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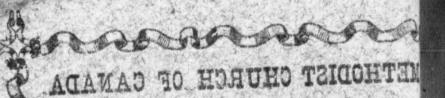
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Nova Scotia Conference



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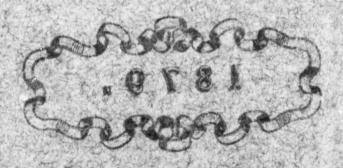




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Reginning Wednesday, June 18th, and concluding on Wednesday, June 25th, 1879.

(SIXTH SESSION.)

1879 CONFERENCE OFFICE, 125 GRANVILLE STREET, HALIFAX, N.S. The Nova Scotia Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada was inaugurated at Charlottetown, P.E.I., July 3rd, 1874.

SESSIONS OF CONFERENCE.

YEAR	PLACE	PRESIDENTS.	SECRETARY.
1874	Charlettetown	John McMurray	R. A. Temple
1875	Halifax	A. W. Nicolson	R. A. Temple
1876	Windsor	R. A. Temple	S. F. Huestis
1877	Yarmouth	Elias Brettle	S. F. Huestis
1878	Amherst	James Taylor	S. F. Huestis
1879	Halifax	S. F. Huestis	J. A. Rogers

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE,

1879.

PRESIDENT
REV. STEPHEN F. HUESTIS.
HALIFAX.

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From the 18th of June to the 25th of June, 1879.

The Sixth Session of the Nova Scotia Annual Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, began in the Brunswick Street Church, Halifax, on Wednesday, June 18th, 1879.

The Rev. James Taylor, President of Conference, took the chair at 9 o'clock, a.m.

After singing and the reading of the Scriptures, prayer was offered by the Revs. J. F. Bent, and J. G. Hennigar.

The Conference proceeded to elect by ballot its chief officers, when the Rev. S. F. Huestis was elected President, and Rev. Jabez A. Rogers, Secretary.

The Rev. Cranswick Jost, A.M., was elected Journal Secretary.

The Revs. A. D. Morton, A.M., E. E. England, D. W. Johnson, A.B., were appointed Assistant Secretaries; the Rev. J. B. Giles, Assistant Journal Secretary; the Revs. J. Cassidy and J. Strothard, Letter Writers, and the Rev. J. R. Borden, Conference Reporter to the Wesleyan.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS.

Question I.—Who compose the several Conference Committees?

Stationing Committee.

Halifax Truro Cumberland	CHAIRMEN Elias Brettle G. O. Huestis R. A. Temple	REPRESENTATIVES J. McMurray James R. Hart
Guysboro' & C. B. Arnapolis Liverpool Yarmouth	John Cassidy Richard Smith W. C. Brown James Taylor	Thomas D. Hart J. G. Bigney A. S. Tuttle Thos. Rogers, A M J. R. Borden

Pastoral Address

James	Taylor	
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John Lathern

Sabbath Schools.

Propident og	arn Schools.
President of Conference	John A. Mosher
Ralph Brecken, A.M.	John Johnson
n. D. Mack.	J. R. Borden
Joseph Hale	Call D .
Corresponding Mani	Caleb Parker, Secretary
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Caleb Parker.

Contingent Fund.

MINISTERS	ngent Fund.
C. Jost, A.M., Sec'y. I. E. Thurlow A. S. Tuttle.	Rufus J. Sweet H. G. Laurilliand
T. D. Hart James Tweedy P. Prestwood F. H. W. Pickles	W. B. McNutt J. Mosher, W. K. Angwin S. H. Black J. B. Morrow

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Educational Fund.

The President of Conference; Thomas Rogers, A.M., Secretary: Cranswick Jost, A.M., Treasurer.

MINISTERS
John M. Pike
Robert Wasson
J. L. Sponagle
R. A. Daniel

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D Henry Starr
Joseph Burrill
Dr. Burgess
William K Angwin

Missionary Committee.

The President of the Conference, G. H. Starr, J. B. Morrow, Members of Central Board; the Chairmen of Districts,

John McMurray, A. W. Nicolson T. W. Smith John Cassidy G. O. Huestis W. H. Heartz, Sec'y.

James W. Allison
H. R. Narraway
Arthur Davison,
Captain John Ormiston
James A. Halliday
Joshua N. Freeman
Joseph Burrill

The President and George H. Starr, Treasurers.

Children's Fund.

A. D. Morton, A.M. Sec'y. Richard Smith W. C. Brown J. G. Angwin

G. W. Tuttle William Alcorn James Strothard J. G. Bigney

Committee for Examination of Theological Students.

R. Alder Temple Jabez A. Rogers.

Parsonage Aid and Church Extension Fund.

The President and Secretary of Conference, MINISTERS. LAYMEN

Joseph G. Angwin, Sec'y.
J. R. Hart
A. W. Nicolson

A. W. Nicolson A. D. Morton, A.M. Joseph Gaetz J. B. Morrow
J. Wesley Smith
R. J. Sweet
Israel Longworth
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Supernumerary Fund.

The President and Secretary of the Conference

Joseph G. Angwin, Sec'y. G. H. Starr Elias Brettle Samuel Rettie

J. G. Hennigar
Thomas Angwin
I. Sutcliffe
C. Lockhart

W. E. McRobert, M.D.
W. H. Webb
Edward Huestis
Oliver Langille

Temperance Committee.

Caleb Parker, Secretary
D. B. Scott
J. J. Teasdale
J. W. Howie

Godfrey Shore
Robert Tweedy
J. B. Hemmeon
Joseph S. Coffin

A. F. Weldon.

John Cassidy, Sec'y., Joseph Gaetz, Thos. Rogers, A.M.

Committee on Travelling Arrangements.
The Superintendents of Truro, Kentville, Yarmouth
North, Digby and Hawksbury Circuits, and D. Henry
Starr.

Committee on Conference Statistics.

The Financial Secretaries of Districts, and Secretaries of Connexional Funds.

Caleb Parker, S. B. Dunn.

Treasurer of General Conference Fund
The President of Conference.

Memorials and Miscellaneous Resolutions.

W. C Brown

J. R. Borden

M.D.

Transfer Committee.

The President

Elias Brettle

and

John Cassidy

Conference Special Committee.

The President and Secretary of Conference

The Chairmen of Districts, and John McMurray

A. W. Nicolson T. W. Smith

Thomas Rogers, A.M.

Members of Central Missionary Board.

Rev. S. F. Huestis, James B. Morrow; and G. H. Starr, elected by General Conference.

Question II.—Are there any objections to any of our Ministers and Preachers?

ANSWER

They were examined one by one.

Question III.—Who have entered this Conference by transfer and from what Conference?

ANSWER

John Lathern from the N. B. and P. E. I. Conference.

Question IV.—Who have been transferred and to what Conference?

ANSWER

John Read to the N. B. and P. E. I. Conference.

Question V.—What Preachers are this year admitted into full connexion with the Conference and ordained?

ANSWER

James Sharp, G. F. Johnson, A.B., F. H. Wright, A.B. John Gee, George Johnson (B) Byron C. Borden, A.B.

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Question VI.—What Preachers remain on trial? ANSWER

These have travelled three years:

Benj. Hills, A.B., W. A. Black, A.B., G. O. Robinson, A. England.

These have travelled two years

P A. Robinson capacity H. P. Doane, I. M. Mellish, J. L. Dawson, A.B. David Hickey*

These have travelled one year:

J. E. Donk months of W. A. Outerbridge, W. H. Langille, G. W. F. Glendenning.

Question VII.—What Preachers are now receivenceasing on Trial?

ANSWER

LaMert Stevens, John Wier, and F. A. Buckley, This con-

2-What Students are allowed to attend the ling consci stitution?

ANSWER

J. C. Ogden, Cumberland District, who has travel thall be a two years and been three years at the Institution.

H. P. Doane, Annapolis District, who has travel ore himtwo years and been one year at the Institution.

Starr Black, Cumberland District, who has trave rought h one year and been one year at the Institution.

W. A. Outerbridge, Halifax District, who has uch stro velled one year.

George W. F. Glendenning, Annapolis District, Tentenary has travelled one year.

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Ques. VIII.—Who have died since st Conference? ANSWER

JAMES ENGLAND

who was born in the suburbs of the town of Holmfirth, Yorkshire, England. He was converted to God when 15 years of age, and nson, Al was appointed a class leader when in his 17th year. he was appointed a local preacher and labored for four years in that Robinson capacity with great acceptance. In 1837 he offered himself to the British Conference for the foreign work, was accepted, and appointed to Newfoundland. The vessel in which he set sail, through severe stress of weather, never reached America, but after three E. Donk months of peril put back to Ireland.

In the ensuing spring of 1838 he embarked again and safely reached the shores of Newfoundland to enter upon that work of unceasing toil for which Providence spared his life. Perils of sea v receiv were now followed by those perils of land, in which all the early missionaries of Newfoundland have shared. He acted as if toiling directly under the eye and order of the Captain of our Salvation. ckley, This constant realizing of his Master's presence accounts for his underlating faith, energy and integrity. He left as a legacy to the Church from which he has been taken an example of unchangd the ling conscientiousness and simple mindedness. God owned our leceased brother's labors in a very marked degree. Fruits of his ministry, in all the Circuits where he has been, remain to this day. Many, in these Provinces, have risen up to call him blessed, who as travelihall be as stars in the crown of his rejoicing. He was faithful in he pulpit and laborious as a pastor and placed but one object beas travel ore him—that of saving souls.

His spheres of labour in Newfoundland were St. John's, Island Love, Burin, Black Head, Perlican, and Bonavista. This Colony as trave prought him its privations and its pleasures as perhaps no Country an so well bring these experiences in the life of an itinerant with uch strong contrast. His appointments since he became best ho has nown to the Methodists of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick were Vindsor, Halifax, Yarmouth, Portland, Fredericton, Windsor, District, entenary Church St. John, Annapolis, Digby, and Pugwash. n the year 1866 he was elected President of the Conference, of nas travel B. A., but the Rev. George Scott coming out that year, as apointed by the British Conference, necessarily took the chair, and ir. England was his Co-delegate. ional Chu At the Conference held at Windsor, in 1876, he was obliged,

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with great reluctance, to accept a supernumerary relation, be completely broken down in health by two severe attacks of infamation of the lungs, one at Digby the other at Pugwash. He lected for his home, the town of Windsor, where he had spent years of successful ministration. Here he continued to serve interests of the Church of Christ even beyond the limits suggestive by prudence. He was never happier than when able to preand deemed it his greatest misfortune to be kept from the man of grace.

To those who heard his words of joyful anticipation thanksgiving to God, expressed so earnestly at the week night vices, it had seemed as if his past two years were spent on the ders of the heavenly world, and that he was ripening every wfor the reaping which came so soon. The last of a series of relaculminated on the afternoon of the 3rd of October, 1878. At suggestion of his physician he left the chair on which he say recline on the sofa from which he never rose sgain. His dy testimony was "All is well." All marks of pain gradually relation his features and he fell asleep in Jesus. Thus peacefully triumphantly closed his useful life in the 63rd year of his age in the 42nd year of his ministry.

Ques IX.—Who are the Supernumerary Ministe 3

Angwin, Thomas
Addy, John S.
Bent, Joseph F.
Botterell, Edmund
Brettle, Elias
Bird, Richey

Buckley, James
Hennigar, James G Richey, M., D.
Johnson, Geo. (A) Sponagle, J. L.
Sutcliffe, Inglie
Smith, T. Watt
Tweedy, Rober

Question X—Who are deposed from the office of Ministry?

None.

Question XI.—Who are deposed from the office of a Ministry and expelled from the Church?

None.

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ANSWER as follows:

STEPHEN F. HUESTIS, PRESIDENT. JABEZ A. ROGERS, SECRETARY.

I.—HALIFAX DISTRICT.

- Halifax North—(Brunswick St)—Stephen F Huestis, President of Conference. (Kaye Street)—Charles M Tyler. (Charles Street)—William H Evans. Supy's Edmund Botterell, who has permission to reside in Montreal. John L Sponagle, T Watson Smith.
- 2 Halifax South.—(Grafton Street—Simeon B Dunn (Coburg Street)—W Arthur Black, A.B.—Super'y John S Addy, who has permission to reside in Carleton, St. John, N. B.
 - E R Brunyate, City Missionary by permission of Conference.
- Dartmouth—IM Mellish; Thomas Angwin, Super'y
- 4 Lawrencetown—John Wier
- John M. 5 Windsor—Ralph Brecken, A.M.
 - Supernumeraries— M Richey, D. D., John McMurray, Roland Morton.
 - 6 Chester Road—To be supplied from Windsor.
 - 7 Hantsport—A D Morton, A.M.
 - Horton—Thos. Rogers, A.M., Benjamin Hills, A.B. Supernumerary George Johnson (A)
 - 9 Kentville—Paul Prestwood
 - 10 Newport—F H W Pickles
 - 1 Avondale—R A Daniel; Super'y Elias Brettle
 - Burlington G O Huestis
 - St. Margaret's Bay and Sambro—J H Davis who will reside on the Circuit.

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- 14 Bermuda, (Hamilton & Somerset) E B Moore, Challain to Wesleyans in Army and Navy, and C Borden A.B.
- 15 Bermuda, (St. George's and Bailey's Bay)—William Ryan, chaplain to Wesleyans in Army and J. Dawson, A.B.

THE PRESIDENT, Chairman.
A. D. Morton, Fin. Secretary.

II.—TRURO DISTRICT.

- 16 Truro-R Alder Temple
- 17 Onslow-F H Wright, A.B
- 18 Acadia Mines—R B Mack
- 19 Pictou—Joseph G Angwin
- 20 Stellarton—A F Weldon
- 21 River John—John Astbury
- 22 Maitland-Thos D Hart
- 23 Shubenacadie—Geo F Day
- 24 Middle Musquodoboit-W G Lane
- Musquodoboit Har—Jos M Fisher
 Sheet Harbor—G O Robinson, A.B

R. A. TEMPLE, Chairman. THOMAS D. HART, Fin. Secretar

III.—CUMBERLAND DISTRICT.

- 27 Amherst—Jabez A Rogers, Secretary of Conference Super'y R. Tweedy, who resides in Moncton, N.B.
- 28 Warren-Wm Purvis
- 29 Nappan & Minudie Jesse B Giles; Super'y John M Pike
- 30 Wallace—Joseph Hale
- 31 Pugwash—Isaac E Thurlow
- 32 River Phillip—G W Tuttle
- 33 Oxford—D W Johnson A B
- 34 Wentworth—James Sharp 35 Parrsboro—J B Hemmeon
- 36 Southampton—John Craig; Super'y, Richey Bird
- 37 Athol-William Alcorn
- 38 Advocate Harbor-Charles W Swallow, A.B.,

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V.—GUYSBOROUGH AND C. BRETON DISTRICT.

- 39 Guysboro'—Jas Tweedy; Super'y, James Buckley
- 40 Canso-John W Howie
- 41 Manchester—E E England
- 42 Country Harbor-W H Langille
- 43 Sydney—Joseph S. Coffin Sydney Mission—One wanted.
- 44 Sydney, North-David Hickey
- 5 Gabarus—R O Johnson
- 6 Port Hawkesbury-J A Mosher
- 47 Port Hood—Geo Johnson, (B)
- 48 Ingonish—Robert Williams

JOSEPH S. COFFIN, Chairman. E. E. ENGLAND, Fin. Secretary.

V.—ANNAPOLIS DISTRICT.

- 49 Annapolis—A W Nicolson
- 50 Granville Ferry—W H Heartz
- 11 Bridgetown—Caleb Parker; Super'y J F Bent
- 32 Mountain Mission—One wanted
- 53 Middleton-Richard Smith, FA Buckley, A.B.
- 64 Aylesford—Joseph Gaetz, L Stevens.
- 55 Berwick—John Cassidy
- 66 Canning—James Strothard; Sup'y J G Hennigar.
- 57 Scott's Bay—One wanted
- 8 Hillsburg—Cranswick Jost, A.M.
- 59 Digby-Robert Wasson
- 60 Weymouth—Wm Ainley
- 51 Digby Neck) P A Robinson, under the Superinten-
- Westport dence of Bro. Wasson.

RICHARD SMITH, Chairman. JOSEPH GAETZ, Fin. Secretary.

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VI.—LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

- 63 Liverpool W C Brown; Supern'y, C Lockhart,
- 65 Caledonia—John G Bigney
- 66 Port Mouton-J W Shepherdson
- 67 Mill Village—D B Scott
- 68 Petite Riviere—John Johnson
- 69 Lunenburg-A S Tuttle) These brethren will ex-
- 70 Ritcy's Cove—A Hockin change once in 3 weeks.
- 71 New Germany-John Gee
- 72 Bridgewater-Godfrey Shore

W. C. BROWN, Chairman. A. S. TUTTLE, Fin. Secretary.

VII.—YARMOUTH DISTRICT.

- 73 Yarmouth South-J J Teasdale.
- 74 "North-John Lathern; Sup'y I. Sutcliffe
- 75 Arcadia—James Taylor
- 76 Hebron-Geo F Johnson, A.B.
- 77 Barrington- James R Hart
- 78 Port la Tour-Robert McArthur
- 79 N. E. Harbor-James Scott
- 80 Shelburne—J R Borden
- 81 Lockport—William Brown

J. J. TEASDALE, Fin. Secretary.

Question VII.—What is the number of Ministers, Church Members, Places of Worship, &c.

ANSWER

DISTRICT. HALIFAX

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QUESTION XIV.—What has been collected in the several Circuits for the Missionary Society, the Contingent Fund, the Supernumerary Minister's and Minister's Widow's Fund, and the Education'l Society.

I.-HALIFAX DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.		Mis. S	oc.	Co	n.	Su	p.	Edu Fr	cat'
Halifax, North		\$ 1527	65	\$ 40	00	\$ 93	42	\$10	5 00
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Kentville			31		50	1			55
Newport		30			60	2		1 -	25
Avondale	1	177			52				38
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Expenses		13 9	92			,		18	
Minister's Subscriptions -						150	00	-0	
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II.-TRURO DISTRICT.

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Musquodoboit Harbor			43		1 40	11	1	10	11	1	00
Middle Musquodoboit -	•	39	00	1.00	1 86	11	3	26	11	1	90
Shubenacadie	93.5	54	00		4 85	11	5	10	11	3	45
Maitland -	•	54			3 00	11	6	00		2	50
River John		36			5 80		4	00		3	56
Stellarton		38			3 60		5	56		11	00
Pictou		29			2 00		2	90		1	00
Acadian Mines	•	71	27		2 69		2		4.6	2	
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III-CUMBERLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Mis. Soc	Fund.	Sup. Fund.	Educat'l Fund.
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IV-GUYSBORO' AND C. B. DISTRICT.

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Minister's Subscriptions-	1 00	1 20	80 00	
Expenses	\$367 65	, "	\$ 32 11	\$24 70
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Port Hood -	42 31	2 00		3 00
Port Hawkesbury -	65 82	0 00		2 49
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Minnin	77 28	1 50	3 73	
Sydney -	12 25	11	1 00	
Country Harbor	35 67	11	3 50	
Manchester -	23 07	11 - 00	2 35	4 08
Guysboro	\$60 44	11 #0	\$7 00	\$2 2

V.-ANNAPOLIS DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Mis. Soc	Con. Fund.	Sup. Fund.	Educat' Fund.
Annapolis Granville Ferry Bridgetown Mountain Mission Middleton Aylesford Berwick Canning Scot's Bay Hillsburg Digby Weymouth Digby Neck Westport	\$65 9 46 1 141 2 2 0 119 76 94 66 69 53 86 89 15 56 71 28 63 81 19 40 10 03	2 1 70 8 4 23 0 5 10 4 25 5 18 9 34 75 2 50 1 25 1 00	3 99 3 09 8 65 5 50 9 90 7 78 77 4 70 4 45	1 90
Expenses Minister's Subscriptions-	\$806 10 17 65	\$39 84	\$58 22 90 00	\$33 48 5 00
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VI.-LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

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Minister's Subs	cri	pti	on	8	•					90	_ 11		50
Expenses -		-				\$806	56 50		14	\$46	56	\$30	42 50
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VII.-YARMOUTH DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Mis. Soc.	Con. Fund.	Sup. Fund-	Educat'l Fund.
Yarmouth, South	\$376 00 373 68 44 84 26 97 83 13 133 51 42 11 22 36 39 71	25 00 2 00 65 3 00 3 04 1 73 1 79	30 00 2 95 1 25 4 50 3 05 1 84 2 06	\$13 00 22 30 2 15 52 4 00 5 54 1 18 1 75 9 00
Expenses Minister's Subscriptions-	\$1142 26 18 33 \$1123 93			\$ 5 9 44

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	Mis. S	loc.	Con Fun			p. nd.	Educ	
Halifax Truro	\$5817 664	72 39	1 "				\$252	
Cumberland	379	83	42 31	$\frac{10}{72}$	48 38	75 71	37 25	777
Guysboro and Cape Breton Annapolis	367 806	65 10	24 39	05 84				- T
Liverpool	806	56	32		-	22 56	1000000	48
Yarmouth Collection at Conference	1142	100	60	31	78	36	59 12	
Expenses	\$10024 74							76
Minister's Subscriptions	\$9950	20		96	710		0440	

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Question XV-What are the reports of the several Committees? ANSWER.

I—CONTINGENT FUND.		
The Treasurer in account with the Contingent.	Fund.	
1879, Dr.		
To Balance last year	\$ 6	91
" Receipts from Circuits	380	84
Cr.	\$387	75
By payment as follows:		
Conference Printing, &c\$121 05		
President's Expenses 20 00		
Authorized " 197 00		
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II—CHILDREN'S FUND.		
The Treasurer of the Children's Fund in account Nova Scotia Conference.	with t	he
1879 Dr.		
To balance of last year	203	07
Assessments	6889	32
	37092	39
By Payments Cr.		
To Children of Supernumeraries last year	.\$ 67	00
Short payment (Milton)	. 30	00
" (St Georges, Bermuda).	32	77
Secretary's Expenses	. 1	00
Allowances		
194 ³ / ₄ claimants @ \$35	6816	25
Balance	145	37

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Halifax, June 25th, 1879. Jos. G. Angwin, Treasurer.

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REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE CHILDREN'S FUND.

RESOLVED I.—That a committee be annually appointed, consisting of the Secretary of the Children's Fund and one representative from each District to be elected by the District, to make an equitable apportionment to each circuit for the succeeding year. (The representatives for the present year to be the late Financial Secretaries of the several Districts.)

II.—The Secretary of this committee shall notify upon the close of Conference, the Recording Stewards or the Superintendents of the Circuits the amounts estimated as necessary to be raised by their respective Circuits.

III.—In case of demur on the part of any circuit, said circuit may appeal to the ensuing Financial District Meeting, which District Meeting shall be empowered to relieve said circuit upon condition that any reduction be made up by an additional levy upon the other circuits of the Districts.

IV.—On recommendation of the Committee it was resolved that the full claim for each child for the ensuing year be \$36.00 and that the amount assessed be \$6830.00 to be apportioned as follows:

DISTRICTS.	AMOUNTS ASSESSED	D.
Halifax	\$1825 00	
Truro	615 00	
Cumberland		
Guysboro' & C. B		
Annapolis	1205 00	
Liverpool	835 00	
Yarmouth	760 00	

\$6830 00

A. D. MORTON, Secretary.

III—PARSONAGE AID AND CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE.

The following resolutions were recommended by the committee and acceded to by the Conference.

- 1. That the Treasurer and Secretary arrange for calling in the capital of the Funds with a view of carrying out the Constitution of the Fund at as early a date as possible.
- 2. That the Conference permit the Pictou Trustees to Mortgage the parsonage property.
- 3. That the Trustees of Hantsport parsonage be allowed to Mortgage.
- 4—That the Trustees of the North Sydney Church be allowed to mortgage their church property, if necessary.

The following properties have been secured during the year:--

Hantsport	Parsonage	cost	\$2,100 00
Oxford	do	66	1,300 00
Ritcey Cove	do	"	1,750 00
Manchester	Church at Guysboro Intv.	"	600 00
	" Port Mulgrave	66	700 00
North Sydney	"	66	2,000 00
Granville Ferry		66	4,000 00
Bridgetown	Granville Church	"	2,000 00
Lockeport	Church	"	1,900 00
Manchester	Bayfield church improv'd	1 66	130 00
Digby Neck	Church enlarged	"	300 00
Pictou	Parsonage Site	"	200 00
Pugwash	Church Site	"	60 00
New Germany	"	"	30 00

\$17,070 00

The following are the Constitution and Rules of the Parsonage Aid and Church Extension Fund of the Nova Scotia Conference, as adopted by the Conference.

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This Fund shall be called the Parsonage Aid and Church Extension Fund of the Nova Scotia Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada.

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CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEE.

The Fund shall be controlled by a committee of said Conference, composed of twelve members, one half Ministers the other half Laymen. The committee to be appointed Annually by the Conference, and to meet semi-annually. 1st—At the time and place of the annual session of the Conference: 2nd—At the time and place of the Autumn session of the Missionary Committee.

The Conference shall appoint a Secretary and two Treasurers, one of whom shall be a Layman, who, with the President of the Conference, shall be an Executive Committee, for the transaction of business between the Sessions of the General Committee.

THE FUND

shall consist of

1st—That proportion of the Jubilee Fund which may belong to this Conference, the interest of which has heretofore been paid into the late Parsonage Aid Fund of the E. B. A. Conference.

and—The subscriptions of our friends in the Conference which they may deem fit to donate for the purposes of this scheme.

3rd—That portion of the Funds of the late Home Missionary Society of the E. B. A. Conference which has fallen to the share of the Nova Scotia Conference on the final adjustment of the matter

4 h—The subscriptions of such Trust Boards as may from time to time desire to aid this connexional object.

5th-Any legacies which may be given to this object.

6th-Donations on Annuity.

THE EXPENDITURE

shall be of two kinds:

1st-Loans. 2nd-Free Grants.

Loans shall be of two classes:

1st-To New Erections. 2nd-To Old Trusts.

A-In New Erections, a Trust Board may receive as a Loan a sum not to exceed one fourth the entire cost of land and buildings.

B-In Old Trusts where debt exists the Board may receive a Loan not to exceed one half the existing encumbrance.

The terms upon which Loans may be made shall be as follows:

A—Trustees shall provide three fourths and one half the amounts respectively for New Erections and Debt Extinction before Loans are made, so that the Committee's claims shall be the only lien upon the properties.

B—The Loans shall be repaid in equal yearly instalments. One-tenth of the full amount of Loan each year, together with an additional sum equal to one per centum per annum upon the whole sum first loaned.

C—Trustee Boards to which Loans are made shall insure and keep insured during the whole time of repayment, a sum at least equal to the amount of their liability, the policies and renewal receipts to be lodged in the hands of the Secretary of this fund.

D—The Committee shall have power to make grants to Trust Boards to which Loans have been given, but in no instance shall the grant exceed one fifth of the amount loaned, nor shall Trustees have any claim to any grant, it being wholly discretionary with the Committee. In instances where Grants without Loans are requested, the Committee shall have power to make such Grants, but to an amount not exceeding \$200 in any one instance.

GENERAL RULES.

1st—The Funds shall be available to assist in New Erections and in the extinction of existing debts, whether the property concerned be in churches, vestries, or parsonages.

2nd—Trust Boards of New Erections, intending to seek aid, shall lay plans, &c., before the Committee for their approval, and no Trust Board neglecting or failing to obtain such approval shall be eligible to receive assistance by Loan or Grant.

3rd—Full and minute statements of the Trust business, showing in detail assets and liabilities, and prospects justifying the petition must in all cases accompany applications for assistance.

4th—Applications must be filed with the Secretary of the Committee at least one month before the meeting of the Committee which will be called upon to examine and pass upon it.

5th—The Committee shall, through its Secretary and Treasurers, present to the Conference an annual statement of the business of the Committee in detail; with auditors report.

6th—Two auditors shall be appointed annually by the Conference, who shall examine all the accounts of the Committee.

JOSEPH G. ANGWIN, Secretary.

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IV-EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

(See Appendix.)

DISTRICT DEPUTATIONS TO ATTEND EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS

Halifax—Thomas Rogers, A.M., Ralph Brecken A.M. S. B. Dunn, [Bermuda] B. C. Borden.

Truro-T. D. Hart, J. G. Angwin.

Cumberland-J. A. Rogers, William Purvis, John Craig.

Guysboro' and C.B .- Joseph S. Coffin, J. A. Mosher.

Annapolis-A. W. Nicolson, J. Cassidy, William Ainley.

Liverpool-W. C. Brown, A. S. Tuttle.

Yarmouth-J. Lathern, J. R. Hart.

V-SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

The Committee of the Supernumerary Fund beg leave to report the following recommendations:

- 1 That the Central Board of the Supernumerary Fund consist of the representatives of the Central Missionary Board of the three Eastern Conferences.
- 2 That Dr. Pickard be Clerical and Dr. Inch, Lay Treasurers of the Fund.
- 3 That the thanks of this Conference be tendered to Dr. Pickard and James B. Morrow, Esq., General Treasurers, for their valuable services for the past four years.
- 4 That greater care and more earnest effort is requisite to bring up the circuit receipts for this Fund to the point contemplated at its organization.

Joseph G. Angwin, Secretary.

VI.—SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

In presenting this report to Conference the Committee have cause for devout gratitude to Almighty God for blessings vouchsafed to this department of our work during the year

The Committee are of the opinion that a more important work can scarcely be engaged in by rational intelligent beings-a work in which angels would take delight if permitted to engage in, and upon which the Most High looks with approval and satisfaction. We wish to impress the superintendents of our schools with the importance of managing and working those schools in accordance with the constitution of our church. And we would urge upon our teachers the necessity of methodically and prayerfully studying God's word in order that rightly and efficiently they may dispense the truth to the dear children under their care. We deplore the fact of a decrease in most of the departments of our Sabbath School work, and it is our earnest hope and prayer that during the coming year our people will so engage in this ennobling and blessed work, as shall, with the blessing of God, ensure a larger degree of success than during the past year.

The Statistical Report for the past year is as follows:

(See next page.)

CALEB PARKER, Secretary.

the year ending April 30th, 1879.

Statistical Report of Methodist Sabbath Schools in the Nova Scotia Conference for

SABBATH SCHOOL SCHEDULE. No. 4.

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otals,	and CB.		
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157	35 16 30 13 25 26 26	No. of Schools.	
1		Members of Meth. Church.	0
i		Non-Members.	Officers and Teachers.
129	388 125 193 70 202 143 170	Total.	rs a
1 1077	347 97 142 59 59 169 129 141		nd rs.
1		In primary Classes.	
i		Intermediate Classes.	
		Adult Classes.	
9355	953 1487 498 1385 1018	Total.	Scholars.
6735	1083 381 1057 760 717	Average Attendance.	ars.
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2697	280 344 107 388 109 88	Copies of Other Papers.	8 6
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VII—BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR CANDIDATES AND PROBATIONERS FOR 1879.

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Old " " J. R. Hart
Wesley's Sermons, I to LII J. L. Sponagle
Wesley's Christian Perfection J. L. Sponagle
Angus' Hand Book—Part [T. W. Smith
Hare on Justification T. D. Hart
Exercis (Wesley's Watson's Whodon's)
Notes)
Fletcher's Checks, Chapter I to V . J. J. Teasdale
History of the Christian Church (Kurtz) - R. McArthur
Stevens' History Methodism to death of Wesley Jos. S. Coffin
Watson's Institutes J. R. Borden
Metaphysis (Hamilton) J. R. Borden
Rhetoric (Whatelys) J. A. Rogers
History of Reformation (Fisher's) Joseph Gaetz
Evidences of Christianity (Hopkins)
Dogmatic Faith (Garbutt's)
Logic (Whately) R. Brecken A. W.
Stewart's Outlines, &c., (McCosh's)?
Pearson on the Creed (- O. Jost, A.M.
Discipline of the Methodist Church of Canada. S. F. Huestis
THE PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE, Chairman.
CRANSWICK JOST, A.M., Secretary.

MODE OF EXAMINATION.

For the purposes of Examination, the Conference shall be divided into four Sections, and the Examinations shall be held in each on the first Wednesday in May.

Section 1 shall embrace the Halifax and Annapolis Districts. The examinations shall be held at Wolfville, under the charge of Rev. Thomas Rogers, A.M., and J. Strothard.

Section 2 shall embrace the Truro and Cumberland Districts. The examinations shall be held at Truro, under the charge of Revs. R. A. Temple and Thomas D. Hart.

Section 3 shall embrace the Guysboro' and C. B. Districts. The Examinations shall be held at Port Hawkesbury, under the charge of Revs. J. A. Mosher and E. E. England.

Section 4 shall embrace the Liverpool and Yarmouth Districts. The Examinations shall be held at Shelburne, under the charge of Revs. J. R. Hart.

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The examiners shall as soon as possible after the reception of the written papers transmit the results to the Secretary, who shall tabulate them and prepare his Report for the Districts.

CRANSWICK JOST, A.M., Secretary.

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VIII.—REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE.

In presenting their annual report, the committee express their thankfulness to the Giver of all Good for the measure of success granted to the temperance cause during the past year, and while recognizing the fact that much has been done in this direction, would still urge upon the attention of our people the importance and necessity of more strenuous and determined effort, in order that the inebriate may be reclaimed and the principles of temperance universally disseminated. We also urge upon our stewards and those more closely connected with the administration of the Lord's supper, the importance of securing and using unfermented wine. With renewed emphasis we implore all our members to obey our rule, which forbids drunkenness, buying or selling of spirituous liquors, or drinking them except in cases of extreme necessity. Looking upon the temperance cause as part of our holy christianity, the committee deplore the introduction of so many questionable amusements into temperance organizations, tending to alienate many christian ministers and people from the cause. We sincerely hope that more prominence will be given to this subject in our prayer-meetings and public congregations, and that during the incoming year glorious results may accrue from the labors of temperance workers throughout the world.

CALEB PARKER, Secretary.

IX.—REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE WORK OF GOD.

Halifax District.—The work of the year is, on the whole, encouraging. Extensive revivals have been witnessed in the Halifax South, and Horton Circuits, in other parts of the district some few have been added through the ordinary services of the church. The reports of nearly all the superintendents speak of good and attentive congregations, of evident interest in the public social services and also of improved attendance at the class-meetings. From this it would appear that growth in spiritual life rather than in numerical strength, is evident. By many ministers much anxiety has been felt respecting the young people under their charge; among them many of the public, secular and semi-religious gatherings are having an injurious influence.

TRURO DISTRICT.—In this district the superintendents report many tokens of the Divine power, although showers of blessings have not been as abundant and frequent as could have been desired. On the Picton Mission the secular interests of our church are prospering, and the doctrines and usages of Methodism, notwithstanding many opposing influences are gaining the ear and convictions of the people. On the Stellarton Mission a voluntary effort on the part of the church in united prayer for revival is evidence of growth in grace and intense desire for the Divine blessing.

CUMBERLAND DISTRICT.—This district reports general success. Nappan, Warren, Pugwash, and Wentworth Missions have been favoured with special tokens of Divine grace. The necessity, however, is felt of fuller consecration on the part of the ministry, and the importance of the Apostle's caution to Timothy "Take

heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this, thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."

GUYSBORO & C. B. DISTRICT.—On Manchester Mission two new churches have been opened which have given a fresh impulse to the cause of Methodism and of God. At Gabarus many have been converted whose consistent walk and godly conversation prove the genuineness of this change wrought in them by Divine Grace,

Annapolis District.—On many of the circuits the pastors have to contend against most intolerant opposition from those who consider non-essentials and useless controversy more important than soul saving. Healthy spiritual progress has been made in most of the circuits.

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.—Caledonia reports, that the mixed state of the congregations and denominational prejudices prevent the progress of our church, yet it is hoped that the more distinctive declaration of doctrinal truth will in the end remove these hindrances, and our church take a firmer hold of the sympathies and convictions of the people. On other missions of the district special services have resulted in the conversion of many, and general success in all departments. The important Circuit of Lunenburg will be divided this present year, and before long it is probable that another detachment may form a third circuit, as there is an enlarged sphere of usefulness before our church in this part of the country.

YARMOUTH DISTRICT.—This district reports continued success in the several circuits and missions. Barrington especially has enjoyed gracious visitations from God, so that at each of the six preaching appointments additions

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have been made to the membership of the church. At Lockeport, by the completion and opening of a new church, a more hopeful era in the history of this mission has been inaugurated.

A REVIEW of the spiritual state of our work throughout the conference while calling for increased thankfulness for continued success should lead also to earnest prayer to the Great Head of the Church for a larger endowment of spiritual power, in order that throughout our work the church may retain its aggressive character.

R. A. DANIEL, Secretary.

X.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY CONFERENCE IN CONNEXION WITH THE RELIEF AND EXTENSION FUND.

I. That this Conference has listened with deep interest to the communications of Dr. Sutherland and President Shaw respecting a scheme for paying the debt of the Missionary Society. The Conference is in perfect sympathy with the efforts of the Committee of Consultation and Finance and the Western Conferences to launch such a scheme at the present time. That though the prevailing commercial depression would seem to discourage such an enterprise at the present, yet regarding such depression as a call from God to review the principles on which we have discharged our stewardship, we resolve to consecrate ourselves and our substance afresh to God, to embark in this grand undertaking, and commend it to our people in faith in the Divine Providence, and to do all in our power to promote its success.

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movement, next to that of extinguishing the Missionary debt, should be the erection of, and payment of debts upon parsonages, as having a two-fold advantage of securing the comfort of our ministers and the relief of the Mission Fund in the item of rents. The distribution of the amount to be raised in the Maritime Conferences should we think be in the proportion of three fourths to the payment of the Missionary debt should it be required, and the balance to be left at the disposal of the three Eastern Conferences, each Conference to control and appropriate for connexional objects, the amount raised within its own bounds above the three fourths for the Mission debt as referred to.

1II. On motion it was resolved that three ministers and three laymen elected by nomination be a committee for carrying out the objects contemplated in the Relief Fund, the first minister elected shall be our representative to the Central Committee of the Fund. The following were elected as the committee, first the President of the Conference, R. Alder Temple, A. W. Nicolson, Geo. H. Starr, J. B. Morrow and Joseph Burrill.

COLLECTIONS FOR CONNEXIONAL FUNDS.

The Collections in aid of the Connexional Funds shall be taken up in the following order—viz:

I-CONTINGENT FUND-In the months of September and March.

II—SUPERNUMERARY MINISTER'S FUND.—In the months of October or November; and in the Classes in the months of November and December.

III—GENERAL CONFERENCE FUND.—In the month of December, proceeds to be forwarded promptly to the Treasurer.

IV-EDUCATIONAL FUND-In the month of February or April ERENCE COLLECTION-In the month of May.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS!

I-REV. JAMES TAYLOR.

Resolved, that the thanks of the Conference be presented to the retiring President, the Rev. James Taylor, for the diligence, impartiality and ability with which he has discharged the duties of his office during the year, and that we assure him of the continued affection of his brethren and their desire that he may long be spared to benefit the church in the active work of the ministry.

II—REV. A. W. NICOLSON.

Moved by Rev. G. O. Huestis, seconded by the Rev. John Cassidy, and

Resolved, that this Conference hereby expresses its appreciation of the services of the retiring Book Steward and Editor, who has so diligently and effectively discharged the duties of those offices for a period of six years. We are grateful for the success that has crowned his efforts in managing the affairs of this department of Conference work, and trust that, in the ministerial work in which he now engages, he will be equally successful.

III-REV. C. M. TYLER.

That the thanks of this Conference be given to the Rev. C M. Tyler for his kindness to the members of the Conference in his position as postmaster.

IV.—TEMPERANCE.

1. Resolved, That while we heartily rejoice in every well directed effort which is put forth for the advancement of the temperance movement, we cannot refrain from placing upon record our earnest disapproval of the introduction of such amusements and practices into the gatherings of temperance organizations, as are calculated to alienate the sympathy and co-operation of the membership and ministry of our church from this most important and vital reform.

V.—UNLICENSED PREACHERS.

Whereas from time to time, persons who are strangers to our Conference come among us requesting access to our pulpits and soliciting letters of recommendations from our ministers.

Resolved That this Conference hereby urges upon each minister and preacher, as well as upon the trustee boards of the several circuits, that all such applications be refused, except to those who produce unmistakable credentials.

VI-HALIFAX FRIENDS.

- 1. Resolved. That this Conference desires to acknowledge the very great kindness of the Halifax friends who have so hospitably entertained the members of the Conference during its present session, and directs that the resolution of thanks shall be published in the city papers, and that the Superntendents of the Brunswick St. and Grafton St. churches be requested to read the same from the pulpit next Lord's day.
- 2. Resolved. That the thanks of the Conference are due and are hereby presented to the Superintendents of the Halifax circuits for the very excellent and satisfactory arrangements made by them for the meeting of this Conference.

VII.—CONCERNING INVITATIONS.

Moved by Rev A W Nicolson and seconded by Rev J S Coffin,

1. That this Conference do hereby express its entire approval of the right of Quarterly Boards without exception to invite their ministers, if so disposed.

2. That the following questions shall be submitted, this year, for a definite answer, to all our Quarterly meetings: "Do you or do you not approve of the system of inviting ministers as now existing in our church?"

3. The decision of two-thirds of our Quarterly meetings shall be regarded next year as decisive in respect to whether or not the present system shall continue.

Question XVI—When and where shall our next Conference be held?

ANSWER.

The Third Wednesday in June, 1880, at Truro.

Signed by order and

on behalf of the Conference,

STEPHEN F. HUESTIS, President. JABEZ A. ROGERS, Secretary.

FINANCIAL ECONOMY.

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The Conference recommends to the Quarterly Meetings of the several circuits, the following plan, by which it is hoped they may the more effectually raise the amount necessary to meet the allowance of the ministers and preachers, and which will make the collection of class and ticket money hereafter unnecessary.

1. Let the Quarterly Boards at the beginning of each financial year, estimate the amount needed for the year.

2. Then ascertain from each member of the church, and, as far as practicable, from each attendant of the congregation, what each purposes to give as his or her weekly or monthly contribution.

3. Let these sums be entered by a steward appointed for that purpose in a book which he shall keep as Treasurer of the Quarterly Board. an de: ser

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- If the total amount of these sums does not equal the amount needed, then let the stewards apportion the deficiency among such as are willing, for Christ's sake, to assume such deficiency, setting down to each person, with his or her consent, the additional amount which they think he or she ought weekly or monthly to pay.
- 5. Let the stewards then adopt and carry out a plan by which every one shall have the opportunity of regularly contributing each week or month, by envelope or otherwise, not grudgingly or of necessity, the sum which has been pledged by him or her. Let these contributions be paid over regularly to the steward appointed to receive them, and be brought up by him to the quarterly meeting. The said steward shall keep an individual account of all the pledges and contributions, and shall pay over the same, under the direction of the quarterly meeting, to the preacher or preachers authorized to receive
- That quarterly meetings adopting the envelope system be recommended not to include in their estimates the claims of Foreign and Home Missions, but to provide for these funds as in times past, by special collections and subscriptions.

STANDING ORDERS.

1 .- FINANCIAL DISTRICT MEETINGS.

The attention of the Chairmen of Districts is called to Sec. VI., p. 49, and Section I., p. 112, of the Discipline. The Conference directs that the greatest care shall be exercised in preparing the estimates of Receipts and expenditure on the dependent circuits. The expenditure shall in no case exceed \$750, exclusive of the Children's Fund claims and house rent. These estimates, together with a detailed statement of the removal expences of ministers, shall be forwarded to the Rev. W. H. Heartz, Secretary of the Missionary Committee, who will transmit them to the Central Missionary Board.

2.—CONNEXIONAL FUNDS.

- 2. Missionary and Educational Societies .- Each Superintendent is required to present at the District Meeting in a form for publication, lists of the benefactors and subscribers to these Societies of two dollars and upwards, all amounts under two dollars to be entered under small sums, with an account of their respective contributions, and all other monies received during the year; and the Chairmen of the Districts shall forward such lists to the Treasurers of the respective Funds.
- Contingent and Supernumerary Minister's Funds .- Superintendents are requested to see that the annual public collections are taken for these funds at the time appointed. For the latter fund subscriptions and donations shall be taken in the classes and

among the lay friends of the Church, and the names of all annual subscribers of five dollars or more, shall be forwarded to the Treasurer for publication in the Minutes of Conference.—(Dis. p. 115.)

4. Children's Fund.—The Financial Secretaries of the several districts are required to send to the Secretary of the Children's Fund immediatly after the Annual Districts Meeting, the names of all ministers in their respective districts who are claimants upon the Children's Fund for the current year; and to state the number of children for whom allowance is claimed; and, as far as possible, the name and date of birth of each of the said children.

3.—SABBATH SCHOOL REPORTS.

5. Each Superintendent is directed to see that an Annual Report of the state of the Sabbath-schools in his circuit, is prepared, in tabular form (*Schedules Nos.* 1 and 2, issued by the Board of Management), and presented to the Quarterly Official, and District meetings.—Dis. pp. 79 & 98.

4. - REPORTS OF RELIGIOUS STATE.

6. Each Superintendent is directed to prepare a Report of the religious state of his circuit or mission, to be read at the Annual District Meeting; at which meeting a summary of such Reports shall be prepared and entered in the District Minutes for the information of the Conference. The condensed Reports of Missions shall also be prepared in a form to be transmitted to the General Secretaries.

5.—BOOK ROOM ACCOUNTS.

7. Every Minister and Preacher is peremptorily required to settle his book account for the preceding year at each Annual Conference, and also regularly to transmit the money in his hands, without any reservation or deduction whatever, to the Book Steward, whenever it shall amount to ten dollars.

6.—THE WESLEYAN.

8. Chairmen of Districts are directed to institute enquiry at the Annual District as to the diligence and fidelity of each Minister and Preacher responsible for the collection of subscriptions due for the Wesleyan.

7.—DISTRICT MINUTES.

9. Chairmen of Districts are required to take to Conference three complete copies of the Minutes of the Annual and Financial District Meetings, duly signed by the Chairman and Secretary;—one copy inserted in the District Book for his own use; one for the Secretary of the Conference; and one for the Members of the District and of the Conference.—(Dis. p. 49.)

8.—SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

10. Sermons on the obligations of the Sabbath shall be annually preached on all the circuits on the third Sabbath in the month of January.—

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DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN, -Once again through the tender mercy of our Heavenly Father, we send you from our Annual Conference, our greetings and counsels. Our relation to you, as the flocks committed by the Chief Shepherd to our care, a relation which we feel to be most intimate and sacred, prompts us to assure you of our unabated affection, and our most tender interest in your spiritual welfare. "Ye are in our hearts, to die and live with you." We gratefully recognize the vital union by which we are bound together as members of the "one body." The "seals of our apostleship" are many of you, "in the Lord." Your early vows-the dawning of blood-bought liberty on your spirits,-the happy infancy of your Christian life,-we cherish in affectionate To watch the expansion of your Christian graces; to mark your faith, increasing in vigor and fruitfulness; to rejoice in the hope that has animated you in the conflicts of life; to witness your love, "abounding in knowledge and in all judgment;" to minister to your comfort in affliction, and to your godly edifying, and to bear you daily to the throne of the heavenly grace, -these have been, and shall continue to be, our purest delight. In your behalf we consecrate ourselves afresh to Christ's service and work, and pray for a richer supply of His grace, that our future labours may be abundantly successful, that we may "finish our course with joy, and the ministry which we have received of the Lord Jesus;" and that we may have the crowning blessedness of "presenting every man perfect in Christ Jesus."

The annual review of the several departments of our evangelical work has yielded us much satisfaction and calls for thankfulness to Almighty God, who condescends to employ us in his service. The last year has been one of connexional peace, and in many circuits of a comforting measure of prosperity. Societies have been quickened and many "dead in trespasses and sins" have been brought to Christ. God has been pleased to show us that as a christian church we are still able, through His help, to answer

the end of our providential calling, and that there is nothing in the spirit of the age, nor in the peculiar constitution of our church, to render Methodism either less necessary or less useful to mankind. Yet it is cause of humiliation to us that the number added to the church has not been sufficiently large to supply the inevitable loss sustained by death, removals and other causes. Our numbers exhibit a total membership of 8759, showing a decrease of 171. This decrease is in part to be accounted for from the disadvantages presented by extreme commercial distress, the opposition of bigoted brethren, and high political excitement Yet after making the utmost allowance for the effect of other causes, there is too much reason to fear that the great cause is less to be sought in outward circumstances than in ourselves.

Where are the zeal, simplicity, and oneness of purpose which

distinguished our fathers? "Doth God's promise fail forevermore?" Is not our worship too formal, and our spirit too cold and worldly? Are we not too careless and unconcerned about the unconverted multitudes that claim our pity? Are we not too prone to rest in means, and to glory in men, forgetting that all spiritual power is from God? Are we not too seldom in our closets and too hurried in our prayers? Whatever be our "infirmity" it behoves us to find it out. Brethren, there is absolutely no remedy for present defects but in a return to that explicit surrender of neart and life to the Holy Spirit with which Methodism was at first characterized. What we need is to give ourselves to prayer and to a more diligent attention to those peculiar means of grace which have heretofore fed the life of Methodism, and from the institution of which it dates its existence. We are not despondent. was not by accident that the spiritual life in Methodism fashioned for itself an organization so well adapted to its growth and the wants of the world. We have faith in God and Methodism; and will "remember the years of the right hand of the Most High." Our Sabbath Schools have grown into great importance and usefulness. The total number of scholars reported is 9352, the number of teachers is 1314. No doubt the state of our schools is most promising, in relation to the prospects of our connexion, but when we consider the number of teachers employed, and the number of conversions which have occurred among the children during the year, which amounts to 195, it may be doubted whether we are realizing all the spiritual results which might fairly be expected. Our Connexional Funds have, considering the general monetary depression, been well sustained by our people. In this they have lost nothing, but have acquired a more deeply-principled piety, together with a growing conviction that the noblest work of a christian man in the world is to sustain the cause of Christ, and that worldly competence and social influence are to be desired mainly for this purpose.

And now, dear brethren permit us to remind you that the great purpose for which in the providence of God our church has been called into existence is to spread "Scriptural holiness through the land." In order to this desirable end we exhort you to a renewed

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consecration of yourselves to God, under the solemn conviction that upon the depth and consistency of your personal religion will depend not only your happiness, but also your usefulness in the world. Endeavor to realize that nothing can avail as a substitute for the spirituality of the church; neither a talented ministry nor high morality, nor extensive beneficence, nor multiplied and beautiful sanctuaries. The glory of the church is the presence of God in her midst, and her beauty is the beauty of holiness. Let us be careful that the glorious doctrines of the witness of the Spirit, and the entire sanctification of the soul do not pass away from the sphere of experience, only to be found in that of mere The blood of the cross has not lost its cleansing orthodoxy. virtue; the Comforter is still the "Spirit of holiness;" and the commandment of the Eternal Father is as plain and imperative as when Prophets and Apostles spake in his name, "Be ye holy, for I am holy." We urge you dear brethren, to such an entire sanctification of your body, soul and spirit, and such an unreserved consecration of your time, talents and influence to the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom, as shall place all things worldly, politics, science and commercial pursuits in complete subordination to the realities of eternity; so shall your piety shed a radiance of sanctity around the domestic circle, your integrity and simplicity will command the respect of the world, and your religious activity will be an irresistible power for good.

In order to the cultivation of personal holiness, attend to all the appointed means of grace and spiritual improvement. Be careful lest your connection with organizations outside of the church, and attendance upon public meetings, lectures and committees should interfere with the higher claims of our week-night services. Beware lest the desire to do good on a large scale, by co-operation with others should foster a taste for neglecting the duties of our own church, and lead to the lamentation, "They made me a keeper of the vineyards; but my own vineyard have I not kept."

Pay a scrupulous and diligent regard to private devotions. The claims of the world, of the family, or even of the church must not be allowed to interfere with the claims of the closet. That you may be men of power, seek to be men of prayer. Imitate the holy examples sketched by inspired biography. The Saviour spent whole nights in prayer-alone on the mountain with God. who stood in need of no such aids, stooped to our condition that he might teach us by his own example the diligent use of secret prayer. Couple with the duty of closet prayer the devout and systematic reading of the word of God. Seek as you would for priceless treasure, that "the Father of glory may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him; the eyes of your understanding being enlightened, that you may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints. This knowledge you will find in the accredited depository of the declarations of "the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom." It is the aliment of your spiritual

growth and the ground of your stability. It will prove a safeguard in the hour of temptation, and a solace in the day of trouble: it will direct your zeal and sustain your faith in the various enterprizes of charity and piety, and prove a source of unfailing comfort in your declining years. In these times when so much dishonor is done to the oracles of God, by irreverent criticism and remorseless scepticism, we are persuaded dear brethren that you will evince your attachment to them by studying more earnestly and practising more diligently their holy lessons. As an inestimable help to steadfastness and advancement in holiness, we earnestly exhort you to prize the class-meeting. This institution is the vital principle of Methodism, and cannot be neglected without endangering our very existence as a church. Where will you find a better mode than that which our class-meeting furnishes, of " exhorting and edifying one another," -of bearing one another's burdens, and so fulfilling the law of Christ?" Encourage our valued auxiliaries, your leaders, by meeting them at the appointed time. Emulate the saints of old, of whom Malachi records that they "spake often one to another." Avoid mere routine in this exercise. Let every class-meeting be a frank, simple and edifying conversation-a talking of the things which pertain to the Kingdom of Christ. Let each member take his share of the responsibility of its success. It is unreasonable for those who bring mone of the fervour of devotion to the class, to complain of its dulness. Such a complaint speaks its own condemnation. man liveth unto himself." For the sake of those who are influenced by your example—that others may not be infected by your coldness, nor lost through your indifference, we entreat you be not remiss in your attendance at the class-meeting. Go from your closet to the class-room, from your knees to the "fellowship of the saints," and doubtsand dullness will melt away in the light of God's revealed presence.

While the religion of Divine love is thus fostered in the heart by the use of the means of grace, let it be protected against all that is adverse to it, and destructive of its very nature. Brethren, suffer the word of most earnest exhortation on this topic. Christianity in our land has exerted a vast influence on the public mind and brought the church and the world into much nearer relations. Is there no danger of confounding things that eternally differ? No danger lest by a gradual conformity to the world, we forfeit our consistency, cease to condemn the world by righteousness, and lose the power of rebuke? Let us remember that light and darkness are not more opposed than the spirit of Christ and the spirit of the world. To retain the "adoption of sons" we must be a separate and "peculiar people." The world will not allow the unholy professor to call it to account. We are compelled to admit the painful truth, that the chief cause of scepticism, and distaste for the Gospel is the practical inconsistency of many who "profess and call themselves Christians." "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above, not on

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Suffer us further to admonish you, dear brethren, that you exert yourselves, in your several spheres of life and action, and according to the abilities which God has given you, to advance the cause of Christ, by seeking others' good as well as our own, and maintaining the sacred institutions of the church. Holiness lives in action. Imitate the example of Him who "went about doing good." Ally yourselves with angels, who are "ministering spirits." With love to men such as burned in the heart that was pierced and broken on the cross, seek to bring all under your roof, all within reach of your voice, all embraced within the same social circle, under the influence of the truth. Your first care should be

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to promote the spiritual interests of your own domestic circle. The family is a Divine institution. It is God himself who "setteth the solitary in families," and whose own word declares that He "will be the God of all the families of Israel." The head of a family is charged with responsibilities which he cannot delegate to "I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and that they shall keep the way of the Lord," was Jehovah's testimony concerning the "father of the faithful;" and let us "walk in the steps of our father Abraham" in his godly practice, as well as in the cultivation of his faith. Our hearts yearn over those who have been dedicated, by our office and ministry, to the God of their fathers. The perils of the age menace their well-being on every hand. If you would command their respect and affection through coming years, and secure for them and yourselves the blessing of God, seek, by the observance of kind but firm discipline, to guard them from the temptations of gaiety, of doubtful companionships, of questionable recreations, of pernicious reading, and of vain speculations; and endeavour, by the daily reading of the Scriptures in the family, by prayer and intercession, and by the free communication of religious instruc. tion, to bring them to Christ, that they may perpetuate His name and praise when you shall be no more. Then will God, make good His own promise, "I will pour water on him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground. I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring: and they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water-courses."

As a powerful auxiliary in the work of religiously instructing the young we commend to you our Sabbath Schools. Apart from the ministry of the word, no instrumentality now in operation has effected half the good that these schools have done; and we urge you, by your pecuniary contributions, and by bringing intelligence and piety to bear upon their management, to promote their highest efficiency. Gather the children in. Let Bible-classes be formed, under experienced teachers, that the older pupils may be retained. Let the parents more fully identify themselves with this institution. Let the pious and influential among us find here a noble sphere for the operation of their talents. We strongly urge you to supply your schools with such wholesome religious literature as our Book Room can supply, in order to augment their efficiency and secure the results of your teaching. In an age when error of all kinds infects the current literature of the country, and when popular favour attends a class of writers who unsettle all christian taiths, and remove every venerable land-mark, it is impossible to overestimate the importance of circulating among our children the pure and precious truths which, as a body, we hold and teach

by pulpit and press.

If the mind that was in Christ be in you, you will extend your benevolent solicitude beyond your immediate family circles to all mankind. Our primary calling from the beginning has been the spread of the Gospel and the conversion of sinners to God. Never lose sight of this. Our church has a sphere of progress of

its own, and we exhort you to accelerate that progress, not by removing the "ancient landmarks," but by rising into closer com munion with God, and then by expanding in ardent love to man, and abounding in all the activities which embody that love.

Permit us to exhort you to support, according to your means and opportunities, the work of God at home and abroad. not "muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn." Our Missionary Society is in great straits. We regret to say that the income of our own Auxiliary has fallen short of that of last year to the extent of \$1,500. With a debt of \$63,000 crippling the operations of the Society, its means of extending and sustaining the work of God abroad, and of aiding and relieving poor circuits at home are greatly circumscribed, and in consequence many of our brethren in this Province are subjected to sore privation. In concurrence with the other Conferences of our church in the Dominion, we have launched a scheme for the liquidation of the Society's debt, and for the relief of other connexional funds, which will be laid before our people in the autumn, and for which we bespeak your earnest and prayerful sympathy and support.

Let us remember that we are only the stewards of God's gifts, and let us inquire whether we are fully discharging our duty to God and his cause? Whether our rate of giving is in strict accordance with our vows, our income, the injunctions of Scripture, and the necessities of our perishing fellow-men. When the Tabernacle stood in need of self-denial and liberality, God commanded his pecple, "Whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring an offering to the Lord, gold, silver, and brass;" and the people answered by pouring the spoils of Egypt into the treasury; and such was the flood of gifts that Moses had to cry, "Hold, it is enough!" A rare example of pious bounty. It is sad that the liberality of those whom Christ has redeemed with his blood, needs, now-a-days, the stimulus of rivalry, eloquence, and urgent and earnest entreaties. Would to God we were more fired with the love of Christ and of souls, then would we spare our persons and our purses less, and abounding in the work of the Lord, rise to the height of Paul's motto, "I will gladly spend and be spent for

Finally, brethren, let us now address ourselves in the name of the Lord, to the work of the year; and we are intensely anxious that it should be a year of abundant blessing from the Lord. To quit ourselves as men—such men as the early Methodists were; to be in the front rank of intelligence, yet bearing the standard of earnest piety; to elevate and regenerate the masses around us; to earry the tide of war into the very camp of the enemies of the Lord of Hosts; this is the work which we are called to do. We are no longer before other christian churches in evangelical activities. But let us see that we are not left behind in the race of Christian emulation. The great and acknowledged need of our times is a continuous Pentecost. To the necessity of some extraordinary outpouring of the Holy Ghost we are now shut up. We have arrived at a point in our history when not to brace ourselves.

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we hope in God. Brethren, let us act our part, pray for Zion, and expect showers of blessing. Your "prayer shall return into your own bosom, and you shall see the good of Jerusalem all the days of your life, and peace upon Israel;" and when time shall be no more, and death itself shall die, before an assembled universe the hands that were pierced for you shall crown you, and the voice that was hushed for you shall say, "thus shall it be done unto him whom the king delighteth to honour."

S. F. Huestis, President J. A. Rogers, Secretary.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

In commencing the second quadrennium of our Educational Society under its present constitution, the committee begs to present the following statement of the amounts raised by this Conference towards the Society, and the amounts granted by the Central Board towards the Funds of Educational expenses of the young men attending the Mount Allison Wesleyan College by permission of the Conference.

Amount raised by the Conference from 1875 to 1878, inclusive, \$1,628.24.

Between the year first mentioned and that last mentioned, there is a falling off of \$16.29.

Amount granted by Central Board in aid of Theological Students belonging to the Conference, about \$2,100. This sum has been divided among eleven young men, who have spent from one to three years, each, under the educational care of the Professor of Theology.

The Central Board has also granted to the Departments of Arts and Theology of the Mount Allison Wesleyan College about \$4,000 during the years mentioned.

The receipts from the Districts for the year now closing are as follows:—

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In order to the success of our missionary work, there must be at the disposal of the church a properly qualified agency. The object of the society is to assist in providing this agency; and the committee desires to remind our people again of the desirability and necessity of contributing systematically and liberally to this most worthy object.

THOMAS ROGERS, Secretary.

Subscriptions to the Educational Society.

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