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ELEVENTH SESSION

OF THE

NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE

OF THE

METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA.

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OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

GEORGE O. HUESTIS, President.

JABEZ A. ROGERS, Secretary.

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GRAFTON STREET METHODIST CHURCH, HALIFAX, N.S.
Commencing June 18th, 1884.

The President called the Conference to order at 9 a. m. Devotional exercises were conducted by the President, Father Bent and Geo. O. Huestis leading in prayer.

The Secretary called the Conference roll and 56 brethren responded to their names.

The retiring President addressed the Conference, and called upon the Secretary to distribute the ballots for the election of President.

On the second ballot Geo. O. Huestis was elected President.

The retiring President welcomed Bro. Huestis to the chair, who, after addressing the Conference, called for the election of Secretary.

The ballot being taken Jabez A. Rogers was declared elected Secretary.

The ballot for Journal Secretary being taken Cranswick Jost, A. M., was declared elected.

D. W. Johnson, A. B., E. E. England, and B. C. Borden, A. B., were appointed Assistant Secretaries.

J. M. Fisher was appointed Assistant Journal Secretary.

A resolution of thanks to Ex-President Heartz for the courteous and satisfactory manner in which he had discharged his presidential duties was adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

Hours of session were fixed from 9 to 12½ in the morning, and from 2½ to 5½ in the afternoon.

Rev. John D. Pickles, Ph. D., of the New England Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church was introduced to and addressed the Conference.

Resolution of thanks to the Secretary, Journal Secretary and Assistant Secretaries was adopted.

The Standing Committees of the last year were requested to act until the close of the Conference.

The Superintendents of the Halifax Circuits were added to the Committee on Public Worship.

The question was asked "Who are recommended to be received into full connexion and ordained?"

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The question was asked "What Preachers remain on trial?"

[See Page 22.]

"Who are now recommended to be received on trial?" was asked.

[See Page 23.]

The hour of noon having arrived the Conference Prayer Meeting was begun with the singing of the 324th hymn and continued until one o'clock when Conference adjourned.

FIRST DAY. AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference opened with singing and prayer by J. Cassidy.

The question of ministerial character was considered with satisfactory answer in every case.

Sabbath School Schedule and report for the year were received.

[See Page 39.]

Programme of Sabbath School Meeting for the evening was confirmed.

Conference adjourned.

SECOND DAY. JUNE 19th.

Conference opened by singing, reading the Scriptures and prayer by T. D. Hart.

Secretary of Conference was ordered to convey a fraternal message to the N. B. and P. E. I. Conference.

In reply to the question "Who have died since last Conference?" the names of Matthew Richey, D. D., John S. Addy, and Lamert Stevens were reported.

[See Page 44.]

Dr. McMurray was authorized to act for Dr. Pickard in relation to Supernumerary matters.

The names of the Supernumerary ministers were read and the recommendations of the Districts confirmed.

A resolution in relation to R. Wasson, Supernumerary, was adopted.

The Report of the General Committee of the Supernumerary Fund was received.

A vote being taken upon a question submitted to the Conference by the General Committee of the Supernumerary Fund, 55 members of the Fund voted, and 55 voted that the change of constitution of the Fund referred to be regarded as not retrospective.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference opened with singing and prayer by J. Tweedy.

The Report of the Parsonage Aid and Church Extension Fund was adopted.

The programme for the Ordination Service was read and adopted.

A resolution in relation to the Superintendent of St. George's Circuit was adopted.

The Report of the Special Committee on the Children's Fund was on motion adopted.

Halifax District recommended that T. Watson Smith return to the full work of the ministry. Adopted.

THIRD DAY. JUNE 20th.

Conference opened with singing, reading the Scriptures and prayer by J. Cassidy.

Progress was reported in the settlement of affairs of the Blackburn estate.

Minutes of Conference Special Committee read and received.

Fraternal message was received from the N. B. and P. E. I. Conference.

A letter was read from Father Hennigar and a reply was ordered.

The Ex-President was requested to furnish his charge to candidates for Ordination for publication.

Schedules of Churches, etc., and Connexional Funds were read and adopted.

[See Pages 31 to 43.]

A resolution of thanks to G. O. Huestis, President, was adopted.

Also to the Secretary, Journal Secretary, and Assistant Secretaries.

A resolution of thanks to Joseph Lawrence, Esq., of Keswick, near Leeds, England, for his kind, unselfish and indefatigable labors in securing, for the Conference, candidates for the ministry, was adopted by a unanimous vote.

The Minutes of Conference were read, adopted and signed by the President and Secretary.

Journal was read and approved.

Conference adjourned.