng. ..	Topsail	Mar. 31, 1889	77	33
1860	JOHN GOODISON ..	Manchester, Eng. ..	Carbonear	Feb. 21, 1890	53	29
1840	JOHN S. PEACH	Woodford, Eng.	Blackhead	Sept. 18, 1891	81	52
1876	GEORGE P. STORY ..	Filey, Eng.	St. John's	July 7, 1894	41	18
1896	HENRY DAVENPORT	.....	Lushe's Bight ..	Feb. 25, 1897	21	.....

QUESTION X.—Who compose the several Conference Committees?

ANSWER :

COMMITTEES FOR THE SESSION.

STATIONING COMMITTEE.

<i>Districts.</i>	<i>Chairman.</i>	<i>Representatives.</i>
St. John's	W. Swann	L. Curtis
Carbonar	H. P. Cowperthwaite, M.A.	J. Hill
Bonavista	J. Pincock	W. H. Browning
Twillingate	T. H. James	John Pye
Burin	H. C. Hatcher, B.D.	John Pratt

SABBATH SCHOOL.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Laymen.</i>
John T. Newman	C. P. Ayre
W. J. Hutcheson	B. Parsons
T. B. Darby, B.A.	J. G. Lucas
John C. Sidey	P. Samways
James Smith, B.A.	C. Curtis

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Geo. Paine	A. Scott
W. T. D. Dunn	K. Simpson
A. A. Holmes	A. J. Crocker
J. J. Wheatley	Joseph Moore
J. E. Peters, B.A.	G. A. Buffett

NOMINATING.

S. Matthews	D. Bishop
R. W. Freeman	R. K. Bishop
T. W. Atkinson	J. G. Lucas
G. C. Frazer	J. C. Moores

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

F. G. Willey	W. J. Bartlett
James Wilson	James Smith, B.A.

CONTINGENT FUND.

T. H. James	J. E. P. Peters
John Pye	Nath. Pike
E. Taylor	C. Curtis
T. W. Atkinson	J. E. Collins
R. W. Freeman	J. C. Moores
Sol. Matthews	J. G. Lucas
Henry Scott	S. Cramm

TEMPERANCE.

M. Fenwick	Hon. J. J. Rogerson
G. C. Frazer	D. Bishop
A. A. Holmes	A. W. Martin
Levi Curtis, B.A.	A. Scott
J. Pincock	R. Simpson
Geo. Paine	A. J. Crocker
W. B. Ambrose	J. G. Lucas

CHURCH PROPERTY.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Laymen.</i>
W. Swann	R. K. Bishop
H. P. Cowperthwaite, M.A.	Hon. H. J. B. Woods
John Pratt	Hon. James Angel
John E. Peters, B.A.	Geo. W. Mews
Jabez Hill	A. G. Hudson

NEWFOUNDLAND DAY SCHOOL.

William Swann	R. K. Bishop
M. Fenwick	Geo. W. Mews
J. Heyfield	A. Penny
S. Matthews	A. G. Hudson
W. R. Tratt	
F. G. Willey	
Selby Jefferson	Peter Samways
W. Harris	A. Roberts
J. E. Peters, B.A.	C. Curtis
W. H. Dotchon	S. Harris

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President of Conference	C. P. Ayre
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W. T. D. Dunn	Dr. W. F. Burns
T. B. Darby, B.A.	W. W. Watson
J. J. Wheatley	

SUPERNUMERARY.

W. Swann, <i>Treasurer</i>	A. F. Shirran
Dr. Milligan	John Angel
J. Reay	A. G. Hudson
A. Hill	S. Woods

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John Reay	J. G. Lucas
Sol. Matthews	D. Bishop
G. C. Frazer	J. C. Moores
James Pincock	Hon. J. J. Rogerson
W. J. Bartlett	George W. Mews
JABEZ HILL, <i>Sec-Treasurer</i> .	

STATE OF THE WORK.

Wm. Harris	J. G. Lucas
C. Flemington	J. E. Collins
W. J. Hutcheson	N. Pike

TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

W. R. Tratt	C. Curtis
S. J. Russell	A. Scott

LETTER WRITERS.

J. Heyfield	C. P. Ayre
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L. Curtis, B. A.	G. W. Mews
J. Pincock	R. K. Bishop

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Secretary of Conference	Alfred Penney
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Geo. Stoney	A. J. Crocker
W. H. Dotchon	S. Woods

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ADDRESS TO H. M. QUEEN VICTORIA,

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Levi Curtis, B.A.	J. E. P. Peters

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Secretaries of Districts	
Assistant Secretaries of Conference	

CONFERENCE STATISTICIAN.

J. Smith, B.A.

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<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Laymen.</i>
S. of Conference	A. F. Shirran
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Geo. Paine	S. Woods

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H. P. Cowperthwaite, M.A.	H. C. Burchell

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Sec. of Conference	Geo. Paine
L. Curtis, B.A.	M. Fenwick

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

John Pratt

GENERAL CONFERENCE.

1. *Board of Missions*—H. C. Hatcher, B.D.
2. *Central Sabbath School Board*—T. W. Atkinson
3. *Corresponding Member Sabbath School Board*—T. B. Darby, B.A.
4. *Transfer Committee*—H. C. Hatcher, B.D.
5. *Supernumerary Fund*—H. C. Hatcher, B.D.

PARSONAGE AID.

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Sec. of Conference	J. G. Lucas
T. W. Atkinson, <i>Secretary</i>	Dr. Burns
Sol. Matthews	A. Scott
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	A. W. Martin, <i>Treasurer</i>

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	S. R. March
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	M. T. Knight
	John Steer
	Capt. John Green

AUDIT.

W. W. Watson	A. M. Peters
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Ministers.

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 Thos. H. James
 Robt. W. Freeman
 John Pratt
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 William Kendall
 James Nurse
 Solomon Matthews
 Jabez Hill
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 Alf. Penney
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 Hon. H. J. B. Woods, *Sec* Campbell Macpherson
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 J. T. Newman J. E. P. Peters
 George Paine

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 F. G. Willey John Pye
 T. B. Darby, B.A. H. J. Indoe
 H. C. Hatcher, B.D. Jabez Hill, *Sec.*
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 Mark Fenwick

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J. T. Newman M. Fenwick
 L. Curtis, B.A. Dr. Milligan

And the recording Stewards of St. John's Circuits, President of Conference and Pastor's
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Sustentation Fund—Rev. J. Hill
Parsonage Fund—A. W. Martin
Epworth League—Rev. J. Pincock
Newfoundland Day School Society—G. W. Mews
Colportage—Rev. L. Curtis, B.A.
Annual Conference—Rev. W. R. Tratt

QUESTION XI.—*Where are the Ministers and Probationers for the Ministry stationed for the ensuing year?*

ANSWER :

H. C. HATCHER, B.D., *President.*
JOHN T. NEWMAN, *Secretary.*

1. *St. John's Gower*—Levi Curtis, B.A., George S. Milligan, L.L.D., Superintendent of Methodist Schools by permission of Conference. Mark Fenwick, Guardian and Chaplain of the "Home."
2. *St. John's West*—John T. Newman (Secretary of Conference), George E. Heal, James Dove, D.D., Supernumerary.
3. *Pouch Cove*—Thomas W. Atkinson.
4. *Topsail*—F. G. Willey.
5. *Brigus*—James Wilson.
6. *Cupid's and Clarke's Beach*—William Swann, William A. Palmer.
7. *Bay Roberts and Spaniard's Bay*—Charles Lench.
8. *Whitbourne*—J. C. Sidey and an Agent.
9. *Sound Island*—Edwin Moore.
10. *Flower's Cove*—Supply under Chairman of District.
11. *Red Bay*—George Stoney.
12. *Hamilton Inlet*—Supply (F. H.)
13. *Labrador Coast*—Summer months. R. K. Peck.

STUDENTS AT COLLEGE.

- (a) *Sackville*—Herbert Clegg, Eugene Forsey, C. W. Squires, Charles Howse, W. J. Luscombe, James Opie.
* C. Howse has leave of absence for one year if necessary.
- Montreal*—Wesley College. J. J. Blythe.
William Patterson, J. J. Durrant, Edgar Jones, A. E. Rowson have one year's leave of absence.

WILLIAM SWANN, *Chairman.*
MARK FENWICK, *Financial Secretary.*

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II.—CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

14. *Carbonear*—H. P. Cowperthwaite, M.A., and F. R. Matthews.
 15. *Harbor Grace*—W. T. D. Dunn.
 16. *Freshwater*—R. W. Freeman.
 17. *Blackhead*—George E. Frazer.
 18. *Western Bay*—Jabez Hill.
 19. *Lower Island Cove*—Samuel J. Russell.
 20. *Old Perlican*—Jesse Heyfield.
 21. *Hant's Harbor*—William Kendall.
 22. *Heart's Content*—Anthony Hill.
 23. *Green's Harbor*—Solomon Matthews.
 24. *Skoal Harbor*—William J. Hutcheson.
 25. *Northern Bight*—C. H. Hudson under superintendence of Chas. Flemington.
 26. *Britannia Cove*—Charles Flemington.
 27. *Musgrave Town*—Sidney Chancey under superintendence of W. J. Hutcheson.
- H. P. COWPERTHWAIT, M.A., *Chairman*.
JABEZ HILL, *Financial Secretary*.

III.—BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

ERRATUM.

In answer to Question XI read after 2, St. John's, West, 2 1/2 St John's, East, George Paine.

44. *Little Bay*—John J. ...
 45. *Nipper's Harbor and Tilt Cove*—William Harris and William B. Ambrose.
 46. *White Bay*—George Burry.
 47. *St. Anthony*—R. M. Bickle, under Chairman of District.
- T. H. JAMES, *Chairman*.
J. J. WHEATLEY, *Financial Secretary*.

V.—BURIN DISTRICT.

48. *Burin*—H. C. Hatcher, B.D., President of Conference.
 49. *Spoon Cove*—Henry J. Indoe, M.A.
 50. *Flat Islands*—James Smith, B.A.
 51. *St. Pierre*—One Wanted.
 52. *Fortune*—John Pratt.
 53. *Grand Bank*.—James Nurse.
 54. *Garnish and Jersey Harbour*—C. R. Durrant and Supply under superintendence of H. C. Hatcher, B.D.
 55. *Burgeo*—Supply C. C. under superintendence of James Nurse.
 56. *Petites*—Samuel Halfyard under superintendence of John E. Peters, B.A.
 57. *Channel*—John E. Peters, B.A.
 58. *St. George's Bay and Bay of Islands*—W. H. Dotchon.
 59. *Bonne Bay*—Thomas E. Roberts.
 60. *French Shore*—Supply.
- H. C. HATCHER, B.D., *Chairman*.
JAMES NURSE, *Financial Secretary*.

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES.

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Parsonage Fund—

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* C. Howse has leave of absence for one year if necessary.
Montreal—Wesley College. J. J. Blythe.
William Patterson, J. J. Durrant, Edgar Jones, A. E. Rowson have one year's leave of absence.

WILLIAM SWANN, *Chairman.*
MARK FENWICK, *Financial Secretary.*

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55. *Burgeo*
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II.—CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

14. *Carbonear*—H. P. Cowperthwaite, M.A., and F. R. Matthews.
15. *Harbor Grace*—W. T. D. Dunn.
16. *Freshwater*—R. W. Freeman.
17. *Blackhead*—George E. Frazer.
18. *Western Bay*—Jabez Hill.
19. *Lower Island Cove*—Samuel J. Russell.
20. *Old Perlican*—Jesse Heyfield.
21. *Hant's Harbor*—William Kendall.
22. *Heart's Content*—Anthony Hill.
23. *Green's Harbor*—Solomon Matthews.
24. *Skoal Harbor*—William J. Hutcheson.
25. *Northern Bight*—C. H. Hudson under superintendence of Chas. Flemington.
26. *Britannia Cove*—Charles Flemington.
27. *Musgrave Town*—Sidney Chancey under superintendence of W. J. Hutcheson.

H. P. COWPERTHWAITTE, M.A., *Chairman*.
JABEZ HILL, *Financial Secretary*.

III.—BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

28. *Bonavista*—James Pincock.
29. *Bird Island Cove*—Henry Scott.
30. *Catalina*—Samuel Snowden.
31. *Trinity*—John Reay.
32. *Glover Town*—Supply under direction of Chairman.
33. *Greenspond*—Thomas B. Darby, B.A.
34. *Wesleyville*—William R. Tratt.
35. *Musgrave Harbor*—Edgar Taylor.
36. *Indian Islands and Seldom-Come-By*—Achroyd Stoney.
37. *Fogo*—William Hy. Browning.

JAMES PINCOCK, *Chairman*.
W. H. BROWNING, *Financial Secretary*.

IV.—TWILLINGATE DISTRICT.

38. *Twillingate*—T. H. James, Supply (H. J. C.).
39. *Herring Neck and Change Islands*—A. A. Holmes.
40. *Moreton's Harbor*—W. J. Bartlett.
41. *Laurenceton and Marshallville*—J. K. Curtis.
42. *Exploits*—Selby Jefferson.
43. *Little Bay Islands and Pilley's Island*—J. J. Wheatley and John Bartlett.
44. *Little Bay*—John Pye.
45. *Nipper's Harbor and Tilt Cove*—William Harris and William B. Ambrose.
46. *White Bay*—George Burry.
47. *St. Anthony*—R. M. Bickle, under Chairman of District.

T. H. JAMES, *Chairman*.
J. J. WHEATLEY, *Financial Secretary*.

V.—BURIN DISTRICT.

48. *Burin*—H. C. Hatcher, B.D., President of Conference.
49. *Spoon Cove*—Henry J. Indoe, M.A.
50. *Flat Islands*—James Smith, B.A.
51. *St. Pierre*—One Wanted.
52. *Fortune*—John Pratt.
53. *Grand Bank*—James Nurse.
54. *Garnish and Jersey Harbour*—C. R. Durrant and Supply under superintendence of H. C. Hatcher, B.D.
55. *Burgeo*—Supply C. C. under superintendence of James Nurse.
56. *Petites*—Samuel Halfyard under superintendence of John E. Peters, B.A.
57. *Channel*—John E. Peters, B.A.
58. *St. George's Bay and Bay of Islands*—W. H. Dotchon.
59. *Bonne Bay*—Thomas E. Roberts.
60. *French Shore*—Supply.

H. C. HATCHER, B.D., *Chairman*.
JAMES NURSE, *Financial Secretary*.

MEMBERSHIP RETURNS, BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES. A.

I.—ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS AND MISSIONS.	PRESENT MEMBERS.			Number Published Last Year	RESULTS.			BAPTISMS		Marriages	Births
	Full Membership	On Trial	Total		Increase	Decrease	Catechumens not counted in Total	Infant	Total		
St. John's Gower	370	53	423	375	48	.....	20	68	68	19	35
St. John's West...	385	23	408	443	.....	35	.....	101	101	24	61
St. John's East...	164	30	194	212	.....	18	30	37	37	11	13
Pouch Cove	100	16	116	112	4	.....	.....	22	22	1	8
Topsail	37	7	44	40	4	.....	.....	3	3	1	6
Brigus	101	5	106	115	.....	9	.....	21	21	12	19
Cupids	260	6	266	276	.....	10	.....	57	57	11	39
Bay Roberts	162	2	164	162	2	.....	.....	34	34	14	23
Whitbourne	58	15	73	28	45	.....	.....	20	20	2	7
Sound Island	50	19	69	139	.....	70	10	14	14	16	7
Red Bay	71	49	120	75	45	.....	.....	7	7	2	5
Hamilton Inlet	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Flower's Cove	54	12	66	74	.....	8	.....	5	5	.....	3
Total for District	1812	234	2049	2051	148	150	60	389	389	113	226
				Nett Increase	2						

II.—CARBONEAR DISTRICT

Carbonear	482	26	508	502	6	.....	.....	83	83	18	63
Harbor Grace	119	41	160	136	24	.....	32	36	36	14	21
Freshwater	212	178	390	247	143	.....	.....	69	69	16	35
Blackhead	696	68	764	748	16	.....	.....	47	47	12	26
Western Bay	195	18	213	231	.....	18	.....	50	50	7	16
Lower Isl'd. Cove	194	60	254	262	.....	8	50	43	43	6	30
Old Perlican	271	29	300	313	.....	13	.....	35	35	10	27
Hants Harbor	194	12	206	270	.....	64	.....	49	49	9	26
Heart's Content	100	.....	100	100	.....	.....	.....	17	17	3	7
Green's Harbour	124	10	134	160	.....	26	.....	16	16	6	7
Shoal Harbour	154	.....	154	159	.....	5	.....	29	29	8	7
Northern Bight	145	24	169	136	33	.....	.....	38	38	6	9
Britannia Cove	270	6	276	305	.....	29	10	31	31	5	12
Musgrave Town	143	25	168	136	32	.....	.....	44	44	6	17
Total for District	3299	497	3796	3705	254	163	92	587	587	126	303
				Nett Increase	91						

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III.—BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

Marriages	Births	NAMES OF CIRCUITS AND MISSIONS.	PRESENT MEMBERS.			RESULTS.	Catechumens not counted in Total	BAPTISMS.		Marriages	Burials	
			Full Membership	On Trial	Total			Number Published Last Year	Increase			Decrease	Infant	Total
		Bonavista	245	75	320	281	39	34	81	81	17	26
		Bird Island Cove	76	6	82	98	16	26	26	8	18	
19	35	Catalina	110	11	121	125	4	33	33	11	8	
24	61	Trinity.....	99	99	111	12	42	15	15	3	8
11	13	Glover Town.....	201	.....	201	224	23	29	29	13	9
1	8	Greenspond	173	.....	173	205	32	50	50	14	16
1	6	Wesleyville	197	4	201	211	10	63	63	12	36	
12	19	Musgrave Hr.....	190	43	233	216	17	8	51	51	9	10
11	39	Seldom-Come-By.	243	6	249	266	17	42	43	8	18	
14	23	Fogo	117	117	103	14	16	16	2	4	
2	7											
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		Total for District	1651	145	1796	1840	70	114	406	406	97	153
						Nett Increase	44					
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113	226											

IV.—TWILLINGATE DISTRICT.

18	63	Twillingate.....	488	167	665	490	165	35	93	93	19	52
14	21	Herring Neck.....	256	5	261	296	35	38	38	9	25	
16	35	Moreton's Hr.....	195	11	206	209	3	3	43	43	9	17
12	26	Laurenceton, etc..	268	12	280	230	50	57	57	8	12	
7	16	Exploits	204	1	205	223	18	31	31	8	7	
6	30	Little Bay Island & Pilley's Island	274	24	298	342	44	57	57	13	22	
10	27	Little Bay	130	20	150	130	20	30	30	8	18	
9	26	Nipper's Harbour & Tilt Cove ...	287	58	345	443	98	79	79	12	16	
3	7	White Bay	136	14	150	136	14	10	34	34	13	1
6	7	St. Anthony	226	25	251	300	49	28	28	12	6	
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5	12											
6	17											
126	303	Total for District	2464	337	2801	2799	249	247	490	490	111	176
						Nett Increase	2					

V.—BURIN DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS AND MISSIONS.	PRESENT MEMBERS.			Number Published Last Year	RESULTS.			BAPTISMS.		Marriages	Burials
	Full Membership	On Trial	Total		Increase	Decrease	Catechumens not counted in Total	Infant	Total		
Burin	251	2	253	264	.....	11	.....	47	47	9	12
Spoon Cove	150	5	155	173	.....	18	.....	33	23	8	9
Flat Island	105	35	140	125	15	.....	.....	18	18	8	8
Fortune	106	17	123	110	13	.....	.....	23	23	7	5
Grand Bank	208	11	210	236	.....	17	1	42	42	12	9
Garnish	44	9	53	44	9	.....	.....	15	15	3	3
Burgeo	66	4	70	69	1	.....	20	7	7	1	2
Petites	144	.....	144	176	.....	32	7	18	18	2	4
Channel	50	3	53	62	.....	9	.....	5	5	4	4
St. George's Bay	30	3	33	39	.....	6	.....	3	3	1	1
Bay of Islands ..	21	5	26	26	.....	.....	.....	7	7	1	3
Bonne Bay	160	6	166	150	16	.....	.....	22	22	4	27
Total for District	1335	100	1435	1474	54	98	28	230	230	60	87
				Nett Decrease	39						

RECAPITULATION.

St. John's	1812	234	2049	2051	.....	2	60	389	389	113	226
Carbonear	3299	497	3796	3705	91	.....	92	587	587	126	303
Bonavista	1651	145	1796	1840	.....	44	84	406	406	97	153
Twillingate	2464	337	2801	2819	2	.....	48	490	490	111	176
Burin	1335	100	1435	1474	39	28	230	230	60	87
Total for Confnce	10561	1313	11877	11869	93	85	312	2102	2102	507	945
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OFFICIAL BOARD RETURNS. B.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	MINISTERS.			PROBATIONERS FOR THE MINISTRY.				LAY MEMBERS.										Net Total	
	In Active Work	Officers of General Confer. and Professors in College	Superannuated	V Total	In Active Work	At College	H Total	A, B Total	Local Preachers	Exhorters	Class Leaders	Stewards	Society Representatives	Trustee Board Representatives	Sunday School Superintendents	Epworth League Presidents	Epworth League of C. E. Presidents		Affiliated Young People's Society Representatives
St. John's,	11	2	1	14	2	8	10	24	18	62	115	45	19	11	32	4	4	1	203
Caribour,	14	.....	.....	14	1	.....	1	15	11	110	239	47	33	17	58	5	5	1	362
Beavertown,	9	.....	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	9	5	61	107	53	11	9	34	2	.....	.....	193
Twillingate,	9	.....	.....	9	1	.....	1	10	10	110	133	22	5	8	43	4	.....	.....	226
Barry,	6	.....	.....	6	3	.....	3	9	9	48	114	39	17	9	30	4	1	.....	190
Total for Conference,	49	2	1	52	7	8	15	67	53	391	708	206	85	54	197	19	1	1	1174

CONNEXIONAL FUNDS. C.
I.—ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS AND MISSIONS.	Missionary	Superannuary	Educational	Contingent	General Conference	Union Church Relief	Sunday School Aid	General Epworth League	Sustentation	Annual Conference	Children's	Woman's Missionary	Total Connexional Funds
St. John's Gower	\$ 600 00	\$ 45 00	\$ 35 00	\$ 45 00	\$ 10 00	.....	\$ 10 00	.....	\$ 55 10	\$ 10 00	\$ 80 00	\$ 164 40	\$ 1054 50
S.. John's West	1051 13	42 15	10 00	5 00	5 00	.....	13 63	.....	150 50	5 00	120 00	136 35	1538 76
St. John's East	472 20	20 00	5 00	10 00	.....	.....	4 00	2 00	90 00	5 00	80 00	.....	688 20
Pouch Cove	125 76	2 70	1 30	1 20	60	70	1 30	.....	4 40	1 10	60 00	.....	199 06
Topsail	27 46	1 00	.....	.....	50	.....	40	.....	1 00	50	60 00	.....	90 86
Brigus	85 93	6 40	5 00	1 80	1 50	1 00	2 00	.....	4 00	1 50	60 00	.....	169 13
Cupids	121 25	6 20	3 10	3 05	2 20	1 00	3 00	.....	7 50	2 20	90 00	.....	239 50
Bay Roberts	91 33	4 00	2 00	2 00	1 50	1 00	1 00	.....	2 50	1 50	60 00	.....	166 83
Whitbourne	107 50	12 95	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	1 05	.....	11 00	1 00	30 00	.....	166 50
Sound Island	126 48	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	75	1 50	.....	2 50	1 00	30 00	.....	166 23
Red Bay, 1896	2 00	50	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	30 00	.....	33 30
Hamilton Inle t...	28 32	4 55	2 75	2 65	.....	.....	1 60	.....	2 30	.....	30 00	1 85	44 02
Total for District	\$2839 36	\$146 45	\$66 15	\$73 00	\$23 30	\$4 45	\$39 48	\$2 00	\$331 30	\$28 80	\$700 00	\$302 60	\$4556 89

II.—CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

Carlonear	\$144 36	\$ 8 00	\$ 3 00	\$ 4 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 5 50	\$ 2 00	\$90 00	\$262 86
Harbour Grace	119 88	6 00	6 02	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00	4 47	1 50	60 00	204 87
Freshwater	44 64	2 50	1 20	1 25	1 00	50	.....	.....	1 85	1 60	1 00	60 00	115 54
Blackhead	183 00	10 00	5 20	2 70	1 50	1 00	1 00	2 90	.....	9 00	1 80	60 00	277 10
Western Bay	51 40	3 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	40	.....	.....	1 00	2 00	50	60 00	121 30
Lower Isld. Cove	77 55	3 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	50	.....	.....	1 68	3 50	1 50	60 00	153 23
Old Pelican	101 18	3 50	2 30	2 10	2 20	70	.....	.....	1 50	6 20	1 30	60 00	180 98
Hants Harbour	54 15	2 00	1 50	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	2 00	1 00	60 00	123 65
Heart's Content	40 00	3 00	2 00	1 40	1 00	50	.....	.....	1 00	3 00	1 20	60 00	113 10
Green's Harbour	58 96	65	72	73	50	.....	.....	.....	50	1 50	65	60 00	124 21
Shoal Harbour	135 20	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	70	.....	.....	1 28	3 00	1 00	60 00	206 18
Northern Bight	90 00	1 00	50	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	1 00	50	30 00	124 00
Britannia Cove	146 86	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	50	.....	.....	50	2 00	1 00	30 00	185 86
Musgrave Town	100 25	1 00	1 00	1 00	50	50	.....	.....	1 18	1 00	83	60 00	167 26
Total for District	\$1347 43	\$47 65	\$28 44	\$21 68	\$15 70	\$6 30	\$17 89	\$3 50	\$45 77	\$15 78	\$810 00	\$2360 14	

III.—BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS AND MISSIONS.	Missionary	Supernumerary	Educational	Contingent	General Conference	Union Church Relief	Sunday School Aid	General Epworth League	Sustentation	Annual Conference	Children's Fund	Woman's Missionary	Total Connexional Funds
Bonavista	\$112 00	\$12 00	\$ 3 00	\$ 5 00	\$2 00	\$1 00	\$ 2 00	\$2 00	\$12 00	\$5 00	\$60 00	\$32 00	\$248 00
Bird Island Cove..	13 39	89	66	50	80	50	90	.....	1 30	.....	30 00	.....	48 94
Catalina	43 67	3 00	2 00	50	1 00	50	5 00	2 00	10 00	2 00	60 00	.....	129 67
Trinity	26 84	2 50	1 00	1 00	75	50	1 00	.....	5 00	1 00	60 00	.....	99 59
Glover Town	33 00	.....	.....	50	50	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	30 00	.....	65 00
Greenspond	114 39	4 50	1 50	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	2 50	2 00	60 00	.....	189 89
Wesleyville	138 78	4 00	3 00	4 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	.....	3 00	1 00	60 00	.....	217 78
Musgrave Hr.....	101 61	5 50	1 00	1 00	1 20	75	2 18	.....	5 00	1 30	60 00	.....	179 54
Seldom Come By..	71 85	1 20	4 67	63	71	82	2 74	.....	5 00	65	30 00	.....	118 27
Fogo	135 60	8 00	7 50	5 00	2 50	1 50	4 00	.....	14 00	5 50	60 00	.....	243 60
Total for District	\$791 13	\$41 59	\$24 33	\$20 13	\$11 46	\$7 57	\$20 82	\$4 00	\$58 80	\$18 45	\$510 00	\$32 00	\$1540 28

IV.—TWILLINGGATE DISTRICT.

Twillingate.....	\$ 164 85	\$ 8 84	\$ 3 00	\$ 2 10	\$ 2 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 2 01	.....	\$ 7 13	\$ 2 00	\$ 90 00	.....	\$ 282 93
Herring Neck	102 51	4 00	1 50	2 00	50	50	1 00	.....	5 00	3 00	60 00	.....	180 01
Moreton's Harbour	37 99	2 00	1 00	80	50	50	2 00	\$1 50	2 00	1 00	60 00	.....	109 29
Laurenceton and Marshallville	85 00	1 40	2 00	1 00	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	6 00	1 00	30 00	.....	128 40
Exploits	65 42	1 50	90	1 40	90	80	1 18	.....	3 00	90	60 00	.....	136 00
Little Bay Island & Pilley's Island	160 64	8 00	2 00	4 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	9 60	2 00	90 00	1 00	280 24
Little Bay	80 72	2 00	1 00	1 00	75	45	.....	.....	2 15	1 00	60 00	.....	149 07
Nipper's Harbor and Tilt Cove.....	253 17	4 00	2 10	4 10	1 75	1 00	5 56	.....	50 00	2 00	90 00	.....	413 68
White Bay	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	.....	37 00
St. Anthony	96 79	1 00	50	60	80	80	1 00	.....	2 00	50	30 00	.....	133 99
Total for District	\$1054 09	\$32 74	\$14 00	\$17 00	\$8 20	\$7 05	\$14 75	\$1 50	\$86 88	\$13 40	\$600 00	\$1 00	\$1850 61

V.—BURIN DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS AND MISSIONS.	Missionary	Supernumerary	Educational	Contingent	General Conference	Union Church Relief	Sunday School Aid	General Epworth League	Sustentation	Annual Conference	Children's Fund	Woman's Missionary	Total Connexional Funds
Burin ..	\$245 00	\$ 6 00	\$ 3 00	\$ 5 00	\$3 20	\$1 60	\$ 3 00	\$2 58	\$ 6 00	\$2 40	\$60 00	.....	\$ 337 78
Spoon Cove ..	128 19	3 20	2 10	1 85	2 05	1 30	1 65	.....	1 25	2 10	30 00	.....	173 69
Flat Island.....	76 47	2 00	2 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	2 00	30 00	.....	115 47
Fortune	136 76	4 02	1 00	1 50	1 00	.....	2 00	1 00	3 00	2 00	60 00	.....	212 28
Grand Bank ..	443 70	10 50	12 60	5 50	5 50	1 50	2 30	5 00	9 00	7 00	60 00	.....	562 60
Garnish	18 37	50	50	1 00	50	40	50	.....	1 00	.....	30 00	.....	53 17
Burgeo.....	26 00	2 50	2 00	1 00	50	50	2 00	.....	1 00	.....	30 00	.....	35 50
Petites.....	90 91	3 20	3 10	1 45	1 20	1 00	1 80	.....	2 50	1 15	30 00	.....	136 31
Channel	104 98	3 50	2 50	2 00	1 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	4 03	3 00	30 00	.....	156 01
St. George's Bay..	67 66	1 75	1 59	2 00	1 00	1 76	1 02	.....	1 88	1 00	30 00	.....	109 66
Bay of Islands.....	12 00	7 75	1 00	80	80	65	90	.....	1 00	60	30 00	.....	48 50
Bonne Bay	157 05	7 10	2 07	1 30	1 95	1 02	1 55	.....	4 18	1 43	30 00	.....	207 65
Total for District	\$1507 09	\$45 02	\$33 46	\$24 40	\$18 70	\$10 73	\$19 72	\$10 58	\$35 84	\$23 08	\$420 00	.....	\$2148 62

RECAPITULATION.

St. John's*	\$2839 36	\$146 45	\$66 15	\$73 00	\$23 30	\$4 45	\$39 48	\$2 00	\$331 30	\$28 80	\$700 00	\$302 60	\$4556 89
Carbonear	1347 43	47 65	28 44	21 68	15 70	6 30	17 89	3 50	45 77	15 78	810 00	.....	2362 14
Bonavista	791 13	41 59	24 33	20 13	11 46	7 57	20 82	4 00	58 80	18 45	510 00	32 00	1540 28
Twillingate	1054 09	32 74	14 00	17 00	8 20	7 05	14 75	1 50	86 88	13 40	600 00	1 00	1850 61
Burin	1507 09	45 02	33 46	24 40	18 70	10 73	19 72	10 58	35 84	23 08	420 00	.....	2148 62
* Flower's Cove...	21 53	40	60	50	50	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 13
* Conference Coll.	.....	12 00	12 29	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	19 99
Special .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00
Total for Confer.	\$7560 63	\$325 85	\$179 27	\$156 71	\$77 86	\$36 10	\$113 26	\$29 28	\$558 59	\$99 51	3040 00	\$335 60	\$12512 66

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CONFERENCE FUNDS. D.

I.—ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS AND MISSIONS	Parsonage Aid	Day School	College	Orphanage	Colportage	Total
St. John's Gower	\$35 00	\$30 00	\$263 00		\$12 20	\$340 20
St. John's West	5 00	15 00	13 66		17 29	50 95
St. John's East	15 00	5 00	20 10			40 10
Pouch Cove.....	2 40	1 00	2 00	1 00	50	6 90
Topsail.....						
Brigus	6 00	2 00		1 10		9 10
Cupids	6 00	2 00	9 50	4 00		21 50
Bay Roberts	4 00	1 00	2 00	1 50	1 00	9 50
Whitbourne.....	1 50	1 00				2 50
Sound Island	2 00	1 00	5 50	1 50	1 00	11 00
Red Bay, 1896				1 20		1 20
Hamilton Inlet						
Total for District	\$76 90	\$58 00	\$315 76	\$10 30	\$31 99	\$492 95

II.—CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

Carbonear	\$ 5 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 3 00	\$ 4 00		\$13 00
Harbor Grace	6 00			3 50		9 50
Freshwater	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		4 00
Blackhead	7 70	1 50	3 70	2 00		14 90
Western Bay	2 00	50	1 00	1 00		4 50
Lower Island Cove	3 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		6 00
Old Perlican	5 10	1 00	2 10	3 10		11 30
Hant's Harbor	2 50	1 00	1 00	1 00		5 50
Heart's Content	4 50	2 00	4 00	3 00		13 50
Green's Harbor	1 00	1 00	1 00			3 00
Shoal Harbor	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		4 00
Northern Bight		50				50
Britannia Cove	1 20	1 00	2 50	1 00		5 70
Musgrave Town	1 00	50	3 00			4 50
Total for District	\$41 00	\$13 00	\$24 30	\$21 60		\$99 90

Bonavista
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Twillinga
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III.—BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

Total	NAMES OF CIRCUITS AND MISSIONS	Parsonage Aid	Day School	College	Orphanage	Colportage	Total
20 \$340 20	Bonavista.....	\$11 00	\$2 00	\$ 1 50	\$17 00	.....	\$31 50
29 50 95	Bird Island Cove	1 00	.....	50	50	.....	2 00
40 10	Catalina	5 00	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	7 00
50 6 90	Trinity.....	2 50	50	2 00	1 00	.....	6 00
.....	Glover Town .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
..... 9 10	Greenspond	2 50	1 00	1 50	1 50	.....	6 50
..... 21 50	Wesleyville	6 00	1 00	1 40	1 00	.....	9 40
..... 00 9 50	Musgrave Harbor	1 00	1 00	1 15	1 00	.....	4 15
..... 2 50	Seldom.....	58	89	60	90	.....	2 97
..... 00 11 00	Fogo.....	8 00	1 55	5 00	6 00	.....	20 55
..... 1 20	Total for District	\$37 58	\$7 94	\$14 65	\$29 90	.....	\$90 07
99 \$492 95							

IV.—TWILLINGATE DISTRICT.

..... \$13 00	Twillingate	\$11 44	\$1 18	\$10 53	\$ 2 03	\$1 00	\$26 18
..... 9 50	Herring Neck..	3 00	92	2 50	.....	.....	6 42
..... 4 00	Moreton's Harbor	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	5 00
..... 14 90	Laureceton and Marshallville	2 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	.....	6 00
..... 4 50	Exploits	2 00	80	2 00	1 80	.....	6 60
..... 6 00	Little Bay Islands	1 66	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	3 66
..... 11 30	Little Bay	1 00	50	.....	76	.....	2 26
..... 5 50	Nipper's Harbor and Tilt Cove	3 40	2 00	.....	1 05	.....	6 45
..... 13 50	White Bay .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
..... 3 00	St. Anthony	70	50	.....	50	.....	1 70
..... 4 00	Total for District	\$27 20	\$8 90	\$17 03	\$10 14	\$1 00	\$64 27
..... 50							
..... 5 70							
..... 4 50							
..... \$99 90							

V.—BURIN DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS AND MISSIONS	Parsonage Aid	Day School	College	Orphanage	Colportage	Total
Burin	\$ 4 30	\$ 2 00	\$ 6 00	\$ 2 00	.....	\$ 14 30
Spoon Cove.....	2 20	1 30	.....	2 10	.....	5 60
Flat Islands.....	2 00	2 31	3 00	1 00	.....	8 31
Fortune	4 00	1 00	8 32	1 00	.....	14 32
Grand Bank	7 00	5 00	8 18	10 50	3 74	34 42
Garnish	40	1 00	4 00	.....	.....	5 40
Burgeo .....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Petites	1 25	1 80	2 00	2 25	.....	7 30
Channel	2 50	3 00	4 30	1 00	.....	10 80
St. George's Bay	2 63	1 92	1 00	37	.....	5 92
Bay of Islands.....	1 00	80	1 00	1 00	.....	3 80
Boone Bay	2 23	3 17	8 00	6 30	1 00	20 70
Total for District	\$29 51	\$25 30	\$45 80	\$27 52	\$4 74	\$132 87

RECAPITULATION.

St. John's *	\$ 76 90	\$ 58 00	\$315 76	\$10 30	\$31 99	\$492 95
Carbonear	41 00	13 00	24 30	21 60	.....	99 90
Bonavista..	37 58	7 94	14 65	29 90	.....	90 07
Twillingate	27 20	8 90	17 03	10 14	1 00	64 27
Burin	29 51	25 30	45 80	27 52	4 74	132 87
* Flowers Cove .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
* Conference Collection.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Supy. Special .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total for Conference	\$212 19	\$113 14	\$417 54	\$99 46	\$37 73	\$880 06

74	\$78	Total
74	\$132	
00	\$27	
00	\$49	
00	\$07	
66	\$90	
66	\$95	
66	\$264	
73	\$88	

CIRCUIT PURPOSES. E.
I.—ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS AND MISSIONS	Church Incidentals	House Rent	Removal Expenses	Travelling Expenses	Sunday Schools	Epworth Leagues or other Y. P. S.	Ladies' Aids	Trustee Boards	All Other Purposes	Total
St. John's Gower	\$12 20	\$300 00	\$36 50	\$4 00	\$220 00	\$100 00	\$109 40	\$6295 68	\$267 99	\$7345 77
St. John's West	30 00	141 48	20 00	.....	456 79	36 71	95 77	2362 52	515 81	3659 08
St. John's East	14 00	150 00	.....	.....	203 27	81 09	46 00	1624 73	300 00	2419 09
Pouch Cove.....	1 20	.....	.....	.....	14 50	.....	70 00	150 00	.....	235 70
Topsail.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	3 26	.....	32 00	8 00	.....	46 26
Brigus .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 62	3 95	.....	102 45	76 71	205 73
Cupids .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	61 79	.....	.....	238 70	14 00	314 49
Bay Roberts .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	223 54	60 00	.....	283 54
Whitbourne .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 00	.....	.....	32 79	72 86	121 65
Sound Island .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41 88	.....	41 88
Red Bay .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hamilton Inlet .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total for District	\$60 40	\$591 48	\$56 50	\$4 00	\$998 23	\$221 75	\$576 71	\$10916 75	\$1247 37	\$14673 19

II.—CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS AND MISSIONS	Circuit Incidentals	House Rent	Removal Expenses	Travelling Expenses	Sunday Schools	Epworth Leagues or other Y. P. S.	Ladies' Aids	Trustee Boards	All Other Purposes	Total
Carbonear			\$31 50		\$ 81 21	\$12 53		\$ 30 79	.....	\$ 456 03
Harbor Grace.....	1 20		24 00		75 05	16 84		378 24	39 46	534 79
Freshwater					13 00	11 91	126 00	115 00	78 00	332 00
Blackhead					58 48	2 00	55 00	232 06	42 13	399 58
Western Bay					13 00	1 05	20 00	135 00	.....	170 00
Lower Island Cove	6 95				14 45			185 00	.....	207 45
Old Pelican					4 00			89 80	31 20	125 00
Hant's Harbor					6 25			108 75	.....	115 00
Heart's Content					9 44			80 00	3 00	92 44
Green's Harbor					5 10			65 00	45 00	115 10
Shoal Harbor					13 40			62 00	90 20	165 60
Northern Bight					6 00			40 00	40 00	86 00
Britannia Cove	5 00				8 00			150 00	60 00	223 00
Musgrave Town					16 00			13 59	10 00	39 59
Total for District	\$13 15		\$55 50		\$323 38	\$44 33	\$201 00	\$1985 23	\$438 99	\$3061 58

III.—BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

Bonavista.....					\$ 31 45				\$182 88	\$ 44 00	\$261 78
Bird Island Cove									20 00	23 00	46 00
Catalina					32 93	7 58	\$ 235 05	130 63			406 19
Trinity							29 00	24 00			53 00
Glover Town					5 00					25 00	30 00
Greenspond					42 00		120 00	100 00			262 00
Wesleyville					16 86			135 00		70 00	221 86
Musgrave Harbour.....					9 51		3 65	63 00		128 00	206 66
Seldom Come By					11 47			143 03			157 60
Fogo.....					33 18			75 00		18 00	126 18
Total for District	\$6 60			\$2 00	\$182 40	\$11 03	\$387 70	\$873 54	\$308 00		\$1771 27

IV.—TWILLINGATE DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS AND MISSIONS.	Circuit Incidentals	House Rent	Removal Expenses	Travelling Expenses	Sunday Schools.	Epworth League or other Y.P.S.	Ladies' Aid.	Trustee Boards.	All other Purposes	Total.
Twillingate					\$ 50 11			\$ 179 27		\$ 229 38
Herring Neck					12 00			2862 30		2874 30
Moreton's Harbour	\$ 6 00			\$ 7 00	10 17	\$ 2 60	\$ 34 00	85 00		144 77
Laurenceton & Marshallville	6 00				24 70			280 00		310 70
Exploits					16 00			169 54		185 54
Little Bay Island and Pilly's Island					35 00	9 00	70 00	66 85	\$ 320 00	500 85
Little Bay								45 00		45 00
Nipper's Harbor and Tilt Cove	10 00				24 18			271 47	422 00	727 65
White Bay								65 00		115 00
St. Anthony				\$ 7 00	\$ 172 16	\$ 11 60	\$ 104 00	\$ 4024 43	\$ 792 00	\$ 5133 19
Total for District	\$ 22 00									

V.—BURIN DISTRICT.

Burin							\$ 100 00	\$ 90 00	\$ 252 00
Spoon Cove							60 00	753 00	824 80
Flat Island							73 29	204 64	336 13
Fortune	50				36 00		168 90	76 00	271 30
Grand Bank					2 00		606 83		898 74
Garnish					10 00				128 30
Burgeo					5 00				5 00
Petites					10 00				19 45
Channel					6 04	6 83	58 05	198 60	300 65
St. George's Bay					5 00			6 10	59 65
Bay of Islands								2 25	
Bonne Bay					11 89		29 23		41 12
Total for District	50				\$164 74	\$54 83	\$308 05	\$1127 38	\$1453 89
									\$3139 39

RECAPITULATION.

St. John's	\$ 60 40	\$591 48	\$ 56 50	\$ 4 00	\$ 998 23	\$ 221 75	\$ 576 71	\$10016 75	\$1247 37	\$14673 19
Carbonar	13 15		55 50		323 38	44 33	201 00	1985 23	438 99	3061 58
Bonavista	6 60			2 00	182 40	11 03	387 70	873 54	308 00	1771 27
Twillingate	22 00			7 00	172 16	11 60	104 00	4024 43	792 00	5133 19
Burin	50		30 00		164 74	54 83	308 05	1127 38	1453 89	3139 39
Total for Conference	\$102 65	\$591 48	\$142 00	\$13 00	\$1840 91	\$343 54	\$1577 46	\$18927 33	\$4240 25	\$27778 62

Total for District

\$22 00

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT. F.
I.—ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS AND MISSIONS.	NAMES OF MINISTERS.	Ministers in the Active Work	Ministerial Profess- ors in College	Sup. Ministers	Paid by Circuit or Mission	Paid by Children's Fund	MIS'RY FUND		Total Received.	Net Deficiency	Total
							Salary	Removal			
St. John's Gower	{ Levi Curtis	1	2		\$1000	\$ 48			\$1048		\$9740 47
	{ Dr. Milligan					84			84		
	{ M. Fenwick								1400		6648 79
St. John's West	{ J. T. Newman	1		1	1400						4147 39
	{ J. Dove, D.D.					48			1048	183	621 66
	{ A. E. Rowson					112	31		617	121	177 12
St. John's East	G. Paine	1			1000	224			679	195	723 96
	Thos. W. Atkinson	1			180	140			605		
	A. Hill	1			40						
Pouch Cove	J. Wilson	1			340				760	440	925 49
	{ Wm. Swann and A. W. Palmer	1			350						
Cupids	C. Lench	1			220	112			567	233	679 87
	J. Reay	1			133	28			526	274	423 65
Whitbourne	Ed. Moore	1			151	28			494	306	370 11
	Ak. Stoney	1			31				276	174	64 30
Sound Island	Agent										45 22
	Agent								150		59 13
Red Bay	Agent										31 99
	Agent										
Hamilton											
Flowers Cove											
Add Coll.		11	2	2		\$824	\$2550	\$70	\$8254	\$1926	\$24659 15
	Total for District					\$4880					

III.—BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS AND MISSIONS.	NAMES OF MINISTERS.	Ministers in the Active Work	Probationers in the Active Work	Ministerial Profess- ors in Colleges	Sup. Ministers	Paid by Circuit or Mission	Paid by Children's Fund	MIS'NRY FUND		Total Received	Net Deficiency	Total
								Salary	Removal			
Bonavista	James Pincock	1				\$ 566	\$224	\$32	\$ 790	\$ 10	\$1107 28	
Bird Island Cove	Henry Scott	1				124	56	40	500	300	220 94	
Catalina	A. A. Holmes	1				235	28		503	297	777 86	
Trinity	Edgar Taylor	1				60	140		585	215	218 59	
Glover Town	C. R. H.	1				86	112		271	129	181 00	
Greenspond	F. G. Willey	1				257	230	60	599	201	715 39	
Wesleyville	W. R. Traut	1				230	28		433	367	679 04	
Musgrave Harbour	T. B. Darby	1				193			478	322	583 35	
Seldom Come By	H. J. Indoe	1				187			532	118	465 84	
Fogo	W. H. Browning	1				230			495	305	620 33	
Total for District		9				\$2168	\$558	\$132	\$4986	\$2264	\$5599 62	

IV.—TWILLINGGATE DISTRICT.

Twillingate	1		\$ 572	\$ 28			\$ 600	\$	\$ 150	\$1209 49
"			180				180		170	
Herring Neck	1		213	56			534		266	3273 73
Moreton's Harbour	1		150	28			443		357	409 00
Laurencetown and Mar- shalville	1		160				295		155	605 10
Exploits	1		107	28			390		410	435 14
Little Bay Island	1		234	28			493		307	1097 75
Pilleys Island	1		79				168		132	
Little Bay	1		105				470		330	301 33
Ni Per's Harbour	1		344	28			962		638	1491 78
Tilt Cove	1									
*White Bay		1	126				271		129	376 69
St. Anthony			44				239		161	81 00
*White Bay(LateReturns)										
Total for District	9	1	\$2314	\$196	\$2535	\$116	\$5045	\$3205		\$9362 07

V.—BURIN DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS AND MISSIONS.	NAMES OF MINISTERS.	Ministers in the Active Work	Probationers in the Active Work	Ministerial Profess- ors in College	Sup. Ministers	Paid by Circuit or Mission	Paid by Children's Fund	MIS'NRY FUND		Total Received	Net Deficiency	Total
								Salary	Removal			
Burin	H. C. Hatcher	1				\$ 640	\$ 168		\$ 808	\$ 120	\$1244 08	
Spoon Cove	R. M. B.					250	28	\$ 30	280	256	1254 09	
Flat Island	James Smith	1				171	196	345	544	160	630 91	
Fortune	John Pratt	1				269	48	175	640	2	766 90	
Grand Bank	George C. Frazer	1				750			798		2245 76	
Garnish	James Opie	1				72		205	277	123	258 87	
Burgeo	Samuel Halfyard					46		220	266	134	88 50	
Petres	John E. Peters	1				122		145	267	133	285 06	
Channel	W. H. Dotchon	1				114		160	274	176	581 46	
Bay St. George	S. C.	1				70		355	425	375	245 23	
Bay of Islands	John K. Curtis					7		190	197	203	61 55	
Bonne Bay		1				169		140	309	91	438 47	
Total for District		6	3			\$2680	\$440	\$1965	\$5085	\$1773	\$8100 88	

RECAPITULATION.

St. John's	11	2	2	1	\$ 4880	\$ 824	\$ 2550	\$ 70	\$ 8254	\$ 1926	\$24659 15
Carbonear	14	1	.....	.....	4593	664	2870	234	8127	2573	10114 62
Bonavista	9	.....	.....	.....	2168	588	2230	132	4986	2264	5569 62
Twillingate.....	9	1	.....	.....	2314	196	2535	116	5045	3205	9362 07
Barin	6	3	.....	.....	2680	440	1965	63	5085	1773	8100 88
						Confer.	Collection	on Sunday	Scho	ol Aid	..... 17 03
Total for Conference.....	49	7	2	1	\$16635	\$2712	\$12150	\$615	\$31497	\$11741	\$57823 37

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES. G.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS	Senior Epworth League			Epworth Leagues of Christian Endeavor			Epworth Leagues Jr. E. Leagues and other Jr. Societies			General Summary				Contributions				
	Number	Active Members	Associate Members	Total	Number	Active Members	Associate Members	Total	Number	Active Members	Associate Members	Grand Total	For Local League or Society Purposes	For General Epworth League Board	For Missions	For Superannuation Fund	For all other Purposes	Total
St. John's	4	173	57	230	...	...	...	...	4	173	57	230	\$221 75	\$ 2 00	\$30 00	...	...	\$253 75
Carbonar	3	156	89	245	1	23	36	59	2	299	125	424	44 33	3 50	3 00	11 09	...	61 92
Bonavista	2	64	35	99	1	35	3	38	...	99	38	137	11 03	4 00	2 70	...	...	17 73
Twillingate	3	56	21	77	...	...	...	...	3	56	21	77	11 60	1 50	...	...	...	13 10
Burin	4	121	144	265	1	30	...	30	5	151	144	295	15 55	10 58	1 00	...	38 28	65 41
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	* Confer.	.....	Collection ...	.....	7 70	.....	.....	.....	* 7 70
Total	16	570	346	916	3	88	39	127	2	778	385	1163	\$304 26	\$29 28	\$36 70	\$11 09	\$38 28	\$419 61

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT. H.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	OFFICERS AND TEACHERS.				SCHOLARS.											
	Number of Preaching Appointments	Number of Schools	Members of the Methodist Church	Non-Members	Total	Average Attendance	In Primary Classes	Intermediate Classes	Adult Classes	In Home Department	Total	Average Attendance	Number of Methodist Scholars attending Union Schools	Number who have united with the Church during the year	Members of Church	Learning Catechism
St. John's	61	32	288	67	355	299	982	1264	690	153	3089	2071	.....	122	259	1429
Carbonar	72	58	403	62	465	377	1272	1471	1154	.....	3897	2891	.....	346	809	2012
Bonavista	54	35	209	47	256	206	835	850	451	.....	2136	1621	.....	93	283	1104
Twillingate.....	79	44	238	28	266	213	820	897	416	.....	2133	1657	.....	126	303	437
Burin	65	32	189	31	220	190	679	628	323	.....	1630	1294	3	70	189	942
Total	331	201	1327	235	1562	1285	4588	5110	3034	153	12885	9534	3	757	1843	5924

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT. H. (Continued.)

Numbers who have taken Total Abstinence Pledge	LITERATURE.										MONEYS CONTRIBUTED BY SCHOOLS.					Are regular Teachers' Meetings held for Study of Lesson?	Number of Schools that have Normal Classes	Is School kept open the whole year?
	Volumes in Library	Copies of Onward	Pleasant Hours	Happy Days	Sunbeam	Berean Leaf and Quarterly	Sunday School Banner	Copies of other Periodicals published by our Book Room.	Copies of other Periodicals not published by our Book Rooms.	For Missions	For Educational Society	For Supernumerary Fund	For S. S. Aid and Extension Fund	For School Purposes				
883	3535	242	536	172	141	1160	100	577	\$ 809 37	.....	\$7 15	\$39 48	\$998 23	5	4	24	
1024	2044	55	233	147	172	1267	140	35	285 86	77	.....	17 89	323 38	3	.....	47
701	864	76	321	238	192	767	64	46	155 02	60	.....	20 82	182 40	5	.....	30
177	285	189	259	107	92	390	53	1	218 94	.....	.....	14 75	172 16	2	.....	33
588	934	76	220	201	788	.....	88	1	327 98	36	.....	19 72	164 74	.....	.....	25
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Conference	.....	.....	17 03	.....	.....	.....	.....
3373	7662	638	1569	865	827	4372	445	660	\$1796 77	\$1 26	\$7 15	\$129 69	\$1840 91	15	4	159		

I.—St
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Pouch Cove ...
Topsail
Brigus
Cupids
Sound Island

II.—C
Blackhead ...
Foster's Point
Western Bay

SPECIAL FUND.—COLLEGE DEBT.

I.—SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

I.—ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.		III.—BONATISTA DISTRICT.	
St. John's Gower.....	9 00	Bonavista	14 50
St. John's East.....	15 25	Catalina	5 38
St. John's West	13 14	Musgrave Town	3 00
“ Alexander St.....	10 20	Musgrave Harbor	5 20
“ Centenary Hall.....	1 00	Seldom Come By.....	46
Pouch Cove	4 00	Indian Islands	95
Topsail	1 05	Western Arm	1 15
Brigus	4 00		
Cupids	2 00	IV.—TWILLINGATE DISTRICT.	
Sound Island	4 50	Little Bay	50
		St. Anthony.....	1 37
II.—CARBONEAR DISTRICT.		V.—BURIN DISTRICT.	
Blackhead	1 26	Grand Bank.....	8 18
Foster's Point.....	1 20	Fortune.....	8 32
Western Bay	1 35	Garnish.....	4 00
		Bay St. George	1 04
		Total.....	\$122 00

II.—CHURCHES, etc.

Bonavista for 1896	15 30
Wesleyville for 1896..	3 10
	<u>\$18 40</u>

RECAPITULATION.

I.—Sunday Schools	122 00
II.—Churches.....	18 00
III.—Collected in St. John's	242 00
	<u>\$382 00</u>

N.B.—For Collections from other Churches see regular District of Schedules.

MARK FENWICK, Treasurer.

QUESTION XII.—What are the arrangements for the examination of Candidates for the Ministry in the course of study?

INSTRUCTIONS TO EXAMINERS.

Resolved,—That the time allowed for a single paper in the Candidates course shall not exceed one hour.

N.B.—(1) Papers are to be marked according to an estimate of the value of the answers required; but the aggregate must reach 100, viz: 90 for matter, and 10 for writing, spelling, grammar and style.

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

(3) That each examiner *mark* the time required by his paper.

(4) Five copies of the questions shall be prepared by each examiner (one copy for each district) and sent to Rev. Jabez Hill, by the 31st of December, 1897.

(5) All subjects omitted by probationers, must be taken up before ordination.

(6) All papers when examined shall be returned to the Secretary, Rev. Jabez Hill.

(7) That a report of marks received be given to each probationer or candidate, signed by the Secretary of Committee, which shall be regarded as a certificate of his standing.

(8) That two copies of the marks given by the examiner, shall be prepared and sent, one to the chairman of each district, and the other to the Secretary of Examining Board.

(9) That the Secretary arrange centres wherever practicable for the examination of Candidates and Probationers; such examinations to commence on the first Monday in the month of May.

COURSE OF STUDY.

I.—ORDINARY COURSE.—PRELIMINARY.

a.—*Theological.*

Wesley's Sermons, 1 to xx. (Burwash)	} A. Hill.
New Testament History, (Smith).....	
Methodist Catechism,	

b.—*Literary.*

1.—Arithmetic—Simple Rules, Fractions, Percentage and easy Commercial Problems.....	} W. J. Hutcheson.
2.—Euclid—Book I.	

3.—English Grammar—Composition, including an essay at time of examination. Special attention will be given to Spelling, Punctuation and Correctness of Expression.	} W. J. Hutcheson.

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- 4.—Outlines of Political and Physical Geography — Special attention being given to the Geography of the British Empire
 - 5.—English and Canadian History— (High School History of Ontario recommended). Outlines of Grecian and Roman History, as follows: Grecian History to the Battle of Chæronæa; Roman History to the death of Augustus, (Smith's or Schmtz's Short History of Greece and Rome)
 - 6.—Brook's Outlines of English Literature—Macaulay's Essay on Milton; Scott's Lady of the Lake
 - 7.—Greek Grammar—Harkness' First Greek Book, or Goodwin, with White's Exercises to Syntax.....
- F. G. Willey.
- T. B. Darby.

FIRST YEAR (ON A CIRCUIT).

1.—*English Bible Study.*

- The Bible Reader's Manual, p.p. 1-11 (C. H. Wright)
 - The Acts of the Apostles
 - Old Testament History, (Smith).....
- H. C. Hatcher.

2.—*Greek Testament.*

- The Sermon on the Mount—(Cambridge Greek Testament for College).}
- J. E. Peters.

3.—*Theology.*

- Biblical Doctrine—(Shaw's Digest) ...
 - Wesley's Sermons, 21-52—(Burwash).}
 - Wesley's Christian Perfection
 - Steele's Antinomianism
- J. T. Newman.

Homiletics M. Fenwick

SECOND YEAR'S COURSE.

1.—*English Bible Study.*

- The Bible Reader's Manuel, pp. 119-186
 - The Gospels of Matthew and Luke....
- W. T. Dunn.

2.—*Greek Testament.*

- St. John, 1-10. (Cambridge Greek Testament). ...
- Levi Curtis, B.A.

3.—*Theology.*

- Banks' Manuel of Christian Doctrine....
- W. T. Dunn.

4.—Church History.

Methodism to the death of Wesley, (Stevens) Canadian Methodism. The Centennial vol. of History by Rev. T. W. Smith } H. J. Indoe, M.A.

5.—Homiletics and Practical Theology.

A written Sketch or Sermon..... Blaikie's. For work of the Ministry.. The Discipline, Parts I to IV. } M. Fenwick.

THIRD YEAR'S COURSE.

1.—English Bible Study.

The Pentateuch—Questions confined to the English text..... } G. C. Frazer.

2.—Greek Testament.

St. Mark's Gospel, (Cambridge Greek Testament). } T. B. Darby, B.A.

3.—Theology.

Review—Wesley Sermons 1-52..... Banks' Manual Shaw's Digest } G. C. Frazer.

4.—Church History

History of Christian Missions by..... George Smith } H. J. Indoe. M.A.

5.—Homiletics.

A written Sketch or Sermon..... The Discipline Completed..... Sunday Schools (Trumbull's Yale Lectures). } M. Fenwick.

JABEZ HILL, Secretary.

STATISTICAL COMMITTEE.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Rows include Membership, Quarterly Official Board, Ministerial Support, Total Received, Circuit Purposes, Connexional Funds, and Conference Funds, with sub-rows for Increase and Decrease.

Mi Su Ed Co Ge U Su Su An Cl W Pa N Co O C G 8.—T 9.— 10.—T 11.—O 12.—N 13.—N 14.—M 15.— 16.— O your C to the Comm fund a necessi ferenc St. Joh Carbon Bonavis Twillin Burin By Bro

Missionary.....	\$7560 63	Increase.....	\$650 99
Supernumerary.....	325 85	"	1 03
Educational	179 27	Decrease	42 19
Contingent	156 71	"	33
General Conferece.....	77 86	Increase	8 90
Union Church Relief	36 10	Decrease	1 82
Sunday School Aid.....	113 26	Increase	6 66
Sustentation.....	558 59	"	70 70
Annual Conference.....	99 51	Decrease	15 70
Children's Fund.....	3040 00	"	90 00
Woman's Missionary.....	335 60	Increase	69 66
Parsonage Aid.....	212 19	Decrease	13 88
Newfoundland Day School	113 14	"	1 32
College.....	417 54	Increase	268 15
Orphanage	99 46	"	12 25
Colportage	37 73	"	13 71
General Epworth League ...	29 28	"	29 28
8.—Total raised by S. S.	\$3775 78	Increase	\$ 373 82
9.— " Ep. Leagues	419 61	"	164 89
10.—Total for all Purposes	57823 37	"	10043 50
11.—Officers & T'chers in S.S.	1,562	"	101
12.—Number of Children	12,885	"	402
13.—Number of Schools.....	201	"	17
14.—Members of Church	1843	"	158
15.— " of Y. P. Societies	21	"	21
16.— " of Members	1163	"	53

JAS. SMITH, *Statistician.*

ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Owing to the very small income in comparison with the expenditure your Committee has been compelled to state its inability to pay anything to those whose expenses amount to anything less than \$8.25. Your Committee would call attention to the fact that the receipts for this fund are \$15.50 below last year and would urge upon the brethren the necessity of placing special emphasis upon this matter when the Conference collections are being taken up.

INCOME.

St. John's District	\$28 80
Carbonear	15 78
Bonavista	18 45
Twillingate	13 40
Burin	23 08
By Bro. Darby.....	1 20
	<u>\$ 100 71</u>

EXPENDITURE.

St. John's District.....	\$18 00
Carbonear	42 45
Bonavista.....	77 50
Twillingate	100 65
Burin	100 50
	<u>\$ 339 90</u>

W. J. HUTCHESON, *Secretary,*

SUSTENTATION FUND.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
To balance of last year	\$ 1 32	By St. John's District.....	\$125 06
" Coll. Bonavista District	5 00	" Carbonear "	141 83
" Ordination Service	35 83	" Bonavista "	127 83
St. John's District	\$331 30	" Twillingate "	174 20
Carbonear "	45 77	" Burin "	81 51
Bonavista "	58 80	" Postage	61
Twillingate "	86 88		
Burin "	35 84	Total	\$ 650 74
Anonymous	50 00		
Total	\$650 74		

Resolved:—That Conference recommend that the Superintendent of every Circuit or Mission be required to hold a Sustentation Fund Meeting at which the claims of the Fund shall be presented and a collection taken up in behalf of said Fund, and that no one be permitted to participate in the benefit of this Fund who has not complied with this regulation.

JABEZ HILL, *Sec. Treas.*

SPIRITUAL STATE REPORT.

It is especially gratifying to note that notwithstanding many discouraging circumstances and the ebb and flow of religious life, we are able to report an advance on nearly every line of our work. On our membership we report an increase, while our Sunday Schools, Epworth Leagues and Bands of Hope are still going forward.

Much attention has been given to the children on many of our Circuits and Missions, but your Committee is of the opinion that very much more might be done in this direction and would recommend that special and definite efforts be put forth to teach and train our children and young people in the truths and Holy Scriptures and the doctrines of the Methodist Church. Our Catechism should be in every school and our Sunday School Papers in every house. Our Band of Hope should be encouraged and our Epworth Leagues developed, while our Sabbath Schools should be more than ever encouraged and utilized.

We recommend that all our ministers pay special attention to the important work of visiting their people as often as possible. The visit of the minister, a few words of spiritual conversation, a portion of God's word read, a short earnest prayer cannot fail to be owned of God to the sanctification of the home life of our people. "Cast thy bread upon the waters and it shall be found after many days."

We reaffirm our conviction that wherever possible special conventions should be held for the promotion of Scripture holiness and for the edification of Christian believers in the truth as it is in Jesus.

C. FLEMINGTON, *Secretary.*

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SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

Your Committee are glad to be able to report very gratifying success in almost all departments of our Sunday School work. Two hundred and one schools have been in operation during the year being an increase of 17. We have a grand staff of 1562 officers and teachers being an increase of 101 and a grand total of 12,885 scholars, being an increase of 402. Our Sunday School workers have not laboured in vain and 757 scholars have united with the church during the year.

The committee note with regret however that 40 schools have not been kept open the whole year and would earnestly urge that wherever possible the schools be kept up during the winter months.

We regret that there is a considerable decrease in the number of Book Room periodicals taken by our Schools. We would urge upon our people the desirability of having all our schools supplied with the helps by our own Publishing House, and suggest that an effort be made to get our church papers, the Wesleyan or Christian Guardian into the houses of all our people, and recommend that someone in connection with each Sunday School be appointed to canvass for said papers.

We also recommend that efforts be made to get our church members old and young, to attend our Sunday Schools, and that they be formed into classes for the study of the word of God. We urge also that a quarterly service in connection with each Sunday School be held in the church whenever possible and also that teacher's meetings be held weekly for the study of the Lesson.

T. B. DARBY, Sec. Treas.

METHODIST ORPHANAGE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee regret that they have been unable to secure a more suitable and larger house than the one now occupied for some years, and something must be done in the near future, as the present Orphan's Residence is far too small for the requirements of such an institution and greatly in need of extensive repairs. As the owner does not seem disposed to have these repairs made at considerable expense we cannot continue in it another winter. The present matron, Miss Dotchon, has given notice that owing to ill health she will have to leave in October.

The number of inmates at present is 20

Number as per last published Report.....	23
Admitted during the year	10
	33
Sent to homes during the year, either to be adopted or as Assistants.....	12
Died of Scarlatina in June last.....	1

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The Annual Collection in aid of maintenance was not made during April of this year owing to the depression of trade, through the failure of

the Seal fishery. It will probably be made during autumn when it is hoped there will be a liberal response from friends and supporters.

The contributions in kind, vegetables, etc., through the past year were very few, we trust during the ensuing fall a large quantity of potatoes, turnips, etc., will be sent forward, so as to reduce expenses.

The Managers have again to express their sincere thanks to the Woman's Missionary Society of Canada, for their great kindness in sending \$500.00 towards the support of the institution; indeed without this assistance the expenditure could not have been met. As soon as the annual subscriptions have been taken up, the list, the accounts and more full report of the Committee of Management will be submitted to the subscribers.

The amount held in trust by this Committee, through the request of the late Hon. Chas. R. Ayre, for the erection of an Orphanage is on loan to the Board of Governors of the College at 3 per cent. interest, and your Committee recommend that the erection of the new building be again referred to the Committee of Management.

ARTHUR W. MARTIN, *Secretary.*

CHILDREN'S FUND.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
Balance from 1896.....	\$ 135 00	St. John's District.....	\$1104 00
St. John's District.....	760 00	Carbonear.....	720 00
Carbonear.....	810 00	Bonavista.....	588 00
Bonavista.....	510 00	Burin.....	496 00
Burin.....	420 00	Twillingate.....	196 00
Twillingate.....	600 00		
			\$3104 00
	\$3235 00		

ASSESSMENTS FOR COMING YEAR.

ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

St. John's Gower.....	\$ 80 00	Brigus.....	\$60 00
“ East.....	80 00	Cupids.....	90 00
“ West.....	120 00	Whitbourne.....	30 00
College Home.....	60 00	Pouch Cove.....	60 00
Topsail.....	60 00	Sound Island.....	30 00
Bay Roberts.....	60 00	Red Bay.....	30 00

CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

Carbonear.....	\$90 00	Hant's Harbor.....	\$60 00
Harbor Grace.....	60 00	Hearts Content.....	60 00
Freshwater.....	60 00	Green's Harbor.....	60 00
Blackhead.....	60 00	Shoal Harbor.....	60 00
Western Bay.....	60 00	Northern Bight.....	30 00
Lower Island Cove.....	60 00	Britannia Cove.....	60 00
Old Perlican.....	60 00	Musgrave Town.....	60 00

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BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

Bonavista	\$60 00	Seldom	\$30 00
Bird Island Cove.....	60 00	Greenspond	60 00
Catalina	60 00	Wesleyville	60 00
Trinity	60 00	Fogo	60 00
Musgrave Harbor	60 00	Glover Town	30 00

TWILLINGATE DISTRICT.

Twillingate	\$90 00	Little Bay Islands	\$90 00
Herring Neck.....	60 00	Exploits.....	60 00
Nipper's Harbor, etc	90 00	Laurencetown	30 00
Moreton's Harbor	60 00	White Bay.....	30 00
Little Bay.....	60 00	St. Anthony.....	30 00

BURIN DISTRICT.

Burin	\$60 00	Bay St. George.....	\$30 00
Fortune	60 00	Bonne Bay	60 00
Grand Bank	60 00	Flat Island	30 00
Channel.....	60 00	Garnish.....	30 00
Petites	30 00	Spoon Cove.....	30 00

Rate of Claim per child, \$16 for independent and \$28 for dependent Circuits.

F. G. WILLEY, *Secy. Treas.*

THEOLOGICAL UNION.

During the past year the Rev. A. W. Phillips, B.D., Sec. Treas. of the Theological Union, has been removed by death. This sad event appears to have paralyzed the work of the Union in Canada, as no correspondence of any kind pertaining to this work has since been received. This leaves us entirely in the dark regarding the publication of the Book of Lectures promised last year.

Fees of Memberships which should have been forwarded as payment for that Book are retained, and this Union will decide upon their appropriation. Meantime such arrangements as will render our Union most beneficial to its members is highly desirable.

Officers for 1897.

- President.*—Rev. T. H. JAMES.
- Vice-President*—Rev. R. W. FREEMAN.
- Sec. Treas.*—Rev. I. CURTIS,
- Librarian.*—Rev. M. FENWICK.
- Lecturer for 1897.*—Rev. S. J. RUSSEL.
- Preacher for 1898.*—Rev. J. HEYFIELD.

PARSONAGE AID.

On motion it was resolved that \$100 be granted towards a New Parsonage at Whitbourne.

Resolved that \$50 be granted towards furnishing the New Parsonage

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at Britannia Cove and that the balance be paid for Building when the Parsonage is completed.

Resolved that \$40 be granted towards the New Parsonage at Tilt Cove.

This Committee regrets to have to report a debt of \$2960. The income is, almost, annually absorbed in paying the Interest on the above, we would therefore request all the Circuits and Missions to bring this Fund before our people, and if possible take up larger collections. Our Missions still require Grants to build and furnish Parsonages, and unless something be done, we see nothing but the increasing of the debt.

T. W. ATKINSON, *Secretary.*

NEWFOUNDLAND CONFERENCE PARSONAGE AID SOCIETY
IN ACCT. WITH TREASURER.

Dr.		
To balance due Treasurer last year	.....	\$66 27
June 29th.—To paid Rev. J. Smith, Furniture,		
Flat Islands	.....	25 00
" " Rev. J. C. Sidey, Rent Parsonage,		
Tilt Cove,	.....	30 00
" " T. W. Atkinson, Telegrams, '96	.....	1 50
" " For Interest on Loans	.....	108 20
Aug. 8th.—" Rent House Laurencetown Mission	.....	30 00
" " On Purchase Parsonage, Bird Is'ld.		
Cove,	.....	150 00
20th.—" For Repairs Parsonage, Whitbourne	.....	25 00
" " On erection Parsonage, Britannia		
Cove,	.....	100 00
Oct. 7th.—" Towards debt, Bay Roberts Par'ng	.....	50 00
Nov. 20th—" Part Loan off per Supt. Circuit	.....	40 00
" " On Loan to Sound Island Circuit		
for 2 years,	.....	200 00
" " For furniture, Flat Islands Circuit	.....	40 68
1897, Mar. 20th—" Towards completion Britannia Cove		
Parsonage	50 00
" " Memo. Book for the Treasurer	30
		\$916 95
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1896, June 29th.—By amount received at Conference :		
" " St. John's District	\$ 75 65
" " Carbonear	46 16
" " Bonavista	.....	70 20
" " Burin	.....	34 05
July—" Interest from Nipper's Harbor Cir-		
cuit,	.....	8 00
Aug. 3rd. " Loan at 4 per cent.	.....	300 00
Oct. 6th. " Loan at 4 per cent.	.....	300 00
June '97. " Balance due Treasurer	.....	82 88
		\$916 95

Audited and found Correct.

ARTHUR W. MARTIN, *Treasurer.*

CHURCH PROPERTY.

The Committee met in the Primary Department on Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m. Present:—Revs. W. Swann, J. Pratt and John E. Peters. After prayer Rev. W. Swann was elected Chairman, Rev. J. E. Peters, Secretary.

1.—In re memo. of the Methodist West Circuit we recommend that the Superintendent of the Topsail Mission arrange the matter with the Trustee Board in whom the property is vested.

2.—Resolved, that the request of the Bird Island Trustees to sell the land on which the school stands to the Board of Education be granted.

3.—Resolved, that the Trustee Board of the Petites Mission have permission to hire the parsonage land at Petites to Mr. Eldred Gosse for a yearly rental of one dollar.

4.—Resolved, that the Superintendent of the Channel Mission have permission to return to Mr. Joseph Ford the deed of the picce of land given to the Conference last year.

5.—Resolved, that the Trustee Board of Crawley's Cove, Bonne Bay, have permission to sell their church to the Methodist Board of Education for a Day School for the sum of \$80.

6.—Resolved, that we do not consider it expedient to sell or remove the church at Harbor Breton.

JOHN E. PETERS, Secretary.

DAY SCHOOL SOCIETY.

Dr.

St. John's District	\$ 264 00
Carbonear	154 00
Bonavista	294 00
Burin	284 00

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Balance in Bank of Montreal..... 682 17

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By balance from acct. 1896	\$ 235 58
“ St. John's District paid 1896	\$58 00
“ Carbonear “ “	9 30
“ Bonavista “ “	24 86
“ Burin “ “	20 80
“ Government grant for June quarter of 1896	149 14
“ Government grant for 4 quarters to June 30, 1897	1067 35

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“ St. John's District paid 1897	\$58 00
“ Carbonear “ “	13 00
“ Burin “ “	25 30
“ Bonavista “ “	7 94
“ Twillingate “ “	8 90

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APPROPRIATIONS.

ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

Pouch Cove, for Bauline	\$ 20 00
Topsail	50 00
Brigus for Georgetown	30 00
Whitbourne for Whitbourne Village	15 00
“ “ Port Blandford	25 00
“ “ Chapel Arm	20 00
Sound Island	50 00
Flower's Cove	50 00
Red Bay	25 00
Port-De-Grave	20 00

BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

Trinity	\$100 00
Glovertown	80 00
Wesleyville	50 00
Musgrave Harbor	50 00
Seldom Come By	100 00
Fogo for Bird Island	40 00

CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

Lower Island Cove for extern parts	\$40 00
Hearts Content	35 00
Green's Harbor	50 00
Shoal Harbor, Random	50 00
Northern Bight	60 00
Britannia Cove	40 00
Musgrave Town	40 00

TWILLINGATE DISTRICT.

Little Bay Islands	\$30 00
Little Bay	30 00
Nipper's Harbor	70 00
White Bay for LaScie	50 00
St. Anthony	30 00
South West Arm (New Bay)	30 00
Herring Neck	20 00

BURIN DISTRICT.

Spoon Cove and Burin Bay	\$20 00
Flat Islands for Hay Cove	30 00
Garnish for Grand Beach	50 00
Bay Dēspair and Jersey Harbor	50 00
Petites	50 00
Bonne Bay for Front River	50 00
Bay St. George	20 00
Bay of Islands	16 00
Port au Port	20 00

GEO. W. MEWS, *Sec. Treas.*

CONTINGENT FUND.

INCOME.

Rec'd for Minutes of '96 Confer.	\$ 10 80
“ St. John's District	73 00
“ Carbonear	21 68
“ Bonavista	20 13
“ Burin	24 40
“ Twillingate	17 00
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EXPENDITURE.

Bal. due Treas. per last Minutes	\$ 9 12
“ “ “ '96	34 00
President's Expenses	30 00
Secretary of Confer.	1 00
On acct. of Ordination Bibles	5 00
“ Conference Stationery	10 00
Toronto Book Room on account of	
parchments	1 50
Halifax “ “	40 00
On acct. Minutes 1897	40 00
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	\$170 62

The Committee begs to call the attention of the Conference to the fact that the above votes only represent the funds at the disposal of the Committee. The fund still owes the Halifax Book Room \$57.60 and will owe on Minutes of present Conference say \$35.00, so that it is absolutely

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necessary that the claims of this fund be pressed upon the liberality of our people on every Circuit and Mission. Any legitimate claims that may be recommended by Districts for personal and domestic affliction in the homes of the Ministers cannot be entertained, as the fund cannot pay its indebtedness to business firms who supply necessary District and Conference Schedules and Stationery.

COLPORTAGE.

Resolved, on motion, that an agent be employed for three months, to work in Fortune and Hermitage Bays.

Resolved, that in presenting to Conference financial statement, *re Greeting*, the Sec. Treasurer call attention to amounts due from the various Circuits and Missions.

Resolved, that \$100 from the Greeting Fund be granted to the Parsonage and Aid Society.

Conference reappointed Revs. L. Curtis, B.A., J. T. Newman and George Paine as editors of *Greeting*.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

To balance on hand.....	\$ 65 37
Amounts received.	
St. John's District.....	31 99
Twillingate	3 20
Burin	4 74
	\$105 30

L. CURTIS, *Sec. Treas.*

SUPERNUMERARY.

St. John's District....	\$146 45	against....	\$138 56	last year per capita for membership	6
Carbonear	47 65	"	47 80	"	1 28
Bonavista	41 59	}	\$74 33	"	"
Twillingate	32 74					96 12	"	2 2
Burin.....	45 02	"	42 34	"	3 12
	\$313 45		\$324 82	Decrease 1897	\$11 37

We regret very much to report a falling off of receipts to the Supernumerary Fund this year.

The decrease is very noticeable in the Twillingate District particularly so in the Twillingate Circuit. This Circuit is nearly twenty dollars deficient of the amount raised by it for the S. Fund last year.

A. G. HUDSON, *Secretary.*

**MINISTERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS TO SUPERNUMERARY
MINISTERS' and MINISTERS WIDOWS' FUND.**

Atkinson, T. W.....	\$12 00	Kendall, Wm.	\$12 00
Ambrose, W. B.	12 00	Lench, Chas.	12 00
Bartlett, W. J.....	12 00	Matthews, Solomon	12 00
Bartlett, J.	—	Matthews Frederick	12 00
Browning, W. H.	12 00	Milligan, G. S.	12 00
Burry, George	12 00	Moore, Edwin	12 00
Cowperthwaite, H. P.....	12 00	Newman, J. T.	12 00
Curtis, Levi	12 00	Nurse, Jas.	12 00
Curtis, J. K.....	12 00	Paine, George	12 00
Darby, Thos. B.	12 00	Pincock, Jas.	12 00
Dotchon, W. H.	12 00	P'ye, Jno.	12 00
Dunn, W. T. D.	12 00	Palmer, W. A.....	12 00
Fenwick, Mark.....	12 00	Peters, J. E.....	12 00
Flemington, Chas.	12 00	Reay, Jno.....	12 00
Frazer, G. C.	12 00	Russell, S. J.	12 00
Freeman, R. W.	12 00	Scott, Hy.....	12 00
Harris, Wm.....	12 00	Sidey, J. C.....	12 00
Hatcher, H. C.....	12 00	Smith, Jas.	12 00
Heyfield, Jesse,	12 00	Snowden, Samuel	12 00
Hill, Anthony	12 00	Stoney, Akroyd	12 00
Hill, Jabez	12 00	Stoney, George	12 00
Holmes, A. A.....	12 00	Swann, Wm.....	12 00
Hutcheson, W. J.....	12 00	Taylor, Edgar	12 00
Halfyard, Samuel.....	12 00	Tratt, W. R.	12 00
Hudson, Chas. K.....	12 00	Wheatley, J. J.	12 00
Indoe, H. J.....	12 00	Willey, F. G.	12 00
James, T. H.	12 00	Wilson, Jas.....	12 00
Jefferson, Selby.....	12 00	Chas. R. Durrant,	24 72

**SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS' and MINISTERS WIDOWS'
FUND OF THE METHODIST CHURCH.**

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

1895-1896.	Dr.	
To Subscriptions repaid	Rev. H. P. Robinson	\$ 176 00
“ “	Rev. A. W. Antle.....	48 00
		—————\$ 224 00
July 1—	“ Loss F. Alward and W. McKinley Mtg's	542 00
“	Securities. Real Estate Securities	62682 71
	Debentures.....	8116 75
	Promissory Notes	5454 61
	Office Furniture.....	65 00
		—————76319 07
“	Cash in Treasurer's hands	1854 24
“	“ hands Nfld. Conference.....	3 05
		—————1857 29
		—————\$78943 26

1895.	Cr.	
July 1—	By Securities, etc.,	\$77655 16
1896	“ Legacy of the late Mrs. Eliza Hart, Halifax, N. S.	\$500 00
	“ “ of the late Mr. George Middlemas, Caledonia, N. S.	50 00
	“ “ of the late Mr. J. McA. Hutchings, St. John, N. B.	200 00
		<hr/> 750 00
	“ 1/6 of Ministers Subscriptions	538 00
	“ Difference in Note	10
		<hr/> \$78943 26

Signed, E. EVANS,
CHAS. H. PAISLEY, } *General Treasurers.*

Examined and found Correct.

Signed, F. S. THOMPSON, *Accountant and Auditor.*

St. John, N. B.
Aug. 29th, '96.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.

1896.	Dr.	
July 1—	To Subscription repaid Rev. Dr. Lodge	\$ 12 00
	“ Rev. A. W. Nicholson '93-4, 90 per cent. of claim ...	297 00
	“ 85 per cent of claims paid N. S. Confer.....	\$5338 00
	“ New Brunswick and P. E. Island.....	4768 50
	“ Newfoundland	599 25
	“ Other Conferences	544 00
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	“ Mrs. Thomas's Annuity	28 00
	“ Treasurer	350 00
	“ Expenses	111 21
		<hr/> \$12047 96

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July 1—	By Conferences Ministers Subscriptions Circuits Total.	
	“ Nova Scotia,.....	\$ 1482 23 \$1567 41 \$3049 64
	“ N. B. & P. E. I.	1060 00 1341 30 2401 30
	“ Newfoundland ...	818 55 324 88 1143 43
		<hr/> \$ 3360 78 \$3233 59 \$6594 37
	“ Less 1/6 of Minister's Subscriptions.....	538 00
		<hr/> 6056 37
	“ Missionary Society.....	700 00
	“ Interest	5291 59
		<hr/> \$12047 96

Signed, E. EVANS,
CHAS. H. PAISLEY, } *General Treasurers.*

Examined and found Correct.

Signed, F. S. THOMPSON, *Accountant and Auditor.*

St. John, N. B.,
Aug. 29th, '96.

**NUMBER OF SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID BY MINISTERS
INCLUSIVE OF THOSE PAID AT OR AFTER THE CONFERENCE
OF 1896.**

Ambrose, William	5	Jones, Edgar	3
Atkinson, T. W.	25	Kendall, Wm.....	22
Bartlett, W. J.	11	Lench Chas.	14
Browning, W. H.	14	Luscombe, W. J.	4
Blythe, J. J.	2	Matthews, Sol.	27
Burry, Geo.	2	Milligan, Geo. S.	42
Cowperthwaite, H. P.	36	Moore, Edwin	6
Clegg, Herbert	4	Newman, J. T.....	14
Curtis, Levi.....	12	Nurse, Jas.....	25
Darby, T. B.	9	Opie, Jas.	3
Dotchon, W. H.....	8	Paine, Geo.....	23
Dunn, W. T. D.....	14	Patterson, Wm.....	6
Durrant, J. J.	6	Peters, Jno. E.	5
Drake, F. G.	4	Pincock, Jas.	23
Edmonton, H.....	1	Pratt, J.	24
Fenwick, Mark	14	Pye, Jno.....	10
Flemington, Chas.	5	Peck, R. K.	4
Frazer, Geo. C.	14	Reay, Jno.	29
Follet, C. W.	3	Russell, S. J.....	8
Freeman, R. W.	24	Roberts, Thos. E.....	2
Forsey, Eugene	3	Rowson, A. E.	3
Harris, Wm.	11	Scott, H.....	13
Hatcher, H. C.	23	Sidey, J. C.....	12
Halfyard, Samuel	2	Smith, Jas.....	7
Heyfield, Jesse	23	Snowden, Samuel.....	24
Hill, Jabez	24	Stoney, Ackroyd	9
Hill, Anthony.....	23	Stoney, Geo.....	5
Holmes, A. A.	10	Swann, Wm.	26
Howse, Chas.	3	Squires, C. W.	3
Hutcheson, W. J.	8	Taylor, Edgar	20
Heal, Geo. E.....	4	Tratt, Wm. R.	20
Indoe, H. J.	7	Wheatley, J. J.....	10
James, Thos. H.....	26	Willey, F. G.....	24
Jefferson, Selby	7	Wilson, Jas.	18

E. EVANS, *Treasurer.*

Hampton, N. B.
May 21st, '97.

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

The Methodist Church has been hitherto, and we trust will always continue to be, in the vanguard of the fight in the cause of Temperance and we are pleased to be able to report that the year has been one of strenuous effort, and a forward move has been made in the direction of Total Prohibition of the sale of intoxicants. We are also thankful that in the matter of obtaining Signatures to the petition in favor of this question, our people came so nobly to the front.

1.—We recommend that every Minister in charge of a Circuit or Mission be urged to preach Temperance Sermons, and that the third Sunday in December be observed as Temperance Sunday, also that due notice be given our people of the same.

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2.—This Committee deprecates the failure to obtain a plebiscite on the question of the Total Prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors, and would emphatically re-affirm the position that the traffic in strong drink cannot be legalized without sin on the part of Legislature and people.

3.—Believing that the use of Tobacco is injurious to the youth of our country, we recommend that an effort be made to secure the introduction of a bill, prohibiting the sale of tobacco in any form, such as cigars, cigarettes, etc., to youths under 17 years of age.

4.—That we regret the laxity of the authorities in many instances in dealing with offenders against the "Local Option Act" in those Districts where it is in force, and express the earnest desire of Conference, that the Magistrates of our land, faithfully and impartially, enforce all the provisions and penalties of this law.

5.—In view of the approaching elections we recommend our people to bear in mind the importance of Prohibition, and to use all proper means in securing the influence of Candidates in favor of a plebiscite on the Temperance question.

6.—We strongly recommend that lessons on the injurious effects of the use of alcohol and tobacco, be given in our Day Schools, and request our School Boards to give special attention to this matter.

7.—Recognizing the great influence of Women in Temperance Reforms, and the noble work being done by "The Woman's Christian Temperance Union," we would urge upon the women of our church the importance of banding together for the furtherance of the cause we all have so much at heart.

AUBREY J. CROCKER, *Secretary.*

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LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE.

Resolved, that this Conference regrets that its request last year to the Governor in Council, anent, the assortment of mails on Sunday in this city has been ignored, and that Post Office Officials are still deprived of their Sunday rest and attendance upon religious duties, and renews the request that the assorting of mails on Sunday be discontinued.

EDWIN MOORE, *Secretary*.

EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

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	“ Conference Collection.....	30 00	account Revs. Ambrose, Clegg &
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	“ Loans P'd. Rev. J. Kelly	100 00	2 00
	“ “ W. Ambrose	5 00	W. Briggs, 60 Certificates
	“ Subscriptions as per list ...	120 00	4 80
			Book Committee, on Draft.....
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Your Committee beg to report that they have \$385.85 in hand, but that grants to the amount of \$500 have been made to brethren who are attending College. We commend this very important fund to the increased liberality of our people.

T. B. DARBY, *Secretary*.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The Epworth League Committee beg to report an increase of 2 in the number of Senior Epworth Leagues, a decrease of 1 in Epworth League of Christian Endeavour; a decrease of 2 in Affiliated Young People's Societies and an increase of 1 in Junior Epworth Leagues; the total number of Societies being the same as last year.

As to membership, there has been an increase of 183 in Senior Epworth Leagues; a decrease of 128 in Epworth Leagues of Christian Endeavour; a decrease of 52 in Affiliated Young People's Societies; an increase of 50 in Junior Leagues and a general increase of 53.

The financial work of the Leagues shows \$304.26 raised for League purposes; \$21.58 for General Epworth League Board; \$11.09 for Supernumerary Fund and \$38.23 for all other purposes, making a grand total of \$411.91 or an increase of \$254.72.

JOHN E. PETERS, *Secretary*.

METHODIST COLLEGE—ST. JOHN'S.

Report of the Executive Board of Governors for the year ending
June 30th, 1897.

In our review of the past year it will not be necessary to refer in detail to the result of the various examinations in which the college has participated as these have been already given and widely circulated in the "Collegian." It is however very gratifying to be able to state that the successful work of our students alluded to in last year's report has been maintained and even exceeded during the past year.

In the London Matriculation out of eight who took this examination seven were successful; in the Associate Grade (C. of H. Education) we sent forward seven, all of whom passed creditably; and in the Senior Grade we had thirty passes out of thirty-four. This is a better showing than that of any other institution and proves beyond question that the Methodist College continues to lead in the Higher Education of this country. Mr. Holloway and Miss Allison and their assistants are to be congratulated on this very satisfactory result of their arduous labors. The Principal says: "All our successful London undergraduates are either continuing their studies at London Universities or doing useful work in this island.

Some changes have occurred in the staff of teachers. Mr. Hillyard has taken the place vacated by Mr. W. Cowperthwaite; Miss Badcock has succeeded Miss Barnes in charge of the Primary Department, and Misses Tuck and Dove have charge of the Kindergarten and are doing good work.

The Laboratory has been made more practical and is become of much importance to the country in general. A superior X Ray has been added by the kindness of Mr. Pitts and other friends.

The Ladies' College Aid Society has given very substantial aid in levelling and improving the play ground in front of the college; in employing a drill-master and in purchasing appliances for the Gymnasium, thus enabling the physical part of our educational system to receive more attention than at any previous time. The Society has also effected an improvement in the sanitary arrangements of the hall.

The total number of pupils on the roll is about 300.

The Collegian has somewhat widened its scope so as to help outport teachers more. It supplies all educational information as quickly as possible and by advice, examination papers, etc., tries to keep those teachers who are in remote parts of the island up to date.

The Home continues to flourish under the management of the Rev. Mark Fenwick. The average number of boarders has been as follows:—One teacher. Twelve pupil teachers. Ten minister's children. Others twenty-one. Total forty-four. There has been only one case of contagious sickness during the year. Mr. Fenwick in his report compliments the boarders upon their general decorum and attention to the discipline of the Home, and for the honors won by them in the senior examinations,

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The Treasurer reports an expenditure for the year of \$9,216.21 and a revenue of \$9,376.61 leaving a balance of \$160.00 to credit of current account. The Debt as reported last year was \$46,675.47, it now amounts to \$47,507.28 being an increase of \$831.81. This increase is chiefly in consequence of some balances of accounts not previously paid. The surplus earnings of the Home that have hitherto been applied to furnishing and improvements will in future go to the payment of interest, insurance and other expenses which up to this time have been charged to the general account and form a portion of our indebtedness. We may therefore reasonably expect that henceforth the ordinary earnings of the College and an earnest effort to obtain subscriptions will enable us to report an annual reduction of the debt.

The collection taken in the Sunday schools will be seen in the Minutes of Conference. We would respectfully urge upon our Ministers the need of a more general response to the appeal made to the Circuits and Sunday Schools on this behalf. Even where the amount subscribed is small, the effort to raise it brings the College before our people and awakens an interest in it that might not otherwise be felt.

In March last a memorial signed by the President and Secretary of the Conference, and by the members of this Executive, was forwarded to the executors of the late H. A. Massey of Toronto, in which the claims of this College and its great financial need were pointed out, with the prayer that these might be favorably considered by the executors in the apportionment of the residue of the Estate to educational institutions according to the terms of the will. The reply to this memorial as recorded in our Minutes inspires the hope that at some future time substantial aid may come to the College from this source. In bringing our case before the executors we are largely indebted to the kind offices of Dr. Potts whose visit to our shores will long be remembered by those who had the pleasure of meeting him or listening to his eloquent words. We have in him a valued friend and a powerful advocate of education. His presence here has been a stimulus to all engaged in this work and his help we feel assured will not be wanting whenever and wherever it may be in his power to advance the interests of our College work in Newfoundland.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. B. WOODS, *Secretary.*

Resolved, that the first Sabbath in January be designated College Sunday and that the claims of the Methodist College, St. John's, be presented to the notice of our people and public collections taken up in aid of the College Fund in all our churches, or if the Sabbath named should not be convenient either the following Sabbath or some other Sabbath be devoted to the subject named.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

REV. H. P. COWPERTHWAITÉ, M.A.

That the Conference would place on record its high appreciation of the faithful and efficient services of the Rev. H. P. Cowperthwaite, M.A., as President of this Conference during the past year, and would tender to him its warmest and most cordial thanks.

REV. J. T. NEWMAN.

That the sincere thanks of this Conference be presented to the Rev. J. T. Newman, Sec. of Conference, and his Assistants for the faithful discharge of their duties during the past year.

G. W. MEWS, ESQ.

That the best thanks of the Conference be presented to George W. Mews, Esq. for his services as Treasurer of the Newfoundland Day School Fund and that he be re-appointed for this year.

REV. H. P. COWPERTHWAITÉ, M.A., *ex-President*.

That the best thanks of the Conference be given to the Rev. H. P. Cowperthwaite, M.A., *ex-President* of the Conference for the very faithful and able charge which he delivered at the Ordination Service in the Gower Street Church on the evening of the 28th of June.

REV. S. F. HUESTIS.

Resolved, that this Conference having received the annual statement of our Book Room at Halifax, desires to convey to the Book Steward, Rev. S. F. Huestis, the assurance of our continued confidence in him, and appreciation of his work.

REV. G. J. BOND, B.A.

Resolved, that this Conference again place on record our high appreciation of the valuable services of the Rev. G. J. Bond, B.A., editor of the *Wesleyan* in his management of our Church Organ, and assure him of our unabated interest in our paper. We again pledge ourselves to do all we can to increase the circulation of the *Wesleyan* on all our Circuits and Missions.

REV. DR. WITHROW.

Resolved, that we place on record our high appreciation of the work of Rev. Dr. Withrow in connection with S. S. Literature, and strongly recommend that these papers be introduced into all our Sunday Schools.

EDITORS OF GREETING.

Resolved, that the best thanks of the Conference be presented to the Revs. L. Curtis, B.A., J. T. Newman and George Paine for their services in the management of the Methodist Monthly *Greeting* during the past year.

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Rev. DR. MILLIGAN.

Resolved, that we as a Conference having listened the very exhaustive and encouraging statement of Dr. Milligan would again express our entire confidence in him, and our sincere thanks for his very efficient services during the past year. We rejoice that he has been spared to see his quarter centenary among us and earnestly pray that God may long spare his life to render service to the great cause of Education in this Colony.

DAY SCHOOLS.

That we would recommend the Superintendent of Education to prepare and forward a circular to the Chairmen of Board's of Education to ascertain the number of settlements that are not adequately provided with Day Schools, and where a combination of the Denominations for Educational purposes may be deemed advisable and advantageous.

QUESTION XIII. Where and when shall the next Conference be held?

ANSWER.

In Gower Street Church, St. John's, on the 4th Wednesday in June 1898.

PASTORAL ADDRESS.—Conference 1897.

To the Members of the Methodist Church within the bounds of the Newfoundland Conference.

DEARLY BELOVED IN THE LORD :—

Assembled once again in our Annual Conference, it is alike our duty and our pleasure to address you in words of fraternal greeting and pastoral counsel. We therefore greet you in the name of the Lord Jesus "for through Him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father." Whilst absent from you, for a season, we assure you of constant remembrance at the Throne of Grace, and feel confident, that in private, as well as public, you do not forget to pray, that the God of all Grace may preside over our Conference Sessions, that all the work relating thereto, may be done with that seriousness, and dependence on Divine help that becomes the servants of the Most High. We remember that in many instances the pastoral relation, sacred and important in itself, is strengthened by the ties of personal friendship; in your hopes and anxieties, joys and sorrows, we too have participated; our lives are spent in your service; our dearest hopes are fulfilled when spiritual prosperity is granted you; "we live if ye stand fast in the Lord"; "ye are our glory and our joy." "For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake."

Our first duty is to call upon you, to join with us, in praising God for the measure of prosperity vouchsafed, and although we do not report any extraordinary increase in the number of members, yet we are not without sure evidences of the Lord's presence with us, in a more intelligent zeal, and consecration of talent and effort throughout our membership.

The success given to our united efforts in the past has tended to confirm yet more fully a conviction that we do not need to depart from the modes of working so long familiar to Methodism. The faithful preaching of Christ crucified; the universal offer of a free, full and present salvation through faith in His blood, still has its ancient and mighty power. He who was lifted up upon the cross for our sins, can still draw the hearts of men unto Himself; and it is the paramount duty, as it should be the supreme joy, of all who love the Lord Jesus, in sincerity, to cry "Behold! the Lamb."

We are glad also to report that our Sabbath Schools are answering their design as nurseries of the Church. We cannot commend too highly the patience and self-denying efforts of our noble army of Sabbath School Workers. Our Epworth Leagues are being more than ever appreciated by our young people as affording spheres of toil in which to serve Christ.

One young brother who left the old land last year to labour in this colony, after a few months of arduous, happy toil, has been called away from labour to reward. His ministry which opened with so much promise was quickly closed by Him to whom we all must give account. Two other young men, having completed an honourable probation, have been received into full connexion and ordained to the work of the Ministry.

It is with pleasure that we point to the steady progress along educational lines, in connection with our Day Schools and College. The results of the Higher Council Examinations, as well as the London University Matriculation Examination, give evidence that our young people are alive to their privileges and when opportunity is given, do credit to themselves and honour to the denomination to which they belong. Gratitude is due to God for having given us the services of Dr. Milligan, as Superintendent of Methodist Schools, to whose efforts the splendid advancement is largely due, and who for 22 years, with arduous and self-denying toil has laboured to promote the best interests of the Methodist youth of this Colony.

This year will be memorable throughout the world as being the Diamond Jubilee of our beloved Queen. Loyal Britons everywhere will live with each other in doing honour to the Queenliest of women. Not a whit behind any of them in loyal devotion to the throne are the Methodists of this most ancient colony, Newfoundland. Believing in the apostolic injunction to "Honour the King," and remembering the expressed wish of Her Majesty, that her Diamond Jubilee should be made memorable by deeds of mercy and benevolence, by efforts to bless humanity, may we not suggest that we will be carrying out the wish of the Queen, and obeying the injunction of the apostle, by initiating such

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measures as shall make us, as a Conference, free from the Missionary Fund within at least ten years. We are thankful to see that this Fund has a powerful claim upon your liberality, which is recognized to some extent, though not as fully as it should be, and while we raise in this country the sum of about seven thousand dollars for missions, we receive from the Missionary Fund about double this amount. At the same time it should be kept in mind that your Ministers are receiving salaries that are less than half the amounts received by those filling subordinate positions in many of our business houses. We feel sure that we have but to bring to your notice that the giving up of that which is to say the least, an evil habit, the use of tobacco, to secure your abstinence from the use of it, so that a large portion of the amount now spent in this way may be devoted to Christian Missions or to the better support of your own missionaries and thus relieve the Fund of the large grants that are annually made to this Conference.

In this year you will also have an opportunity of exercising your privilege of voting for representatives to the House of Assembly. Let those for whom you vote be men of moral worth; do not follow blindly a party, but select men of principle, who will, if moral issues arise, leave party rather than sacrifice principle.

The total prohibition of the sale, manufacture and importation of intoxicating liquor is still a live question; and in order that you may have the voice of the General Conference, the highest court of our church, on the matter, we quote the following from the Journal: "The candidate of no political party who refuses to commit himself publicly to the destruction of the liquor traffic at the earliest possible moment, should have the support of christian electors." (p. 101.)

The following declaration of principles was also adopted by the Conference:

- 1st. "That the liquor traffic cannot be legalized without sin."
- 2nd. "That it is the duty of the civil government to prohibit the trade in intoxicating drinks." (p. 296.)

Questions relating to Sabbath observance will need to be asked and pledges given relating thereto. Since the government has secured control of the railway from St. John's to Harbor Grace it should be easy to prohibit the running of Sunday trains. The Methodist Church has ever been in the van of all reforms looking towards the spread of that "righteousness that exalteth nations" and cannot afford on these questions to be silent.

And now, beloved suffer the word of exhortation. Study to live by faith upon the Son of God. Be sure to have evidences clear for eternity, and watch against everything that has a tendency to cloud the same. Walk in love: study to maintain the faith of the love of God, as it shines forth brightly in Christ Jesus, and this will beget love to God, and to all that belong to Him. Endeavour to adorn the doctrine of God in all things—to be a honour to the profession you have made. Press more and more after a life of communion with God through the Son and by the

Spirit; and after more of conformity to His holy law and image both in heart and life.

The most efficient support which members of the Church can give to her advancement is by their own personal religion. This is literally manifesting the tree by its fruit, and is an epistle of Christ to be read of all men. If, therefore, you truly desire the prosperity of the Church, labour, and strive, and pray, that you may imbibe the spirit of her doctrines, and that you may manifest the purity of her discipline.

We would urge you to a full surrender of yourselves to Christ, and we would none the less urge it upon ourselves "that we may be filled with the fullness of God." Mr. Wesley speaking of the grand doctrine of christian perfection says: "It is the grand depositum which God has given to the people called Methodists and chiefly to propagate this it appears God raised them up; their mission was to spread holiness over the land." This is the mission of Methodism in this land; and inasmuch as every member, every leader, every Sabbath school teacher, and every minister, seeks, and obtains the possession and enjoyment of the blessing of "perfect love" will true revival times be experienced and Zion flourish. "Christ also loved the Church and gave himself for it; that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word; that He might present it to Himself a glorious Church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

We would also urge upon you the paramount importance of Family Religion. The influences of the Family Altar are in many instances among the most precious associations of youth and childhood; and many a servant entering a godly home has received deep and lasting impressions in the sacred ordinance of domestic worship. "The promise is unto you and to your children"—dedicate them to the Lord in baptism, and lead them to Him daily at the Throne of Grace. Take care, that you are remembered when your day of opportunity has ended, as persons, who like Abraham of old, commanded their households after them that they keep the charge of the Lord.

Never neglect private prayer. Have some spot consecrated to the worship of God. Have set times for it, with which nothing must be allowed to interfere. You can do nothing well, without God's blessing, and you cannot expect His blessing without asking for it. Everything will go wrong when you begin the day without prayer; and if you come to neglect it altogether, soon your feet will be caught in the "snare of the fowler." As ministers it has been our custom in Conference, to pledge ourselves, to each other in prayer, at noon on every Friday, and to this fellowship, we cordially invite you, that the Lord of Hosts may "make His face to shine upon us," and that through us "His saving health may be known to all nations."

Prize highly the social means of grace, such as the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. "This do," said Christ, "in remembrance of me." Never be absent unless extreme necessity compel, for it is in remembrance of Him who died to save you. See that the public prayer meeting gives you an opportunity in some way of declaring your allegiance to Christ, at

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least by your regular attendance thereon. Hold to the Class Meeting: Be not among those who think it unfashionable to meet in class, for as a true means of grace: as a channel through which Christian character is developed when rightly used, the Class Meeting cannot be surpassed.

Cultivate a love for and study of the word of God. Read good books, but do not forget the best of all books. There is more true philosophy in the Bible than in every work of every sceptic that ever wrote. Read therefore God's Word as though you heard Him speak to you in the sacred page. Test your views of truth by the Bible. Strive to "be sound in the faith." Inquire what are your views of sin, of man's responsibility, of the justice of God's government in punishing rebellion, of the Deity of Christ, and of the Holy Ghost, of the atonement, of the doctrine of justification by faith, of the spiritual life in Christ Jesus, and *test these views by the Bible.*

It will also be your duty to provide reading matter for your family. This is a reading age: Our young people will read, it is therefore incumbent upon the parents to provide good wholesome literature for family use, as much their duty to do this as to provide clothes and food. This is an easy thing to do in these days, owing to the multiplication of books, magazines and papers. As a family newspaper suitable for Sunday reading as well as the spare moments of the week, our own *Christian Guardian*, published at \$1 a year stands second to none. In addition to this we have the *Wesleyan*, and the *Methodist Monthly Greeting* which is welcomed by so many Methodist families, and should certainly be in every Methodist family in the Colony, for it is published at a price of 40 cents a year that should be within the reach of all.

Then we have the *Methodist Magazine* and other publications from our own Book Rooms such as *Onward*, *Sunbeam* and *Happy Days*, all containing good wholesome literature that is calculated to instruct, and build up and to be antidote to much that is trashy and poisonous.

In turning to face the duties of another connexional year we are admonished to "work while it is day." "Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might, for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave, whither thou goest." Relief from many doubts, solace under many anxieties, strength and support under many sorrows, will be found in *working for Christ*, as many of you, we trust, can already joyfully testify. But alas! how many talents lie buried within our borders, some of them are very precious and sorely needed, but they lie buried *from year to year*. Brethren, we put the question solemnly to each one of you. "What are you doing for Christ?" and we pray that conscience and the voice of the Holy Spirit may cause it to echo in the heart of many an idler, until it receives its answer in entire consecration to the Master's service.

The echoes of many voices that are now silent in the tomb still ring in our hearts as in yours. Let them admonish you to remember those who have spoken unto you the word of God. Be followers of their faith, consider the end of their conversation.

We close by asking a continued, and if it may be an increased interest in your prayers.

Hold up our hands, beloved, in continued prayer, so that we may receive from on high, that blessing which alone can render our labours effectual, and which we will rejoice to dispense among you, and "for this cause we bow our knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man: that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith: that ye being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints, what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God."

H. C. HATCHER, President.
J. T. NEWMAN, Secretary.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF THE MINISTERS AND PREACHERS ON TRIAL OF THE NEWFOUNDLAND CONFERENCE,

1897.

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 1875—Kendall, Wm.
 1883—Lench, Chas.
 1893—Luscombe, Wm. J.
 1870—Matthew, Solomon
 1897—Matthews, Fred. R.
 1854—Milligan, G. S., L.L.D. ...
 1891—Moore, Edwin
 1883—Newman, John T.
 1872—Nurse, James
 1894—Opie, James
 1874—Paine, George.
 1895—Palmer, Wm. A.
 1890—Patterson, Wm.
 1888—Peters, J. E., B.A.
 1874—Pincock, James
 1873—Pratt, John
 1887—Pye John
 1893—Peck, R. K.
 1866—Reay, John
 1889—Russell, S. J.
 1892—Roberts, Thomas E.
 1893—Rowson, Arthur E.
 1884—Scott, Henry
 1885—Sidey, John C.
 1887—Smith, James, B.A.
 1873—Snowden, Samuel
 1887—Stoney, Ackroyd.
 1891—Stoney, George
 1871—Swann, William
 1893—Squires, Charles W.
 1875—Taylor, Edgar
 1877—Tratt, William R.
 1886—Wheatley, J. J.
 1878—Wilson, James.
 1872—Willey, F. G.

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 St. John' W. 1
 Northern Bight 1
 Spoon Cove. 1
 Twillingate 2
 Exploits 2
 Leave of absence
 Hant's Harbor 2
 Bay Roberts, etc. 3
 Sackville 2
 Green's Harbor 2
 Carbonear 1
 St. John's W 15
 Sound Islands. 2
 St. John's W 2
 Grand Bank 1
 Sackville 1
 St. John's East 3
 Cupids, etc. 3
 Leave of Absence
 Channel 2
 Bonavista. 2
 Fortune 3
 Little Bay 3
 Sackville 2
 Trinity. 1
 Lower Island Cove 2
 Bonne Bay 1
 Leave of Absence
 Bird Island Cove 2
 Whitbourne 1
 Flat Islands 3
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