

MINUTES

OF THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWELFTH SESSION

OF THE

Newfoundland Conference

OF

The Methodist Church,

HELD IN THE

WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH,

Harbor Grace, June 25th, 1895.



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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.

### SESSIONS 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 organised in Gower Street Church, St. John's, July 1st, 1884.*

YEAR.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.
1884	St. John's.	G. S. Milligan, LL.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.	Thos. 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, LL.D.	A. D. Morton, M.A.
1895	Harbor Grace.	William Swann.	John T. Newman.

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## NEWFOUNDLAND CONFERENCE

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### THE METHODIST CHURCH,

HELD IN HARBOR GRACE.

The TWELFTH SESSION of the NEWFOUNDLAND CONFERENCE was opened in Wesley Methodist Church, Harbor Grace, on Wednesday, June 26th, 1895, at 9.30 a. m., the President, Rev. G. S. Milligan, LL. D., in the chair.

After singing of the 2nd hymn, the Secretary, Rev. A. D. Morton, M. A., read the Scriptures, Acts 15th chapter, and Hon. J. J. Rogerson and Rev. Geo. C. Frazer engaged in prayer.

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

The Secretary called the roll, and thirty-nine ministers and thirteen 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. J. J. Rogerson  
Hon. James Angel  
J. E. P. Peters  
H. C. Burchell  
C. R. Steer  
G. W. Mews

Alex. Scott  
Sidney Woods  
Dr. Burns  
Joshua Bartlett  
James James  
A. W. Martin

#### II.—CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

John C. Moores  
Ebenezer March  
Allan G. Hudson  
Andrew Black  
James Guy  
Bernard Parsons

John Trapnell  
Robert S. Parsons  
John Hilliard  
E. H. Parsons  
S. S. Stentaford  
Nathaniel Pike

## III.—BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

James Brown  
A. J. Crocker  
F. J. Lucas  
Andrew Roberts  
George House  
Levi Perry  
Joseph Baine Osmond  
James Strong

George Christian  
Luke Manuel  
Joseph Butler  
Peter Samways  
Mark Garrett  
Elijah Kendell  
James Bishop  
James Groves

Titus Linfield

## IV.—BURIN DISTRICT.

Allan Macdonald, M. D.  
George M. Goddard

Alexander Hudson  
John E. Lake

Daniel Bishop

## ELECTIONS.

The Rev. William Swann was elected President.

The Rev. John T. Newman was elected Secretary.

The Revs. Jabez Hill, Wm. H. Browning and Mark Fenwick were appointed Assistant Secretaries.

## REPORTERS.

The Rev. Geo. Paine and Mr. A. W. Martin to the *Guardian and Wesleyan*; Revs. James Smith, B. A., and J. J. Wheatley to the *Monthly Greeting*; Revs. Chas. Lench, S. J. Russell, and Mr. John Hilliard to the local papers.

## 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, p. m.

## MINISTERIAL SESSION.

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

The Ministerial Session of the Twelfth Newfoundland Conference was held in the Church at Harbor Grace, commencing on Tuesday, June 25th, 1895, at 9.30 o'clock, a. m., the President, Rev. Dr. Milligan, in the chair.

After singing hymn 753, the Secretary read Psalm XI., and Revs. James and Swann led in prayer.

The Roll being called forty ministers answered to their names.

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

ANSWER:

Wm. Seeley into the Toronto Conference.

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

ANSWER: NONE.

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

ANSWER: See Sub-section VI.

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

ANSWER:

Herbert Hooper, Wm. Rex, and A. C. Skinner.

*QUESTION VI.—Who are suspended from the Ministry?*

ANSWER: James Dove, D.D.

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

ANSWER:

Charles Flemington, William Patterson, Alfred C. Skinner, Edwin Moore, J. J. Durrant.

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

ANSWER I:

*Who are Probationers of Four Years and are continued at College?*—  
John E. Peters.

ANSWER II:

*Who are Probationers of Three Years and are sent to College?*  
(a) J. J. Blythe, T. E. Roberts, C. W. Follett, George E. Heal, F. G. Drake, Bramwell Peck.

(b) Wm. B. Ambrose, Geo. Stoney, Herbert Clegg, who have been one year, and are continued at College.

ANSWER III:

*Who are Probationers of Two Years?*  
Charles W. Squires, Wm. J. Luscombe, Edgar Jones, Charles Howse, Eugene Forsey, A. E. Rowson.

ANSWER IV:

*Who are Probationers of One Year?*  
(a) James Opie.  
(b) W. W. Edmondson who has leave of absence and will be allowed the second year on the completion of his studies.

ANSWER V:

*What Candidates for the Ministry are now received on trial?*  
Wm. A. Palmer, George Burry, John K. Curtis, Samuel Halfyard, Alexander Hoskings.



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

ANSWER :

Geo. Philiskirk Story. George P. Story was born at Filey, Yorkshire, England, June 26, 1853. He was of Methodist parentage, and was nurtured in the doctrines and traditions of Methodism. At an early period of his life he was led to an intelligent and hearty acceptance of Christ Jesus as his Saviour, to whose service he consecrated all the energies of his being. Having passed with success and honour, through the Westminster Training College, and having occupied several positions of usefulness in connection with the Educational work of the Church at Home, he came in 1876 to Newfoundland, and took charge of the Grammar School in Carbonear. After a brief term of service he offered himself as a candidate for the Ministry of the Methodist Church and was accepted. The years of his ministry were spent in the city of St. John's and on several of the outlying stations in Newfoundland, in all of which he laboured with zeal and fidelity, greatly endearing himself to the people of his care, and proving himself both an able and successful minister of the New Testament. His ministry was both awakening and edifying. He led sinners to Christ and "fed the flock of God." In the year 1888 he was chosen for the important position of Guardian of the "Home," in connection with the College. Evincing a peculiar aptitude for this position, he so discharged his duties as to win the growing commendations and confidence of his brethren and the church at large. He also found a congenial sphere for the exercise of his varied gifts in the editorial management of the "Monthly Greeting," a paper published under the auspices of the Newfoundland Conference. In the year 1893, he received the highest honour which his brethren could confer, being chosen to the Presidency of the Conference. Pressed by the arduous duties of office and the unremitting toils of an extensive mission field, which after the great fire of 1892, he was called temporarily to occupy, his health and strength gave way, and after a brief illness accompanied by severe pain and suffering, he fell asleep in Jesus on the morning of July 7th, 1894. His last words were "All is well." His remains were followed to the grave by his brethren in the Ministry and a large concourse of citizens of St. John's, thus testifying to their respect and sorrow.

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ENTERED MINISTRY.	NAME
1873	JOHN DIXON
1871	JOHN G. CUMMINGS
1873	GEORGE H. ...
1828	W. E. SHENK
1884	THEO. B. G. ...
1856	THOMAS F. ...
1860	JOHN GOODING
1840	JOHN S. PEASE
1876	GEORGE P. STORY

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ENTERED MINISTRY.	NAME.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	DIED.		AGE.	NO. YEARS IN MINISTRY.
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1873	JOHN DIXON .....	.....	Jackson Cove..	Aug. 4, 1876	26	4
1871	JOHN G. CURRIE.....	.....	Carbonear ....	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-By..	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





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Parsonage Aid Fund .....	Arthur W. Martin

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

ANSWER :

WILLIAM SWANN, President,  
 JOHN T. NEWMAN, Secretary.

- 1. ST. J
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- 3. ST. J
- 4. POUCE
- 5. TOPSA
- 6. BRIGU
- 7. CUPID
- 8. BAY
- 9. WHIT
- 10. ST. A
- 11. FLOW
- 12. RED
- 13. HAMI
- 14. CHAP
- 15. SOUN
- 16. LABR
- SACKVILLE
- MONTREAL
- VICTORIA,
- 17. CAR
- 18. HAR
- 19. FRES
- 20. BLA
- 21. WES
- 22. LOW
- 23. OLD
- 24. HAN
- 25. HEA

## I.—ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

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5. TOPSAIL,—Anthony Hill.
6. BRIGUS,—James Wilson.
7. CUPIDS,—Solomon Matthews, William A. Palmer.
8. BAY ROBERTS and SPANIARD'S BAY,—Charles Lench.
9. WHITBOURNE, Railway Mission,—John Reay.
10. ST. ANTHONY,—Edgar Jones.
11. FLOWER'S COVE,—Supply.
12. RED BAY,—Akroyd Stoney.
13. HAMILTON INLET,—Supply.
14. CHAPEL ARM,—Supply.
15. SOUND ISLAND,—George Burry.
16. LABRADOR COAST, Summer Months,—C. W. Follett.

*Students at College.*

SACKVILLE,—J. E. Peters, W. B. Ambrose, Herbert Clegg, George Stoney,  
J. C. B. Peck.

MONTREAL, Wesley College,—J. J. Blythe, George E. Heal, C. W. Follett,  
T. E. Roberts.

VICTORIA,—F. G. Drake.

H. P. COWPERTHWAIT, M.A. Chairman,  
MARK FENWICK, Fin. Secretary.

## II.—CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

17. CARBONEAR,—James Nurse, W. J. Luscombe.
18. HARBOR GRACE,—William Swann, (President of Conference.)
19. FRESHWATER,—Jesse Heyfield.
20. BLACKHEAD,—Samuel Snowden.
21. WESTERN BAY,—William Kendall.
22. LOWER ISLAND COVE,—W. R. Tratt.
23. OLD PERLICAN,—R. W. Freeman.
24. HANTS HARBOR,—W. T. D. Dunn.
25. HEART'S CONTENT,—James Pincock.



26. GREEN'S HARBOR,—W. J. Bartlett.
27. SHOAL HARBOR,—W. J. Hutcheson.
28. NORTHERN BIGHT,—William Patterson.
29. BRITANNIA COVE,—Charles Flemington.
30. MUSGRAVE TOWN,—W. H. Dotchon.

W. SWANN, Chairman.

W. KENDALL, Fin. Sec.

### III.—BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

31. BONAVISTA,—T. W. Atkinson.
32. BIRD ISLAND COVE,—J. J. Durrant.
33. CATALINA,—A. A. Holmes.
34. TRINITY,—Edgar Taylor.
35. GLOVER TOWN,—Eugene Forsey, under superintendence of F. G. Willey.
36. GREENSPOND,—F. G. Willey.
37. WESLEYVILLE,—Jabez Hill.
38. MUSGRAVE HARBOR,—T. B. Darby, B.A.
39. INDIAN ISLANDS AND SELDOM-COME-BY,—H. J. Indoe, B. A.
40. FOGO,—W. H. Browning,
41. HERRING NECK,—William Harris.
42. TWILLINGATE,—Levi Curtis, B.A., Alexander Hoskings.
43. MORTON'S HARBOR,—Samuel J. Russel.
44. EXPLOITS,—Henry Scott.
45. LAURENCETON AND MARSHALLVILLE,—Selby Jefferson. Supply.
46. LITTLE BAY ISLANDS,—J. J. Wheatley, Charles Squires.
47. LITTLE BAY,—John Pye.
48. NIPPER'S HARBOR AND TILT COVE,—John C. Sidey, Edwin Moore.
49. WHITE BAY,—James Opie, under superintendence of Chairman of District.

JABEZ HILL, Chairman.

T. W. ATKINSON, Fin. Sec.

### IV.—BURIN DISTRICT.

50. BURIN,—Thomas H. James.
51. SPOON COVE,—R. M. Bickle, under superintendence of Chairman of District.
52. FLAT ISLANDS,—James Smith, B.A.
53. ST. PIERRE,—One wanted.
54. FORTUNE,—John Pratt, who is requested to visit Fortune Bay.

55. GRAND BA
56. GARNISH  
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57. BURGEO,—
58. PETITES,—  
Newm
59. CHANNEL,
60. BAY ST. G
61. BAY OF IS  
James
62. BONNE BA  
K. Ke
63. FRENCH S

55. GRAND BANK,—George C. Frazer.
56. GARNISH AND JERSEY HARBOR, —R. K. Peck; Supply, both of whom shall be under the superintendence of the Chairman of the District.
57. BURGEO,—Supply, under the superintendence of George C. Frazer.
58. PETITES,—Charles Howse, under the superintendence of John T. Newman.
59. CHANNEL,—John T. Newman, Secretary of Conference.
60. BAY ST. GEORGE,—James K. Kelly.
61. BAY OF ISLANDS,—Samuel Halfyard, under the superintendence of James K. Kelly.
62. BONNE BAY, — John K. Curtis, under the superintendence of James K. Kelly.
63. FRENCH SHORE,—Supply.

THOS. H. JAMES, Chairman.  
JOHN T. NEWMAN, Fin. Sec

*QUESTION XII.—What is the number of our Church Members? What is the number of Baptisms administered and of marriages solemnized by each Minister?*

I. ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS AND MISSIONS.	RECEIVED.			REMOVED.						PRESENT MEMBERS.			RESULT.		No. Published last year.		BAPTISMS.		Cateshumens not counted in Total.		Baptisms.		Copies of Guardian or Wesleyan taken.		
	By Change of Boundary.	On Trial.	By Letter.	Total.	By Change of Boundary.	By Letter.	Dropped.	Expelled.	Died.	Total.	Full Membership.	On Trial.	Total.	Increase.	Decrease.	Infant.	Adult.	Total.	Marriages.	Baptisms.	G	W	G	W	
																									By Change of Boundary.
St. John's, Gower,		20	3	23		30	4	13	52	378	15	393	422	15	29	91	85	91	21	60	60	10	10		
St. John's, West,		100	3	103		35	38	15	88	417	24	441	426	33	15	85	36	85	36	66	66	10	10		
St. John's, East,		69	3	72		20	17	2	39	190	4	194	161	33	33	32	30	32	30	22	22	10	10		
Pouch Cove,		7		7		2	15	1	18	112	4	116	127	11	11	18	3	18	3	8	8	1	1		
Topsail,		10		10		8	5	3	5	23	8	31	26	5	5	1	1	1	6	4	4	1	1		
Brigus,		94		94		8	2	2	38	136	48	184	128	56	34	28	28	6	6	13	13	1	1		
Cupids,		66	4	70		4	5	5	9	254	45	299	238	61	10	45	45	10	10	37	37	2	2		
Bay Roberts,		10		17		7			14	23	8	31	28	3	20	6	6	6	1	3	3	1	1		
Whitbourne,		53		53		3		1	4	134	19	153	104	49		35	35	35	3	6	6	1	1		
Flower's Cove,																									
St. Anthony,																									
Red Bay,																									
Hamilton Inlet,																									
Chapel Arm,																									
Sound Island,																									
Total for District,		501	20	521		126	11	41	309	2047	238	2285	2073	272	60	397	397	132	254	397	14	19			

II. CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS AND MISSIONS.	By Change of Boundary.	On Trial.	By Letter.	Total.	By Change of Boundary.	By Letter.	Dropped.	Expelled.	Died.	Total.	Full Membership.	On Trial.	Total.	Increase.	Decrease.	Infant.	Adult.	Total.	Marriages.	Baptisms.	G	W		
																							By Change of Boundary.	By Letter.
Carbonear,		36		36		4	16	12	32	526	33	559	555	4		77	77	77	16	33				





III. BONAVIDA DISTRICT.

Bonavista .....	20	20	1	23	6	7	229	31	260	247	13	19	24	80	80	19	52	1
Bird Island Cove .....	4	4		8		23	82	82	82	101		2		32	32	6	2	2
Catalina .....	6	1	1	11	3	9	120	6	126	128		2		47	47	2	19	2
Trinity .....	8	2	4	48	7	16	122	36	122	136		14		9	9	6	5	1
Musgrave Town .....	1	1	4	28	4	38	116	7	152	203		51		42	42	12	12	1
Glover Town .....	34	2	1	9	5	15	220	34	227	264	21	37		40	40	10	10	1
Greenspond .....	9	3	3	4	2	15	174	211	208	187		3		34	34	10	15	3
Wesleyville .....	85	1	3	31	3	36	211	85	211	214	50			45	45	15	21	3
Musgrave Harbour .....	124	10	17	4	3	24	158	110	243	193	110			33	33	13	11	2
Seldom-come-by .....	15	1	4	3	3	8	150	15	260	150	8			44	44	9	13	1
Fogo .....	41	41	21	3	3	8	87	15	102	94	17			15	15	3	2	1
Herring Neck .....	225	2	11	38	3	24	244	41	285	268	17			26	26	7	8	1
Twillingate .....	113	5	1	1	3	52	450	25	475	300	175		75	85	86	27	34	4
Morton's Harbor .....	36	36	1	1	1	4	254	24	254	140	114			33	35	3	7	2
Exploits .....	13	13	4	15	2	21	220	24	235	200	35			35	36	9	2	1
Laurenceton and Marshallville .....	79	7	7	9	3	19	303	29	332	265	67	8	16	71	71	12	2	1
Little Bay Islands, Little Bay .....	15	4	6	5	3	17	127	7	134	132	2			19	19	8	4	1
Nipper's Har. and Tilt Cove .....	203	203	2	13	1	16	245	176	421	218	203			47	47	11	6	1
White Bay .....	82	82	49	241	52	404	91	45	136	70	66		20	45	47	4	2	1
Total for District,	1113	38	60	49	2	404	3814	671	4485	3738	881	134	158	870	870	195	244	13
								Net	Increase,	747				6	6			26

IV. BURIN DISTRICT



RECAPITULATION.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS.	PRESENT MEMBERS.			No. Published last year.	RESULT.		Catechumens not counted in Total.	BAPTISMS.			Marriages.	Burials.	Copies of <i>Guardian</i> taken.	Copies of <i>Westeyn</i> taken.
	Full Membership.	On Trial.	Total.		Increase.	Decrease.		Infants.	Adults.	Total.				
St. John's .....	2047	238	2285	2073	272	60	126	397		397	132	254	14	19
Carbonear .....	3124	310	3434	3488	148	202	12	531		531	116	318	8	20
Bonavista .....	3814	671	4485	3738	881	134	158	864	6	870	195	244	13	26
Burin .....	1226	196	1422	1352	126	56	39	196		196	57	88	6	28
Total for Conference ..	10211	1415	11626	10651	1427	452	335	1988	6	1994	500	904	41	93
			Net Increase	975										

QUESTION XIII.—What is the number of Ministers and Probationers for the Ministry,

*QUESTION XIII.—What is the number of Ministers and Probationers for the Ministry, and Laymen in the Quarterly Official Boards?*

SYNOPSIS.

DISTRICTS	MINISTERS.			PROBATIONERS FOR THE MINISTRY.			LAY MEMBERS.										Net Total.
	In Active Work.	In College.	Superannuated.	Total.	In Active Work.	Total.	Local Preachers.	Exhorters.	Class Leaders.	Stewards.	Society.	Trustee Board Representatives.	Sunday School Superintendents.	Epworth League Presidents.	Epworth League of C. E. Presidents.	Affiliated Young People's Society Representatives.	
St. John's .....	10	2	1	13	4	17	14	67	115	42	22	12	32	5		1	202
Carbonear .....	12			12	2	14	14	82	225	38	23	15	53	4			325
Bonavista .....	17			17	6	23	16	133	245	73	11	20	70	2			390
Burin .....	5			5	6	11	7	48	110	28	23	13	28	3	1		195
Total for Conference .....	44	2	1	47	18	65	51	330	695	181	79	60	183	14	1	1	1112





Cape	66 00	1 00	75	05	75	29 95	217 66	30 25	700 00	387 67	\$ 3880 83
Sound Island	2225 28	119 17	72 75	76 50	15 25	6 35					
Total for District											

II.—CARBONEAR.

Carbonear	203 27	8 00	3 00	4 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	4 00	2 00	90 00	318 27
Harbor Grace	197 69	8 00	4 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	4 00	1 50	60 00	282 19
Freshwater	64 70	2 60	1 25	1 20	1 00	50	1 25	2 00	1 00	60 00	135 50
Blackhead	234 00	7 00	6 20	2 70	2 00	1 00	1 00	5 20	1 80	60 00	322 90
Western Bay	113 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	60 00	181 00
Lower Island Cove	53 26	2 66	1 25	1 50	1 00	50	1 00	1 00	1 00	60 00	122 67
Old Perlican	111 40	2 70	2 00	1 50	2 00	60	1 00	6 00	1 10	60 00	188 30
Hants Harbor	104 45	2 10	2 20	1 30	1 00	50	1 50	2 00	2 00	60 00	177 05
Hearts' Content	42 06	2 50	2 00	1 50	1 20	89	2 00	3 00	2 30	60 00	117 45
Green's Harbor	64 36	1 00	1 00	1 00	50	50	50	1 00	50	60 00	129 86
Shoal Harbor	85 40	2 00	50	70	50	45	1 05	1 00	63	60 00	152 23
Northren Bight	56 00	1 00	1 05				1 00			60 00	119 05
Britannia Cove	44 39	20	25	15			20	28		30 00	75 47
Total for District	1373 98	41 76	25 70	19 55	14 20	6 44	15 00	30 48	14 83	780 00	\$2321 94





IV. BURIN DISTRICT.

Burin .....	158 45	4 42	3 50	3 74	4 39	1 00	1 50	4 48	3 01	30 00	214 49
Spoon Cove .....	89 10	2 00	1 50	1 40	1 13	1 00	2 00	1 65	1 18	30 00	130 96
Flat Islands .....	61 00	1 43	1 12	1 00	1 68	1 68	1 37	2 28	1 00	30 00	100 54
Fortune .....	83 41	2 50	1 00	1 00	50	1 50	2 00	2 00	1 00	60 00	153 41
Grand Bank .....	379 10	6 00	7 00	4 00	4 00	1 50	1 50	7 00	4 00	60 00	474 10
Garnish .....	20 68	50	50	40	1 00	50	40	1 00	40	30 00	53 48
Burgeo .....	25 73	1 50	1 50	1 00	1 00	81	1 70	1 22	40	30 00	33 23
Petites .....	74 51	4 26	3 00	1 20	1 38	1 50	3 21	4 00	4 00	60 00	117 48
Channel .....	101 85	4 00	2 50	3 00	1 00	1 50	1 33	1 66	1 77	30 00	185 06
Bay St. George .....	78 51	4 00	1 50	2 31	1 30	1 50	1 33	1 66	1 45	30 00	123 88
Bay of Islands .....	12 00	50	1 75	80	65	45	90	1 00	45	30 00	47 50
Bonne Bay .....	70 00	4 00	1 80	1 00	70	60	1 30	2 60	1 00	30 00	113 00
District Collection .....			16 08								16 08
Total for District.....	1154 34	35 11	41 73	20 85	16 73	9 54	17 21	29 49	18 21	420 00	1763 21

RECAPITULATION.

St. John's.....	2225 28	119 17	72 75	76 50	15 25	6 35	29 95	217 66	30 25	700 00	3880 83
*Carbonear .....	1373 98	41 76	25 70	19 55	14 20	6 44	15 00	30 48	14 83	780 00	2321 94
Bonavista .....	1449 15	80 20	54 64	43 83	19 57	14 14	33 87	65 75	31 31	1140 00	2955 46
Burin .....	1154 34	35 11	41 73	20 85	16 73	9 54	17 21	29 49	18 21	420 00	1763 21
Gift of a Friend at Confer.									100 00		100 00
Total for Conference	6202 75	276 24	194 82	160 73	65 75	36 47	96 03	343 38	194 60	3040 00	11021 44
Depreciation in Notes 339.40, Total amount 5,863.35, Missionary Fund.											
Con. Missionary 13.09, Con. Educational 10.31, =											23 40
Total \$11044 84											

\* Depreciation in Notes 339.40, Total amount 5,863.35, Missionary Fund. Con. Missionary 13.09, Con. Educational 10.31, = 23 40 Total \$11044 84

*QUESTION XV.—What amounts have been raised for the several Conference Funds?*

I. ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Parsonage Aid.	Day School.	College.	Orphanage	Colportage	Total.
St. John's, Gower .....	\$ 20 00	\$ 20 00	\$	\$	\$	\$ 40 00
St. John's, West.....	10 00	15 00			18 03	43 03
St. John's, East .....	25 00	30 00				55 00
Pouch Cove.....	1 20	1 00				2 20
Topsail.....						
Brigus .....	4 21			4 65		8 86
Cupids .....	5 00	2 00	2 00	1 00		10 00
Bay Roberts .....	1 15	1 00				2 15
Whitbourne .....	1 00					1 00
St. Anthony .....						
Flower's Cove.....						
Red Bay .....						
Hamilton Inlet .....						
Chapel Arm.....						
Sound Island .....	1 00	80		1 00		2 80
<b>Total for District .....</b>	<b>68 56</b>	<b>69 80</b>	<b>2 00</b>	<b>6 65</b>	<b>18 03</b>	<b>165 04</b>

II. CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

Carbonear .....	5 00	1 00	3 00	4 00		13 00
Harbor Grace .....	8 00	2 00		7 30		17 30
Freshwater .....	2 50	1 00				3 50
Blackhead .....	10 00	1 50	3 70	2 70		17 90
Western Bay .....	3 60	1 00	1 00	1 00		6 60
Island Cove .....	6 00	1 00	50	1 00		8 50
Old Perlican .....	7 00	1 00	1 00	1 50		10 50
Hants Harbor.....	3 00	1 20		2 00		6 20
Hearts' Content .....	4 00	2 00	2 50	5 20		13 70
Green's Harbor .....	1 00	60		70		2 30
Shoal Harbor .....	1 00	50				1 50
Northern Bight .....		1 36				1 36
Britannia Cove .....						
<b>Total for District .....</b>	<b>51 10</b>	<b>14 16</b>	<b>11 70</b>	<b>25 40</b>		<b>102 36</b>

Bonavista .....
Bird Island Cove .....
Catalina .....
Trinity .....
Musgrave Town .....
Glover Town .....
Greenspond .....
Wesleyville .....
Musgrave Harbor .....
Indian Islands, e .....
Fogo .....
Herring Neck, et .....
Twillingate .....
Moreton's Harbo .....
Exploits .....
Lawrenceton, et .....
Little Bay Island .....
Little Bay .....
Nipper's Harbor .....
White Bay .....
District Public M .....

Total for

Burin .....
Spoon Cove.....
Flat Islands.....
Fortune .....
Grand Bank.....
Garnish .....
Burgeo .....
Petites .....
Channel .....
Bay St. George .....
Bay of Islands .....
Bonne Bay .....
District Pub .....

Total f

III. BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Parsonage Aid.	Day School.	College.	Orphanage	Colportage	Total.
Bonavista .....	\$ 10 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$	\$ 14 00
Bird Island Cove .....	2 00	1 00				3 00
Catalina .....	3 00	2 00	2 00			7 00
Trinity .....	50		50	50		1 50
Musgrave Town .....	1 00			49		1 49
Glover Town .....						
Greenspond .....	5 00	1 00	2 00	2 00		10 00
Wesleyville .....	4 00	1 00	3 00	2 00		10 00
Musgrave Harbor .....	1 00	1 00	1 00			3 00
Indian Islands, etc.....	1 08	1 03	1 52	1 80		5 43
Fogo .....	8 00	3 76	2 20	3 00		16 96
Herring Neck, etc.....	2 00			69		2 69
Twillingate .....	12 00	5 00	12 00	14 00		43 00
Moreton's Harbor .....	1 00	1 00	1 00	50		3 50
Exploits .....	2 50	50	50	1 00		4 50
Lawrenceton, etc.....	1 00	1 00	50	50		3 00
Little Bay Island & Pilley's Is.	2 00		1 00	1 00		4 00
Little Bay .....	55	1 00		1 65		3 20
Nipper's Harbor, etc.....	2 50	1 00		2 00		5 50
White Bay .....					5 00	5 00
District Public Meeting.....						
Total for District .....	59 13	22 29	28 22	32 13	5 00	146 77

IV. BURIN DISTRICT.

Burin .....	4 46	3 35	3 00	3 39		14 20
Spoon Cove.....	1 20	1 40	1 17	1 20		4 97
Flat Islands.....		1 00				1 00
Fortune .....	1 20	1 00	1 00	4 25		7 45
Grand Bank.....	4 50	4 50	4 00			13 00
Garnish .....	50	80				1 30
Burgeo .....		1 00				1 00
Petites .....	1 00	2 00		1 00	1 03	5 03
Channel .....	2 74	3 60	2 00	1 00		9 34
Bay St. George .....	1 68	1 81	1 57	3 07	1 72	9 85
Bay of Islands.....	1 00	60		70	60	2 90
Bonne Bay .....	2 00	2 50		1 00		5 50
District Public Meeting.....					3 27	3 27
Total for District .....	20 28	23 56	12 74	15 61	3 35	78 81

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Portage	Total.
	\$ 40 00
3 03	43 03
	55 00
	2 20
	8 86
	10 00
	2 15
	1 00
	2 80
8 03	165 04

13 00
17 30
3 50
17 90
6 60
8 50
10 50
6 20
13 70
2 30
1 50
1 36
102 36

## RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	Parsonage Aid.	Day School.	College.	Orphanage	Colportage	Total,
St. John's .....	\$ 68 56	\$ 69 80	\$ 2 00	\$ 6 65	\$ 18 03	\$ 165 04
Carbonear .....	51 10	14 16	11 70	25 40		102 36
Bonavista .....	59 13	22 29	28 22	32 13	5 00	146 77
Burin .....	20 28	23 56	12 74	15 61	6 52	78 81
Total .....	199 07	129 81	54 66	79 79	29 55	492 98

portage	Total,
18 03	\$ 165 04
	102 36
5 00	146 77
6 52	78 81
29 55	492 98

*QUESTION XVI.—What amounts have been raised for Circuit purposes?*

DISTRICTS.	Circuit Incidentals	House Rent.	Removal Expenses.	Travelling Expenses.	Sunday Schools.	Epworth League or other Y. P. S.	Ladies' Aids.	Trustee Boards.	All other purposes.	Total.
St. John's .....	\$ 22 30	655 00	8 00	19 45	1362 98	82 21	165 92	3287 98	1238 31	6842 15
Carbonear .....	2 10				244 04	8 20	20 00	1814 35	232 82	2322 51
Bonavista .....	8 20				242 82	3 00	197 87	1374 02	522 57	2348 48
Burin .....	10 90		3 88	2 50	108 99	8 84	200 72	1379 70	300 69	2016 22
<b>Total for Conference.....</b>	<b>\$ 43 50</b>	<b>655 00</b>	<b>11 88</b>	<b>21 95</b>	<b>1958 83</b>	<b>102 25</b>	<b>584 51</b>	<b>7856 05</b>	<b>2294 39</b>	<b>13529 36</b>





Flowers Cove	10	4	2	1	4665 00	1061 00	2147 00	105 00	7873 00	1955 00	*15729 89
St. Anthony	1				115 00				146 00	123 00	346 00
Red Bay		1			12 00		100 00	8 00	112 00		13 00
Hamilton Inlet					152 00		130 00		282 00		407 00
Chapel Arm											
Sound Island											
<b>Total for District</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>							

- Returns for St. John's District incomplete.

II. CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

Carbonear	1	1			\$ 610 00	38 00			648 00	140 00	1717 74
Harbor Grace	1				316 00				316 00	84 00	
Freshwater	1				550 00		220 00		550 00	200 00	1258 41
Blackhead	1				251 00			30 00	471 00	329 00	591 60
Western Bay	1				727 00	19 00			746 00	23 00	1406 00
Island Cove	1				335 00	174 00	65 00		574 00	400 00	648 03
Old Perlican	1				235 00	145 00	215 00	22 00	595 00	350 00	520 17
Hants Harbor	1				350 00		215 00		565 00	235 00	638 00
Hearts' Content	1				271 00	145 00	240 00		656 00	289 00	562 06
Green's Harbor	1				143 00	232 00	380 00		755 00	277 00	382 15
Shoal Harbor	1				50 00		375 00		425 00	375 00	222 16
Northern Bight	1				136 00		345 00		481 00	319 00	396 23
Briannia Cove	1				108 00		375 00	21 00	483 00	317 00	273 41
<b>Total for District</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>			<b>4192 00</b>	<b>753 00</b>	<b>2532 00</b>	<b>81 00</b>	<b>7477 00</b>	<b>3526 00</b>	<b>8801 43</b>





Nipper's Harbor, etc	1		283 00	29 00	500 00		812 00	152 00	111 25
White Bay.....	1		66 00		182 00	8 00	248 00	5739 00	10070 80
Total for District	17		4171 00	725 00	4665 00	372 00	9561 00		

IV. BURIN DISTRICT.

Burin .....	1		\$ 633 00	29 00			662 00	138 00	997 78
Spoon Cove .....	1		240 00		52 00		292 00	108 00	493 43
Flat Islands .....	1		121 00		152 00	15 00	273 00	127 00	438 83
Fortune .....	1		295 00	87 00	180 00		562 00	238 00	552 85
Grand Bank .....	1		750 00	38 00			788 00		2086 23
Garnish .....	1		30 00		192 00		222 00	178 00	115 28
Burgeo .....			40 00		220 00		260 00		149 23
Petites .....	1		113 00		162 00		275 00	125 00	247 01
Channel .....	1		136 00		135 00		271 00	179 00	605 96
Bay St. George.....	1		108 00		375 00	35 00	483 00	317 00	376 18
Bay of Islands .....	1		20 00		172 00		192 00	208 00	110 80
Bonne Bay.....	1		110 00		127 00	20 00	237 00	163 00	298 50
Total for District	5	6	2596 00	154 00	1767 00	70 00	4517 00	1781 00	6472 08

## RECAPITULATION.

St. John's .....	10	4	2	1	\$ 4665 00	1061 00	2147 00	105 00	7873 00	1955 00	* 19380 15
Carbonear .....	12	2			4192 00	753 00	2532 00	81 00	7477 00	3526 00	8801 43
Bonavista .....	17	6			4171 00	725 00	4665 00	372 00	9561 00	5739 00	10070 80
Burin .....	5	6			2596 00	154 00	1767 00	70 00	4517 00	1781 00	6472 08
Total for Confer. ....	44	18	2	1	15624 00	2693 00	11111 00	628 00	29428 00	13001 00	44724 46

\* Returns for St. John's District incomplete.

*XVIII.—What are the Number of Epworth Leagues on our Circuits and Missions ?*

SYNOPSIS.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	SENIOR EPWORTH LEAGUES				EPWORTH LEAGUES OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.				JR. EP. LG. & OTHER JR. SOCI'S				GENERAL SUMMARY.				CONTRIBUTIONS.			
	Number.	Active Members.	Associate Members.	Total.	Number.	Active Members.	Associate Members.	Total.	Number.	Total.	Number.	Total.	Number.	Active Members.	Associate Members.	Grand Total.	For Local League or Society Purposes.	For General Epworth League Board.	For all other Purposes.	Grand Total.
St. John's.....	5	253	111	354					1	80	6	133	61	434	\$72 00	\$3 35	\$	\$ 75 35		
Carbonear .....	4	84	59	143											7 00		1 20	8 20		
Bonavista .....	2	14	5	19	3	102	212	314			3	102	212	314	8 84		3 00	3 00	8 84	
Burin.....																				
Total for this year .....	11	351	175	516	3	102	212	314	1	80	9	235	273	748	87 84	3 35	4 20	95 39		

*QUESTION XIX.—What is the Number of Sabbath Schools?*  
SYNOPSIS.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	OFFICERS AND TEACHERS.				SCHOLARS.											
	Number of Preaching Appoint-ments.	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 who have united with the Church during year.	Members of Church.	Learning Catechism.	Number who have taken Total Abstinence Pledge.
St. John's .....	51	33	286	62	348	293	1089	1183	629	135	3036	442	185	358	1197	913
Carboncar .....	71	52	377	78	455	359	1219	1586	991		3786	2826	137	611	1706	1142
Bonavista .....	140	67	368	63	431	359	1408	1611	910		3932	3049	310	526	1459	674
Burin .....	62	26	176	26	202	176	525	650	297		1472	1187	58	220	772	602
Total.....	324	178	1207	229	1436	1187	4241	5030	2827	135	12226	7504	690	1715	5134	3331

QUESTION XIX. (Continued.)

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	LITERATURE.										MONEY CONTRIBUTED BY SCHOOLS.				Are Regular Teachers' Meetings held for Study of Lessons.	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 Room.	For Missions.	For S. S. Aid and Extension Fund.	For School Purposes.					
St. John's .....	2329	226	275	228	166	1065	126	29	450	\$ 931 74	\$26 20	\$760 55	4	1	24		
Carbonear .....	1793	167	232	229	252	1151	163	19	17	211 73	14 30	244 04	3		49		
Bonavista .....	1132	198	415	401	314	1185	129	7	2	257 07	30 97	253 74	2		55		
Burin .....	514	142	187	122	124	740	85	18	19	188 10	10 63	106 90		1	24		
Total .....	5768	733	1109	980	856	4141	503	73	488	1588 64	82 10	1365 32	9	2	152		

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QUESTION XX.—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.) Four copies of the questions shall be prepared by each examiner (one copy for each district) and sent to Rev. Jabez Hill, by the 1st of March, 1896.

(5.) All subjects omitted by candidates and probationers, are required by Conference, to be taken up before ordination.

(6.) All papers when examined shall be returned at once 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.

(7.) 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.

COURSE OF STUDY.

I.—ORDINARY COURSE.—PRELIMINARY.

a.—Theological.

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

b.—Literary.

- 1.—Arithmetic — Simple Rules, Fractions, Percentage and easy Commercial Problems.
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.

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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 Chæronea; 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. ....
  - 8.—Theology as above. ....
- F. G. Willey.
- T. B. Darby.

FIRST YEAR (ON A CIRCUIT.)

1.—English Bible Study.

- The Bible Readers' Manual, p.p. 1-118 (C. H. 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.)
- Levi Curtis, B.A.

3.—Theology.

- Biblical Doctrine—(Binneys' Compend, Steele's Edition.) .....
  - Wesley's Sermons, 21-52 — (Burwash.) .....
  - Wesley's Christian Perfection .....
  - Steele's Antinomianism .....
- J. T. Newman.

Homiletics ..... W. H. Browning.

SECOND YEAR'S COURSE.

1.—English Bible Study.

- The Bible Reader's Manuel, p.p. 119-186. ....
  - The Gospels of Matthew and Luke ....
- John Pye.

2.—Greek Testament.

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

3.—Theology.

Banks' Manual of Christian Doctrine... Jabez Hill.

4.—Church History.

Methodism to the death of Wesley. (Stevens.) ... Canadian Methodism. The Centennial Volume or History by Rev. T. Watson Smith ... H. J. Indoe, B.A.

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) ... Levi Curtis, B.A.

3.—Theology.

Review—Wesley's Sermons 1-52 ... Banks' Manual ... Binney's Compend ... Jabez Hill.

4.—Church History.

History of Christian Missions by George Smith ... H. J. Indoe, B.A.

5.—Homiletics.

A written sketch or sermon ... The Discipline completed ... Sunday Schools (Trumbull's Yale Lectures) ... W. H. Browning.

JABEZ HILL, Secretary.

QUESTION XXI.—What are the Reports of the several Committees?

I. REPORT OF STATISTICAL COMMITTEE.

Table with 5 main rows and sub-rows for 'Connexional Funds as follows'. Columns include item name, amount, and change (Increase/Decrease). Includes items like Membership, Quarterly Board, Ministerial Support, Circuit Purposes, and various fund categories.

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Annual Conference .....	194 60	Increase, .....	53 25
Children's Fund .....	3040 00	Increase, .....	30 00
Woman's Missionary .....	750 07	Increase, .....	380 56
Parsonage Aid .....	199 07	Decrease, .....	103 81
Newfoundland Day School	129 81	Decrease, .....	89 03
College .....	54 66	Decrease, .....	47 50
Orphanage .....	79 79	Decrease, .....	16 67
Colportage .....	29 55	Decrease, .....	29 87

SAMUEL JOSEPH RUSSELL, *Conference Statiscian.*

II. REPORT OF TRAVELLING EXPENSES COMMITTEE.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
BY CIRCUIT COLLECTIONS.			
St. John's.....	\$ 30 25	Claims in excess of \$5 90 ...	\$194 60
Carbonear.....	14 83		
Bonavista .....	31 31		
Burin .....	18 21		
By gift from a friend .....	100 00		
	<u>\$194 60</u>		<u>\$194 60</u>

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III. SUSTENTATION FUND.

(1) The object of this fund shall be to augment the salaries of ministers and probationers on dependent circuits.

(2) The basis of salary shall be: married men, \$600; single, ordained, \$350; unordained, \$330.

(3) The income of this fund shall be derived from subscriptions, donations and collections taken up annually on all circuits and missions. It shall be binding upon each minister and probationer in charge of a circuit or mission to make an annual collection for this fund at such time as may be deemed most favorable.

(4) The management of this fund shall be placed in the hands of a committee, consisting of one minister and one layman for each district, the ministerial members to be elected at the annual district meeting, and the lay members appointed by the Conference. The President of the Conference shall be *ex-officio* member of the committee. In his absence the committee shall elect a Chairman *pro. tem.*; the Sec.-Treas. shall be elected by Conference.

(5) The committee shall present a report of its proceedings to each annual Conference, with all its accounts duly audited.

(6) No deficiencies on assessments shall be made up out of the fund.

SPECIAL SUSTENTATION FUND.

The Sec'y-Treas. stated that the sum of \$352 48 had been placed at the disposal of the Committee, which was disbursed as follows:—

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DISBURSEMENTS.

ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

Pouch Cove,.....	\$ 5 40
Topsail,.....	20 52
Brigus,.....	26 04
Cupids and Clarke's Beach, .....	26 76
Bay Roberts, .....	12 00
Whitbourne,.....	2 40
St. Anthony,.....	1 20
Sound Island, .....	1 20
	————— \$95 52

CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

Freshwater,.....	\$ 3 00
Western Bay, .....	16 20
Lower Island Cove,.....	3 00
Old Perlican, .....	13 80
Hants Harbor,.....	8 40
Hearts' Content, .....	1 08
Green's Harbor, .....	9 60
Shoal Harbor, .....	2 88
Northern Bight, .....	2 16
Britannia Cove, .....	8 28
	————— \$68 40

BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

Bonavista,.....	\$12 36
Bird Island Cove, .....	8 76
Catalina, .....	8 40
Trinity,.....	6 00
Musgrave Town,.....	6 72
Glover Town, .....	7 68
Greenspond,.....	2 88
Wesleyville, ..	13 80
Musgrave Harbor, .....	7 68
Indian Islands and Seldom-come-by.....	6 00
Fogo .....	3 36
Herring Neck .....	4 80
Twillingate .....	24 60
Moreton's Harbor .....	6 36
Exploits .....	16 80
Laurenceton and Marshallville .....	4 92
Little Bay Island and Pilley's Island .....	11 88
Little Bay.....	2 40
Nipper's Harbor and Tilt Cove.....	5 64
White Bay .....	48
	————— \$161 52

BURIN DISTRICT.

Spoon Cove .....	\$ 1 20
Flat Islands .....	
Fortune .....	1 80
Garnish and Fortune Bay .....	60
Petites .....	2 40
Channel.....	1 68
Bay of Islands .....	7 20
Bonne Bay .....	7 20
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## RECAPITULATION.

St. John's .....	\$ 95 52
Carbonear .....	68 40
Bonavista .....	161 52
Burin .....	22 08
Balance on hand .....	4 96
	\$352 48

JABEZ HILL, *Sec.-Treas.*

Audited and found correct, July 3rd, 1895.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

## SUSTENTATION FUND.

## INCOME.

St. John's District.....	\$217 66
Carbonear " .....	30 48
Bonavista " .....	65 15
Burin " .....	29 49
Special Subscription George Street Sabbath School .....	100 00
Balance from 1894 .....	4 89
	\$447 67

## EXPENDITURE.

St. John's District.....	\$ 80 63
Carbonear " .....	89 21
Bonavista " .....	199 26
Burin " .....	59 80
Balance in hand.....	18 77
	\$447 67

JABEZ HILL, *Sec-Treasurer.*

## IV. STATE OF THE WORK.

With gratitude to God we report on many Circuits and Missions very extensive revivals of religion, resulting in an increase of 975 members.

We have noticed with deep regret that large additions to our membership have been followed by serious reaction, which we believe is largely due to insufficient knowledge of the cardinal doctrines of Christianity, and the duties and privileges of membership in the church of God.

We would therefore recommend the more systematic study of the word of God in bible classes, and homes of our people, and learning the catechism of our church. In this connection we would urge upon every pastor the advisability of uniformity in receiving persons into the church according to the provisions of the Discipline; believing that those persons joining the church would be more deeply impressed by the solemn obligations which they voluntarily take upon themselves.

Pledging ourselves to renewed diligence in the work of God, we realize that, in the especial exigencies of our work, our need is the most

excellent gift of teaching; and above and beyond this as most necessary to give effect thereto, the baptism of the Holy Ghost, which blessing should be sought and may be obtained definitely and now.

JOHN PYE, *Secretary*.

#### V. SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT 1895.

Although the past year has been very trying in some departments of church work, it is a matter of thankfulness that our Sabbath school work throughout the Colony is in an healthy state of progress.

The joy of the reaper has been realized in the conversion of 390 scholars, while we report 1885 members of the church, an increase of 1221 for the year.

We have our 182 Sabbath schools, an increase of ten for the year with 1436 teachers, an increase of 104. The number of scholars is 12,226 an increase of 642.

*Resolved 1*,—That the requirements of the Discipline respecting the appointment of superintendents and assistants in our Sunday schools be rigidly enforced according to Page 145, Sec. 289.

*Resolved 2*,—That owing to the fact that on many of our Circuits and Missions none of our Sunday School Literature and lesson helps are used, the Conference urges upon all our ministers the desirability of the introduction of our own literature into our Sabbath schools.

*Resolved 3*,—That a service be held Quarterly in connection with all our Sabbath schools, and that this public service be held in the church wherever possible.

*Resolved 4*,—That meetings for the study of Sabbath school lessons be formed as far as possible, and also the introduction of Adult Bible Classes whenever practicable in connection with our schools.

CHARLES LENCH, *Secretary*.

#### VI. REPORT OF ORPHANAGE COMMITTEE.

Your committee beg to recommend as follows, viz:—

1. That the Conference (in view of the unsuitable character of the present Orphanage building) expresses the judgment that the time has come to erect a building in accordance with the terms of the bequest of the late Hon. C. R. Ayre.

2. That in the event of the adoption of the above minute, the Committee of Management be entrusted with the work of such erection.

A. D. MORTON, *Secretary pro tem*.

#### VII. METHODIST COLLEGE, ST. JOHN'S.

*Report of the Executive, Board of Governors for the year ending June 30th, 1895.*

Your Executive beg to report that at the beginning of the Collegiate year, the work of the College in all its departments was resumed in

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the new and spacious buildings erected for that purpose, and that it has proceeded without interruption to the close of the year.

The financial crisis of December last has materially affected the attendance of pupils and to a very great extent retarded the payment of fees. The number of pupils at present on roll is 362 of whom 204 are boys and 158 girls, being a decrease of about 60. This however, may be regarded as only a temporary sequence of the present condition of affairs. Three have taken the recent examination of the London University Matric. the result of which is not yet known; 139 are candidates for examination under the Council of Higher Education, 29 Seniors and 110 Juniors. In reference to this examination, Mr. Holloway says: "None whose position in the School would warrant their going in, have been kept from doing so, because we feared that they would *fail*. It is practically an examination of the whole School except the lowest class, girls and boys. We have been careful to avoid the evils incidental to all examinations by keeping no candidate back from examination on account of inferior ability."

Mr. Holloway also speaks very highly of his staff of Teachers without whose cordial and pains-taking co-operation such satisfactory results could not be attained.

The Kindergarten department under Miss Woodill is much appreciated, and will no doubt have the effect of extending the benefits of this system to other parts of the Island.

The Laboratory is now in first class condition being well equipped by the grant of last year in Electrical, Chemical, Physical and Mechanical Apparatus which is made use of by over 100 pupils.

The Home, under the vigilant supervision of Rev. M. Fenwick and Mrs. Fenwick is in a most satisfactory condition financially and otherwise. The number of boarders for the first term was 50; second term 40; and third term 47.

The financial statement of the College presented by the Treasurer is not one for congratulation but rather a question which calls for the serious consideration of this Board, and imperatively demands that immediate action be taken in some way to liquidate the annual deficit.

The total cost of the buildings with all the appurtenances, as now ascertained, is \$77,302.37, of which there remains a debt of \$47,000. The estimated total expenditure per annum, including interest on the loan is \$9,470 and the total receipts from all sources \$5,914 leaving an annual deficit of \$3,551. To remain inactive in this matter would mean the closing of the College doors, and in referring it to the incoming Executive it becomes the duty of every member of this Board to advocate and carry out to the best of his ability whatever plan may be devised and adopted to meet the present emergency.

That in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Governors; the College Executive be requested to draft a Circular Letter asking friends in Newfoundland and elsewhere for subscriptions of one dollar and upwards.

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

VIII. CHILDREN'S FUND.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
Balance from 1894	\$ 70 00	St. John's	\$1372 00
St. John's	790 00	Carbonear	869 00
Carbonear	780 00	Bonavista	732 00
Bonavista	1140 00	Burin	154 00
Burin	420 00	Balance on hand	73 00
	<u>\$3200 00</u>		<u>\$3200 00</u>

ASSESSMENTS FOR 1896.

ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

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

CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

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

BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

\$90—Twillingate, Little Bay Island and Pilley's Island, Nipper's Harbor. \$60—Bonavista, Catalina, Trinity, Greenspond, Wesleyville, Musgrave Harbor, Fogo, Herring Neck, Moreton's Harbor, Exploits, Little Bay. \$30—Bird Island Cove, Glover Town, Indian Island and Seldom-Come-By, Laurenceton, White Bay.

BURIN DISTRICT.

\$60—Fortune, Grand Bank, Channel. \$30—Burin, Spoon Cove, Flat Island, Garnish and Jersey Harbor, Petites, St. George's Bay, Bay of Islands, Bonne Bay.

*Resolved*,—That the rate of claim per child shall be \$16.00 for independent, and \$26.00 for dependent circuits.

F. G. WILLEY, *Sec.-Treas.*

IX. REPORT OF THEOLOGICAL UNION, 1895.

This is an age of progress. Every department of intellectual life feels the throb of new and vigorous energy. And however distasteful it may appear, it is well for Theology to receive some impetus from the rushing current. Were it not so it would be practically effete and relegated to a dead past. Of this, however, there is no apparent danger, as much of the scholarship of the day is at work within its precincts. The frameworks of ancient creeds begin to crack as they are pressed into the form of new ideas and modern discoveries. The progressive church, the church for the time, must therefore have open eyes to receive light from every quarter, and be able to satisfy the enquiring mind regarding the question, What is Truth? To aid in

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answering that question is the aim of this Union. For the dissemination of Truth it exists; and by the aid of the Theological Review, Theological Library, and Conference discussions, the members are being prepared for a higher place within the sacred temple.

*President*, REV. T. H. JAMES.

*Vice-President*, REV. JOHN PRATT.

*Sec.-Treasurer*, REV. L. CURTIS, B.A.

*Lecturer for 1896*, REV. H. P. COWPERTHWAIT, M.A.

*Preacher for 1896*, REV. JAMES NURSE.

*Librarian*, REV. MARK FENWICK.

#### X. ST. PIERRE MISSION.

Your Committee have to report that the whole amount of the Fund collected was \$1535.43. Of this amount \$100 was paid to Rev. J. Parkins who was the missionary at St. Pierre for two years. Also \$140 was paid Trustees of George Street Church, of which Rev. Dr. Milligan has a receipt.

The sum of \$1234.61 is also invested in property belonging to Cochrane Street Church, and available from the Trustees upon three months notice. The Rev. Dr. Milligan holds a receipt for this amount. \$60.82 are now in the hands of Dr. Milligan.

The Committee would recommend that the Brethren, Morton, Cowperthwaite and Pratt, associated with the Rev. Dr. Milligan, be a Committee to confer with the Recording Stewards of the three St. John's Circuits in reference to obtaining possession of the money.

They would also recommend that the money be invested at interest, to be used for the purpose originally designed whenever the Providence of God opens the way to renew our missionary efforts at St. Pierre. And that the three Superintendents of the St. John's Circuits associated with the President of the Conference and the Rev. Dr. Milligan to be the Committee of Investment.

H. P. COWPERTHWAIT, *Secretary*.

#### XI. PARSONAGE AID SOCIETY.

##### CONSTITUTION.

##### NAME.

"The Parsonage Aid Society of The Newfoundland Conference of the Methodist Church."

##### OBJECT.

To raise means to discharge the present liabilities and to assist in procuring other new parsonages, as the funds of the Society will admit from time to time. That, in the judgement of this Conference, it is



highly desirable that every circuit and mission should be provided with a comfortable dwelling-house for the minister and his family, and that every such dwelling-house should, if possible, be free from debt.

#### INCOME.

That the income of this fund shall, for the present, be donations and subscriptions, either annual or special. That an annual collection be taken up between the 1st of October and the 30th November each year. That, when an application is made for assistance, the circuit or mission shall be prepared to state, through the District meeting, what amount, in labor and subscriptions, is available from the circuit or mission. That in every case where application is made for assistance, each one shall be considered upon its own merits and dealt with accordingly; but in no case shall a grant be made exceeding \$200, and no application can be entertained which has not received the endorsement of the District meeting. In order to secure uniformity in the erection of new parsonages, no grant will be made to any circuit or mission until the plan of the building has been submitted to and approved of by this Society or its officers. That all the moneys belonging to the fund, not required for the current year, shall be placed in the Bank, or elsewhere, on good security, at interest.

#### BUILDING COMMITTEE.

When a circuit or mission contemplates building a Parsonage, a building committee shall be formed for the circuit or mission, whose duty it shall be: (1st), to secure an eligible site, which shall be deeded to the Conference either by grant, deed of gift, or bill of sale; (2nd), said committee to contribute material and subscriptions amongst themselves, together with as much free labor as practicable; (3rd), the minister of the circuit or mission shall be chairman of the committee, together with a secretary and treasurer chosen by the committee.

#### CHANGE OF APPOINTMENT.

When a parsonage is in course of erection on a circuit or mission, and not completed, it shall be the duty of the chairman, before leaving said circuit or mission, to call the committee together, at which time the treasurer shall report the subscriptions unpaid, if any, and the present liabilities, which report shall be entered on the Secretary's book for the information of all concerned.

#### APPLICATIONS.

When a circuit or mission wishes to make application to the General Board of Missions for help, the application shall be made through this Society. The building committee must be prepared to state that, upon the grant being received, the house shall be free from debt, the final payment not to be made until the officers of the Society are certified that this condition has been complied with. This committee begs to recommend the interests of this fund to the very earnest and prayerful

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consideration of every adherent of our beloved Methodism within the bounds of this Conference. There is no fund which commends itself more heartily to every member of the Methodist Ministry than this. Good, solid and comfortable parsonages are a desideratum in the proper carrying on the work of God in this Island, and it is hoped that our people will always help to make their ministers comfortable by giving them good houses to live in. The debt has been somewhat reduced, but not in that proportion it was expected. The Secretary to this fund will be glad to receive contributions towards liquidating the debt. Please help us in this matter. We hope that when the annual collection will be taken up, and your ministers make a special appeal for this fund, you will very liberally respond.

PARSONAGE AID SOCIETY.

It is desirable that the Income of this Society should be greatly increased as the claims are numerous and pressing. The Ministers on the various Circuits and Missions are requested not only to keep the present Parsonages in good repair, but if possible to secure more useful furniture, so that all our Parsonages may be supplied with stoves, chairs, tables, bedsteads, and other heavy and necessary articles. We also see the importance of taking up large collections on all our Circuits and missions so that each ordained Minister may have a well-furnished Parsonage to live in.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

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By Balance on hand .....	\$ 3 32	
Due Mrs. Vatcher .....	360 00	
“ W. T. Gould’s Estate .....	1600 00	
“ Mr. Bernard Parsons.....	400 00	
Amounts paid Rev. T. B. Darby .	23 00	
“ “ Robinson and Penney, Interest .....	72 00	
“ “ Rev. F. G. Willey, Bay Roberts.....	50 00	
“ “ Mrs. Vatcher, Interest .....	16 20	
“ “ Mr. Bernard Parsons.....	122 50	
“ “ Rev. A. Stoney, Red Bay.....	30 00	
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Collected in St. John’s District.....	\$ 115 47	
“ “ Carbonear “ .....	81 50	
“ “ Bonavista “ .....	77 95	
“ “ Burin “ .....	27 96	
Balance due Mr. J. Steer .....	14 14	
		\$ 317 02
Total Debt.....		2360 00
		\$2677 02

T. W. ATKINSON, *Secretary.*

A. W. MARTIN, *Treasurer.*

XII. CHURCH PROPERTY.

The Committee having met and considered the various items, report :

That the church at St. Anthony having been destroyed by a storm, this case be recommended to the Missionary Board for consideration and help.

That the recommendation of the Carbonear District concerning Conference property at Northern Bight be adopted.

That the Trustees of Moreton's Harbor church be permitted to sell the old church for the sum of \$300.

XIII. REPORT OF THE NEWFOUNDLAND DAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

They find the Income to be as follows :—

St. John's District .....	\$69 80	
Carbonear " .....	14 16	
Bonavista " .....	22 29	
Burin " .....	23 56	
		\$129 81
Legislative Grant less \$200 amount allowed to the "Home" .....	596 54	
		\$726 35

The Chairman and Secretary had been appointed to seek information as to the state of this fund, but were unable to acquire any satisfactory knowledge as to the true state of the account.

*It was therefore Resolved,*—That the committee express their regret, that the state of the account cannot now be accurately determined, and believing that it will be found overdrawn, and repayment demanded, the Committee recommends that no appropriation be made for the present, except by direction of the President and Ex-President.

They desire to recommend that George W. Mews be Secretary-Treasurer of this committee and that all monies received be deposited in the Bank of Montreal.

GEORGE W. MEWS, *Sec.-Treas.*

XIV. THE CONTINGENT FUND.

INCOME.

Balance unexpended last year .....	\$ 83	
Receipts from St. John's District .....	76 50	
"    "    Carbonear " .....	19 55	
"    "    Bonavista " .....	43 83	
"    "    Burin " .....	20 85	
		\$161 56

EXPENDITURE.

President's expenses .....	\$30 00
Secretary's " .....	1 50
Balance G. S. Milligan's '94 acct. ....	37 44
Halifax Book Room in acct. ....	45 00
Conference ('95) stationery.....	8 00
Conference Record Book .....	4 00
Ordination Bibles (4) .....	8 00
Towards 1895 Minutes of Conference .....	40 00
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In passing these votes the committee believes that there may be a few dollars to come in for "Minutes" sold during the year.

J. E. P. PETERS, *Sec.-Treas.*

XV. COLPORTAGE FUND REPORT.

Your committee begs leave to report that in accordance with the resolutions of last Conference, no Colportage work has been carried on during the year, and that owing to the exigencies of the times it has been found impracticable to call together the committee to indicate any line of action.

Your committee for this and other reasons, recommends :

(1) That the work of Colportage be further suspended during the coming year with the exception of such efforts as may be deemed necessary by a sub-committee composed of the members of this committee resident in St. John's.

(2) That this sub-committee be authorized to appropriate out of the moneys on hand such amount or amounts as may be deemed advisable to carry on special work in Hermitage Bay under care of Rev. T. H. James.

Your committee further reports that the assets of the fund consists of cash balance in hand of Treasurer \$11.42 together with receipts reported for current year in all.

Also books in stock valued at \$240, less 50 per cent. discount, \$120.

The Rev. H. C. Hatcher, B.D., was appointed Editor of *Greeting*, Arthur W. Martin, Sub-Editor.

A. D. MORTON, *Secretary.*

XVI. SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

Receipts from Circuits presented as follows:—

		MINISTERS SUBSCRIPTION.	
St. John's.....	\$119 17	St. John's .....	\$156 00
Carbonear .....	41 76	Carbonear .....	180 72
Bonavista .....	80 20	Bonavista .....	289 44
Burin .....	35 11	Burin .....	157 44
Total .....	\$276 24	.....	\$783 60
Total to date.....		\$903.84	

1. On motion it was resolved, that Rev. Wm. Swann, President, be recommended as Conference Treasurer of this Fund.

2. The committee are sorry to report a decrease in the amount of contributions from the circuits, which is no doubt to be accounted for by the state of the country during the year, but hope that with special appeal to our people the amount will be largely increased next year, and we recommend that more earnest effort be made to bring it as near as possible to the constitutional basis of 10 cents a member.

3. The committee recommends that the Conference re-assert its continued confidence in the Rev. Dr. Evans; Clerical Treasurer of the Fund, and its hope that it will continue to prosper under his fostering care.

J. PINCOCK, *Secretary.*

MINISTERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE SUPERNUMERARY FUND PAID AT THE CONFERENCE OF 1895.

Atkinson, T. W. ....	\$12 00	Lench, Chas. ....	\$12 00
Bartlett, Wm. J. ....	12 00	Luscombe, W. J. ....	12 00
Beckell, R. M. ....	12 00	Matthews, Solomon ....	12 00
Browning, W. H. ....	12 00	Milligan, G. S., LL.D. ....	12 00
Burry, Geo. ....	12 00	Morton, A. D., M.A. ....	12 00
Cowperthwaite H. P., M.A. ....	12 00	Moore, Edwin ....	12 00
Curtis, Levi, B.A. ....	12 00	Newman, J. T. ....	12 00
Darby, T. B., B.A. ....	12 00	Nurse, Jas. ....	12 00
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Drake, F. G. ....	12 00	Paine, George. ....	12 00
Dunn, W. T. D. ....	12 00	Peck, J. C. B. ....	12 00
Durrant, J. J. ....	12 00	Peck, R. K. ....	24 72
Fenwick, Mark ....	12 00	Pincock, Jas. ....	12 00
Forsy, Eugene ....	12 00	Pratt, John ....	12 00
Frazer, G. C. ....	12 00	Pye, John ....	12 00
Freeman, R. W. ....	12 00	Reay, John ....	12 00
Harris, Wm. ....	12 00	Rowson, A. E. ....	12 00
Hatcher, H. C., B.D. ....	12 00	Russell, S. J. ....	12 00
Heal, G. E. ....	12 00	Scott, Henry ....	12 00
Heyfield, Jesse ....	12 00	Sidey, J. C. ....	12 00
Hill, Anthony. ....	12 00	Snowden, Samuel ....	12 00
Holmes, A. A. ....	12 00	Squires, Chas. ....	12 00
Howse, Chas. ....	12 00	Stoney, Akroyd ....	24 72
Hutcheson, W. J. ....	12 00	Smith, Jas., B.A. ....	24 72
Hill, Jabez ....	12 00	Taylor, Edgar ....	12 00
Indoe, H. J., B.A. ....	12 00	Tratt, W. R. ....	12 00
James, T. H. ....	12 00	Wheatly, J. J. ....	12 00
Jefferson, Selby ....	12 00	Willey, F. G. ....	12 00
Jones, Edgar ....	12 00	Wilson, Jas. ....	12 00
Kelly, J. R. ....	24 72		
Kendall, Wm. ....	12 00		
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THE SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS WIDOWS' FUND OF THE METHODIST CHURCH.

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July 1—To Subscriptions returned with interest .....		
Rev. H. Abraham.....	\$ 163 30	
" H. Warman .....	12 00	
" T. W. Harwood .....	24 72	
Supernumeraries one-fifth.....	6 00	
		\$ 206 02
" Profit and loss account .....		281 00
" Newfoundland Conference, Dr. Dove .....		18 00
" Investments .....		
Real Estate Securities .....	\$53961 42	
Debentures &c. ....	17240 76	
Promissory Notes .....	5538 94	
Office furniture .....	65 00	
		\$76806 12
" Balance Cash .....		346 41
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## XVII. TEMPERANCE REPORT.

Your committee is glad to report that in the work of Temperance, Methodism in this Colony is still to the front, and that interest is still alive in connection with one of the most vital questions that concern us as a Church and people. But while we rejoice in the measure of success that marks our efforts in this direction, we cannot but deplore the fact that the evil influence of the Liquor Traffic upon the people is not yet destroyed, and that there is more need than ever of our Church taking a firmer grip of this question, and striving to arouse in the hearts of our people a holy enthusiasm in this great crusade, and a more direct application of the truths of Scripture in relation to Temperance.

1. Your committee recommend that upon every circuit and mission, the ministers pay due regard to the imperative duty of preaching Temperance sermons, and otherwise keeping the subject well before our people.

2. That as a Conference we unhesitatingly declare our conviction that Total Prohibition of the importation, manufacture, and sale of intoxicating drinks, is the only efficient safeguard to the people of this land against the evils entailed by permitting the sale of such drinks. It is further our opinion that the traffic cannot be legalised without sin on the part of the Legislature and people.

3. We are pleased to learn that steps will be taken to raise the limit of the age of youths to whom intoxicating liquors may be supplied, but we would respectfully ask the Legislature to make the age 20 or 21 instead of 18, so that no difficulty may arise in proving charges against dealers who furnish strong drink to minors. While asking this remedy for an existing evil, we do not wish to compromise the attitude affirmed in the preceding resolution.

4. We strongly deprecate the harmful effects of tobacco upon the youth of our country; and with a view to prevent its use, we recommend that Legislative enactment enforce as the law of the land, a similar measure to the act now in force in Ontario which prohibits the sale of tobacco, cigars, or cigarettes to youths under 17 years of age, under a penalty of \$100 for the first offence, etc., and that any youth found using, or with the same in his possession shall be liable to arrest by a police officer, or charged before the magistrate by any citizen.

5. We would especially call the attention of our people to the general rules of society paragraphs 31-35 in which the violation of Total abstinence from the use, and the buying or selling of strong drink clearly means the severance of membership with us.

6. As "Discipline" authorises the establishment of Temperance Societies in connection with our Sabbath Schools; we recommend that upon all our circuits and missions such societies be formed, believing that if earnestly and successfully worked, this will hasten the coming of Total Prohibition in this country.

7. We rejoice at the success that has attended the "Womens' Christian Temperance Union" and other Temperance Societies, and

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wish them. God-speed in their holy toil. It affords us great pleasure also to note the active measures taken by the Inspector-General of Police to stamp out the illicit sale of intoxicants, and trust that vigorous efforts will be made to enforce the Permissive and Local Option Laws.

8. Your committee also urge that every District present the Temperance statistics to the Conference and that a table be made of the same in the printed Minutes of Conference.

JOHN C. SIDEY, *Secretary*.

#### XVIII. LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE.

1. This Committee recommends the Conference to transfer the subject of the Lord's Day Observance to the Committee on Privileges or to the members thereof who may reside in St. John's and suggests to that committee the need of giving attention to this most important matter, as Sabbath desecration seems to be a growing evil.

2. This Conference holding to the sanctity of the Lord's Day and believing that much unnecessary work is done by the Coastal Company's steamers on the Sabbath, and many employees of the Co., are altogether deprived of the rest and privileges of the Sabbath, would instruct the members of the Lord's Day Observance Committee to wait upon Messrs. Harvey & Co., and respectfully request them to make as far as practicable such changes in the time of sailing of the steamers and their general management as to remove these difficulties altogether, or reduce them to a minimum.

3. *Whereas*, the Conference has learned that mails arriving on Sunday have been assorted on that day, thereby depriving the Post Office officials of their needed rest and attendance upon their religious duties, it is hereby resolved that the Governor-in-Council be respectfully requested to order that said practice be discontinued.

4. *Resolved*, that we respectfully call the attention of the Inspector-General of Police to the very prevalent practice both of youths and those older, of playing football, cricket, and other games in the town and suburbs of St. John's on the Sabbath.

J. E. P. PETERS, *Secretary*.

#### XIX. COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES.

Resolutions from the Carbonear and Bonavista Districts respecting the reduction recently made in the Educational Grants, and which were referred by the Conference to this committee for consideration were discussed.

The following resolutions were then passed:—

*Resolved*, That the Conference memorialize the Government in expressing regret that it regarded it necessary to diminish the Educational Grant, and whilst expressing pleasure that the government on fuller consideration has increased the Educational appropriations in respect to the wishes of many, would most earnestly urge our Legislature to restore as soon as possible the Grant to at least its former amount.



Also that the Conference appoint a delegation to wait on the Executive to present said memorial and to respectfully urge upon them compliance with the wishes of the memorialists.

*It was further Resolved,* That the President of Conference, the Chairman of St. John's District, and a Layman whom they may select, be empowered to obtain legal advice *re* the relation of the Banks to Conference accounts.

J. NURSE, *Secretary.*

XX. EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

Your Committee have to report for year now ended receipts to the amount of \$656.49, but as the expenses were abnormally large, we are found at the close of the year with a deficit of \$127.00.

Your committee recommends a change in the principle of administration, bringing us more into harmony with the course of action adopted in the other Conferences, viz.: That while the amount appropriated to cover tuition fees be the same in each case, one hundred dollars, yet one half shall be a free grant, and the remainder a loan payable without interest, five years after ordination.

The following recommendations are also made:

1. That Messrs. Ambrose, Clegg and Stoney, be permitted to remain at Sackville a second year.
2. That Messrs. Bramwell Peck, Robert Peck and Roberts, be allowed to attend Mount Allison College, the first named of these to be a beneficiary in the fund.
3. That Messrs. Blythe, Heal, Follett and Drake be allowed to attend College, and in consideration of their defraying their own expenses, the two former be allowed to attend the Theological College, Montreal, the two latter the Victoria University, Toronto.
4. That the ministers be asked to make more prominent the claims of this fund in their respective charges.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

1894.	To	Collection at Conference .....	
July,		Public Meeting .....	\$ 36 79
	"	Receipts from Districts .....	
		St. John's .....	\$120 95
		Carbonear .....	44 50
		Bonavista .....	57 81
		Burin .....	61 24
			\$284 50
	"	Subscriptions .....	335 20
			\$656 49

1894.	By	Balance due Treasurer .....	\$ 22 19
July,	"	16 " Trypograph, etc. ....	13 50
	"	" Printing Cards .....	2 00
	"	" Amounts paid Dr. Allison .....	475 00
	"	" Bank Commission on Drafts \$400 @ ¼ % ..	1 00
	"	" Travelling Expenses 4 students @ \$25 ..	100 00
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To Dr. Allison for 5 students ..... \$ 95 00  
Travelling expenses 3 students ..... 75 00  
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A. D. MORTON, *Secretary.*  
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XXI. MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

REV. DR. MILLIGAN.

That the best thanks of this Conference be presented to the Rev. Dr. Milligan, ex-President of the Conference, for the very able and efficient services rendered during the year.

REV. A. D. MORTON, M.A.

That the thanks of this Conference be presented to the Rev. A. D. Morton, M.A., for the faithful performance of the arduous duties as the Secretary of the Conference; and also to the Brethren who have been associated with him in the Secretariat.

REVS. H. HOOPER AND WILLIAM REX.

That the thanks of the Conference be conveyed to the kind friends who have contributed amounts through the Revs. H. Hooper and Wm. Rex.

REV. DR. MILLIGAN.

*Resolved,* That the Conference tenders its best thanks to the Rev. Dr. Milligan, ex-President, for the *Charge* delived by him, and assures him of its appreciation, not only of the faithful counsels and admonitions addressed to the young brethren, but also of the kind and fatherly spirit by which the address was characterized, and that the *Charge* be printed in the *Monthly Greeting* and *Wesleyan*.

CONFERENCE DEEDS.

That the Rev. Mark Fenwick be appointed Registrar of the Conference, to receive the deeds of property belonging to the Conference, and register the same in a book kept for that purpose.

REV. GEO. J. BOND.

This Conference having listened to the communication of Rev. Geo. J. Bond, Editor-elect of the *Wesleyan*, expresses its regret that circumstances prevented him from fulfilling his intention of being present.

The Conference would however felicitate him on his appointment to a position so important and influential as the editorship of one of our connexional papers, in the strong confidence that Mr. Bond

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will bring to the management of the *Wesleyan* rich and varied stores of learning and such qualities of mind and heart, as will impress themselves upon the weekly issues of the paper, and make it not only a welcome visitor, but also a power for good in our homes.

THE AGENT OF THE RAILWAY.

The Conference desire to convey to Thos. Noble, Esq., its hearty thanks for his kindness and consideration in issuing return tickets at excursion rates, not only to the lay-delegates elected to attend this Conference but also to all those friends who desired to be present at any of the sessions thereof, and would express the hope that this action has not been without encouraging and satisfactory results.

The Secretary is instructed to convey a copy of this in written form.

REV. DR. MILLIGAN.

*Resolved*, That the very best thanks of this Conference be presented to the Rev. G. S. Milligan, LL.D., for his most efficient services as Superintendent of Methodist Schools, and pray that God may long spare his valuable life for many years to serve the church and the cause of education in this land; and that this Conference acknowledges with gratitude his very valuable service in connection with the Clerical Relief Committee during the past year.

HALIFAX BOOK ROOM.

The Conference desire to convey to Rev. S. F. Huestis, our Book Steward at Halifax, our high appreciation of his services during the past year, and of his indefatigable endeavor to make the Book Room a self-sustaining and remunerative institution.

Especially does it approve of his policy in establishing connections with Book Stores in St. John's thereby meeting very directly, so far as our own publications are concerned, the needs of our ministers and people.

WESLEYAN.

The Conference cannot allow the Rev. Dr. Lathern to retire from the Editorship of the *Wesleyan* without placing upon record its sense of the faithful and able manner in which he has discharged his important duties during the period of his administration, and assuring him that he will be followed into his new relations with the sympathies and prayers of his Brethren of this Conference.

The Conference ventures the hope that under the new management the *Wesleyan* will sustain its present high reputation as a newspaper and family journal.

*QUESTION XXII.—Where and when shall the next Conference be held?*

ANSWER,—In Gower Street Church, St. John's, on the 4th Wednesday in June, 1896.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Tuesday, Stationing Committee, 2.30 p.m. Children's Fund Committee, 5 p.m.

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## PASTORAL ADDRESS, 1895.

*The Pastors of the Methodist Church, in Conference assembled, to their Brethren in Christ throughout Newfoundland:—*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our affliction, that we may be able to comfort them that are in any affliction, through the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God; by whose strong and loving hand we have been brought to see the close of a year which in some respects has been one of the most trying in our history as a Church in this land.

Since last we assembled we have been brought face to face with a condition of affairs which has shown us, in a very clear and painful manner, the vanity and uncertainty of all things earthly, and how little there is here, that we can really call our own. We have seen the things we thought we possessed slip from our grasp, and vanish out of our sight, leaving us only disappointment and distress. But even our reverses have been sanctified by the great Head of the Church to our spiritual good, in that we have been led to understand more clearly that "the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are unseen are eternal." We have also learned, from a painful experience, that while only "righteousness exalteth a nation," "sin is a reproach to any people." As a church we have suffered great temporal losses, and the funds raised for all the different departments of work have been reduced much below the amounts of former years; and we ourselves have had also to share in the general distress. Nevertheless we are not discouraged, for amid the gloom there has been much of gladness, and despite our losses we are richer in that which alone is true wealth to any church. The grace of God which bringeth salvation has been manifested in almost every circuit and mission within the bounds of the Conference, and many wanderers from the fold have been reclaimed, and many who were far off have been brought nigh by the blood of Christ.

The tabulated results show an increase in our membership of 975, but no figures can fully represent the actual gains in spiritual power and usefulness. Only the figures can be entered in our accounts down here, but the real results of the past year's work are inscribed in the records of heaven. Showers of refreshing have fallen upon many a dry and thirsty corner of the vineyard, making life and fruitfulness spring forth, and resulting in glorious harvesting of souls. This ought to be to every member of the church a new inspiration for further service, and a call for a completer devotion to the Master's blessed will.

It is also our joy to report indications of healthfulness and increase in the various departments of the work, especially in the Sabbath Schools. There are four additional schools, and increase of 104 in the teaching staff, besides an enlargement in the number of our scholars to the extent of 642. The labours of the teachers have been rewarded by the conversion of hundreds of scholars.

And now we look forward to the work of another year, with earnest prayers on your behalf that it may be, in temporal things, more prosperous and pleasant than the past; and that in spiritual matters we may have to rejoice over the settled faith of those who have been saved, and still more abundant ingatherings of precious souls. The harvest still is great—greater than ever before, and the demand of the times is not only for earnest and consecrated pastors, but also for a people set apart entirely to God, to serve Him wherever the demands of duty shall call. Each member of the church has his responsibilities in reference to this great work just as really as has the pastor; and when each individual comes to understand that religion is as much a matter of doing as of getting, and that the success of the whole depends to a great extent upon the efforts of each, then, and only then will we be in a position to rightly fulfil our mission as a church in this land.

The effects of the conscientious work of sixty ministers would be difficult to estimate, but who can even suggest what would be the results of the consecrated and united efforts of 11,642 members of the church. The Church of Christ is not only a fold where His sheep are nurtured and protected, but it is also the garrison of "The Captain of our Salvation," in which every soldier is expected to do noble and constant warfare against the hosts of sin. It is no place for laggards who wish to wile away their days in extatic indolence, but a place that calls for the display of manly courage and effort,



where we are expected to be "all at it and always at it." Into such a church the enemy would find it difficult to make inroads, and from such there would go forth the forces which are destined to conquer the world. We beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye rally round the standard bearers who are among you, lest the curse of Meroz be pronounced against any of you.

To those who have but recently entered this blessed service we would say: Be faithful to the teachings ye have received; avail yourself of all the ordinances of God as blessed opportunities for the development of your religious life, and not as duties that *must* be fulfilled; neither regard them as unimportant matters in which you may or may not engage as your own inclinations direct. Look upon your membership in the church as being only of next importance to the salvation of your soul, and guard it as ye regard your eternal interests. As a help toward this we exhort you to offer yourselves at the first opportunity for public reception into the church, according to our rule and order.

While we would not encourage or exhort you to anything that savors of religious narrowness, we would faithfully remind you that you owe your presence and influence first to your own spiritual home. There is untold injury done by religious rambling, and the gad-about is never to be relied on. The more closely you associate yourselves with the household of God, the more will you appreciate both its company and its duties.

We exhort all our members to prize very highly the Class Meeting, for in it there is peculiar help. Never absent yourselves from the week evening services whenever it is possible for you to attend, even at the exercise of self-denial. We believe the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to be a Divinely ordained institution, binding upon all Christians, and which none who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity can consistently neglect; therefore let it be regularly maintained among us, in obedience to Him who said "This do in remembrance of Me."

Let the word of God be your daily companion, your meditations thereon being made effectual by much prayer and supplication; for he who is well informed in that word and mighty in the Scriptures will be able both to overcome the tempter, as did the blessed Master, and to lead many others into the enjoyment of like precious faith. Ignorance of the Scriptures is a sin in which sadly too many seem content to remain, without any effort on their part to escape from it. To hear the truth, yea to read the truth is not sufficient, for the Divine word is, "*Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*"

We strongly advise you all to form habits of systematic Bible reading, for your individual instruction and growth in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Let family religion be a part of your home life, and regard its blessings as the richest heritage you can hand down to your children.

That piety which is only presented to the public and unknown in the home, is sure to bring dishonor to the church, and disaster to the faith of the children; therefore "Show piety at home."

Closely allied to this duty is the need of the co-operation of the parents with the workers in our Sabbath Schools. Remember that these workers do not take your places as the religious instructors of your children; they are simply your helpers. The work of the Sabbath School can only reach its real effectiveness when the *Home and School* join hand in hand to lead the children *Onward*, then indeed may we look for *Happy Days* in the homes, *Pleasant Hours* in the schools, and *Sunbeams* scattered everywhere. To this end we urge you who are parents to see that your children give sufficient time and attention to the study of their Scripture lessons, and the standard doctrines of our church as taught in our own Catechisms.

As a church we again deliver our unqualified protest against the liquor traffic in all its varied forms, and call upon all who name the name of Christ to depart from this evil, and to do all that lieth in their power to deliver others from it. By personal abstinence, and by persistent effort we shall, under God, bring down the power of this terrible evil in this land. Encourage the children to take the temperance pledge, and to unite themselves with the Band of Hope or other total abstinence societies. There are 12,226 children connected with our Sabbath schools in this land, and of these 3,331 are reported as having taken the temperance pledge. Over this we rejoice, though it also shows us that there is still a large field of usefulness lying before us. Let us not rest till every scholar and officer in our schools, and every child in our families is pledged against this world-wide curse. We desire to impress upon you the great need of the faithful

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exercise of your influence in favor of those laws which have for their end the restriction and abolition of the sale of intoxicating liquors. Let us, as a church, be as the heart of one man on this vital matter, and God will own our efforts by hastening the day of our deliverance.

During the year past we have seen the sad results of unsound principles in our business relations one with another, and have been reminded again and again that the "face of the Lord is against them that do evil," and that "a false balance is an abomination unto the Lord." Surely we have learned of Christ sufficiently to know that He requires us to *do justly* as well as to love mercy.

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## ALPHABETICAL LIST

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OF THE

## NEWFOUNDLAND CONFERENCE

1895.

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1891—Ambrose, William B. ....	Sackville ..... 2
1872—Atkinson, Thomas W. ....	Bonavista..... 3
1885—Bartlett, William J. ....	Green's Harbor ..... 2
1883—Browning, William H. ....	Fogo ..... 1
1892—Blythe, John J. ....	Wesley College ..... 1
1895—Burry, George.....	Sound Island ..... 1
1891—Clegg, Herbert .....	Sackville ..... 2
1861—Cowperthwaite, H. P., M.A.	St John's, West..... 3
1883—Curtis, Levi, B.A.....	Twillingate ..... 2
1895—Curtis, J. Kenneth.....	Bonne Bay ..... 1
1886—Darby, Thomas B., B.A. ....	Musgrave Harbor ..... 2
1889—Dotchon, William H. ....	Musgrave Town..... 3
1882—Dunn, W. T. D. ....	Hants Harbour ..... 1
1890—Durrant, J. J. ....	Bird Island Cove ..... 2
1892—Drake, Francis G. ....	Victoria College..... 1
1893—Edmondson, W. W. ....	Leave of Absence .. . 1
1883—Fenwick, Mark .....	College Home ..... 2
1890—Flemington, Charles .....	Britannia Cove ..... 1
1883—Frazer, George C. ....	Grand Bank ..... 2
1893—Follett, C. W.....	Wesley College ..... 1
1873—Freeman, R. W.....	Old Perlican ..... 2
1893—Forsey, Eugene .....	Glover Town ..... 1
1886—Harris, William .....	Herring Neck..... 2
1895—Halfyard, Samuel .....	Bay of Islands..... 1
1874—Hatcher, H. C., B.D. ....	Pouch Cove ..... 3
1874—Heyfield, Jesse .....	Fresh Water ..... 2
1874—Hill, Anthony .....	Topsail ..... 2
1873—Hill, Jabez .....	Wesleyville ..... 2
1880—Holmes, A. A. ....	Catalina ..... 2
1895—Hoskings, Alexander.....	Twillingate ..... 1
1893—Howse, Charles .....	Petites ..... 1

1889—Hutcheson, William J. ....	Shoal Harbor ..... 1
1892—Heal, George E. ....	College ..... 1
1887—Indoe, Henry J., B.A. ....	Indian Is. & Seld.-come-by 2
1871—James, Thomas H. ....	Burin ..... 3
1890—Jefferson, Selby .....	Laurenceton, etc. .... 2
1893—Jones, Edgar .....	St. Anthony ..... 1
1889—Kelly, James K. ....	St. George's Bay ..... 2
1875—Kendall, William .....	Western Bay ..... 3
1883—Lench, Charles .....	Bay Roberts, etc. .... 1
1893—Luscombe, William J. ....	Carbonear ..... 1
1870—Matthews, Solomon .....	Cupids ..... 3
1854—Milligan, Geo. S., LL.D. ....	St. John's, West ..... 13
1866—Morton, A. D., M.A. ....	St. John's, Gower ..... 2
1891—Moore, Edwin .....	Nipper's Har. & Tilt Cove 1
1883—Newman, John T. ....	Channel ..... 3
1872—Nurse, James .....	Carbonear ..... 3
1894—Opie, James .....	White Bay ..... 2
1874—Paine, George .....	St. John's, East ..... 1
1895—Palmer, William A. ....	Cupids ..... 1
1890—Patterson, William .....	Northern Bight ..... 1
1888—Peters, John E. ....	Sackville ..... 4
1874—Pincock, James .....	Hearts' Content ..... 3
1873—Pratt, John .....	Fortune ..... 1
1887—Pye, John .....	Little Bay ..... 1
1892—Peck, Bramwell J. C. ....	Sackville ..... 1
1893—Peck, R. K. ....	Garnish and Jersey Harbor 1
1866—Reay, John .....	Whitbourne ..... 2
1889—Russell, Samuel J. ....	Moreton's Harbour ..... 3
1892—Roberts, Thos. E. ....	College ..... 1
1893—Rowson, Arthur E. ....	St. John's, West. .... 1
1884—Scott, Henry .....	Exploits ..... 3
1885—Sidey, John C. ....	Nipper's Harbor ..... 2
1887—Smith, James, B.A. ....	Flat Islands ..... 1
1873—Snowden, Samuel .....	Blackhead ..... 2
1887—Stoney, Aykroyd .....	Red Bay ..... 2
1891—Stoney, George .....	Sackville ..... 2
1871—Swann, William .....	Harbor Grace ..... 3
1893—Squires, Charles W. ....	Little Bay Islands ..... 1
1875—Taylor, Edgar .....	Trinity ..... 2
1877—Tratt, William R. ....	Lower Island Cove ..... 3
1886—Wheatley, J. J. ....	Little Bay Islands ..... 1
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