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OF THE

*Newfoundland Conference*

OF THE

*Methodist Church of Canada,*

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OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.  
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PRESIDENT.  
REV. JAMES DOVE.

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SECRETARY.  
REV. CHARLES LADNER.

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Rev. George S. Milligan, M.A., President of the Conference, took the chair at 10, a.m.

After singing and reading the Scriptures, prayer was offered by the Rev. J. S. Peach, and the Rev. Thomas Fox.

The Conference proceeded to elect by ballot its chief officers, when the Rev. James Dove was elected President, and the Rev. Charles Ladner, Secretary.

The Rev. Joseph Pascoe was elected Journal Secretary. The Revd's. Joseph Parkins, F. G. Willey, and James Nurse were appointed Assistant Secretaries, and the Rev. J. B. Heal Assistant Journal Secretary.

## ROUTINE BUSINESS:

*Question I.—Who are the Members of Conference present?*

ANSWER,—

Rev. James Dove, *President.*

“ G. S. Milligan, M. A., *Ex-President.*

“ Charles Ladner, *Secretary.*

Rev. John S. Peach,  
 “ Thomas Fox,  
 “ John Goodison,  
 “ Job Shenton,  
 “ Joseph Pascoe,  
 “ John Reay,  
 “ Solomon Matthews,  
 “ Jeremiah Embree,  
 “ Thomas H. James,  
 “ William Swann,  
 “ George J. Bond, A. B.,  
 “ Thomas W. Atkinson,  
 “ Francis G. Willey,  
 “ James Nurse,  
 “ Charles Myers,

Rev. George Boyd,  
 “ Robert W. Freeman,  
 “ Jabez Hill,  
 “ Joseph Parkins,  
 “ John Pratt,  
 “ John P. Bowell,  
 “ Henry C. Hatcher,  
 “ James B. Heal,  
 “ Jesse Heyfield,  
 “ Anthony Hill,  
 “ William Jennings,  
 “ Joseph Lister,  
 “ George Paine,  
 “ James Pincock,  
 “ Samuel Snowden.

*Question II.—Are there any objections to any of our Ministers or Probationers for the Ministry?*

ANSWER,—

They were examined one by one.

*Question III.—Who has entered this Conference by transfer, or from what Conference?*

ANSWER,—

None.

*Question IV.—Who has been transferred, and to what Conference?*

ANSWER,—

None.

*Question V.—Who compose the several Conference Committees, and what Laymen are appointed for the several Committees on Connexional Funds?*

ANSWER,—

**I. Stationing Committee.**

• ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

Rev. G. S. Milligan, M.A., and Rev. Job Shenton.

CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

Rev. James Dove, President of Conference, and Rev. John Goodison.

BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

Rev. John Reay, and Rev. Thomas W. Atkinson.

**II. Pastoral Address.**

Rev. Joseph Pascoe, and Rev. James Nurse.

**III. Memorials and Miscellaneous Resolutions.**

Rev. Solomon Matthews, and Rev. Jeremiah Embree.

**IV. Letter Writers.**

Rev. Charles Myers, and Rev. John Pratt.

**V. Statistical Returns.**

The Sub-Secretaries of Conference.

**VI. Sabbath School Committee.**

President of Conference.

Rev. G. J. Bond, A.B., Treasurer and Corresponding Member  
of S. S. B.

Rev. Joseph Pascoe, Secretary.

Rev. Solomon Matthews. | Rev. John Pratt.

**VII. Contingent Fund Committee.**

The President, Ex-President, and Secretary of Conference.

Rev. Job Shenton,

" John Reay,

" Solomon Matthews,

" Robert W. Freeman,

Mr. J. E. Peters, Treasurer,

" E. Prace,

Mr. G. W. Mews,

" H. J. B. Woods,

I. L. McNeil, Esq., J.P.,

Sheriff Bemister,

Wm. Joyce, Esq., J. P.

**VIII. Educational Society Committee.**

President of Conference.

Rev. G. S. Milligan, M.A., Treasurer.

" G. J. Bond, A. B., Secretary.

Rev. Job Shenton,

" F. G. Willey,

" George Boyd,

Hon. C. R. Ayre,

Sheriff Bemister,

I. L. McNeil, Esq., J. P.

R. E. Holloway, Esq., B. A.

**IX. Missionary Committee.**

Rev. James Dove, Treasurer.

Hon. C. R. Ayre, Lay Treasurer.

Rev. Job Shenton, Secretary.

Rev. G. S. Milligan, M. A.,

" J. S. Peach,

" G. J. Bond, A. B.,

" J. Embree,

Hon. J. J. Rogerson,

John Steer, Esq.,

Sheriff Bemister,

I. L. McNeil, Esq., J. P.,

James Saint, Esq., M. H. A.

**X. Supernumerary Fund Committee.**

Rev. James Dove, Treasurer.

I. L. McNeil, Esq., J. P., Lay Treasurer.

Rev. J. Goodison,  
 " J. S. Peach,  
 " J. Shenton.

Mr. G. W. Mews,  
 Sheriff Bemister.

**XI. Committee for Examination of Candidates.**

President, Ex-President, and Secretary of Conference.

Rev. J. Shenton, Secretary.

Rev. J. Goodison,  
 " J. Pascoe,  
 " S. Mathews,  
 " J. Parkins,  
 " G. Boyd,  
 " T. Harris,  
 " J. Nurse,  
 " J. Lister.

Rev. G. J. Bond, A. B.,  
 " J. Embree,  
 " F. G. Willey,  
 " T. W. Atkinson,  
 " W. Swann,  
 " R. W. Freeman,  
 " Jabez Hill,  
 " J. B. Heal.

Thomas H. James.

**XII. Parsonage Aid Committee.**

President and Ex-President of Conference.

Rev. J. S. Peach, Secretary.

Rev. John Goodison,  
 " John Reay,  
 " Solomon Matthews,  
 " Jeremiah Embree,  
 " Charles Myers,  
 " Jabez Hill,  
 " George Boyd,  
 " G. H. Bryant,

Hon. E. White,  
 " J. J. Rogerson,  
 " C. R. Ayre,  
 " John Rorke,  
 John Steer, Esq., Treasurer,  
 John Woods, Esq.,  
 James Hippisley, Esq., J. P.,  
 James Saint, Esq., M. H. A.,

Mr. George W. Mews,  
 " John B. Ayre,  
 " S. R. March,  
 " John Maddock,  
 " John Bartlett.

### XIII. Special Conference Committee.

President and Secretary of Conference.

Ex-President,  
Rev. J. S. Peach,  
" J. Goodison,

Chairmen of Districts,  
Rev. J. Pascoe,  
" R. W. Freeman.

### XIV. Members of General Conference Committees.

#### 1. *Central Missionary Board.*

Rev. James Dove; Hon. C. R. Ayre, Lay Representative.

#### 2. *Book Room Committee.*

Rev. G. S. Milligan, M. A.; Rev. James Dove.

#### 3. *Transfer Committee.*

Rev. James Dove.

#### 4. *Corresponding Member of the S. S. Board.*

Rev. G. J. Bond, A.B.

*Question VI.—What Preachers are this year admitted into full connexion with the Conference, and to be ordained?*

ANSWER,—

Robert Bramfitt,  
George Bullen,

William H. Edyvean,  
William Kendall,  
Edgar Taylor.

*Question VII. What Probationers remain on trial?*

ANSWER,—

George P. Story,

Who has travelled three years.

John Peters,  
Joseph A. Jackson,

William Tratt,  
Thomas L. Eland,

Who have travelled two years.



*Question VIII. What Probationers are now on the list of Reserve?*

ANSWER,—

None.

*Question IX. What Probationers are now received on trial?*

ANSWER,—

George Vater,

Who is regarded as having travelled one year.

*Students allowed to attend the Institution :*

Henry Lewis, who has travelled four years.

William B. Secombe, who has travelled four years.

*Question X. Who have died since last Conference?*

ANSWER,—

None.

*Question XI. Who are the Superannuated Ministers?*

ANSWER,—

None.

*Question XII. Who are the Supernumerary Ministers?*

ANSWER,—

W. E. Shenstone,  
Thomas Fox,

|  
John S. Peach,  
George H. Bryant,

*Question XIII. What persons who were in full connection with the Conference now cease to be recognized as Ministers among us?*

ANSWER,—

None.

*Question XIV. Who are deposed from the office of the Ministry?*

ANSWER,—

None.

*Question XV. Who are deposed from the office of the Ministry, and expelled from the Church?*

ANSWER,—

None.

*Question XVI. How are the Ministers and Probationers stationed for the ensuing year?*

ANSWER,—

REV. J. DOVE, PRESIDENT.

“ CHARLES LADNER, SECRETARY.

#### ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

1. *St. John's*,—Job Shenton, Charles Ladner, George P. Story, Thomas Fox, Supernumerary, G. S. Milligan, M. A., Superintendent of Day Schools, (by permission of Conference.)
2. *Pouch Cove*,—William Kendall.
3. *Burin*,—Solomon Matthews.
4. *Grand Bank*,—Thomas Harris.
5. *Fortune*,—Jabez Hill.

6. *Petites*,—James Pincock.
7. *Channel*,—Jesse Hayfield.
8. *St. Pierre*,—One wanted.
9. *Flat Islands & Sound Islands*,—James Wilson.
10. *Flower Cove*,—One to be sent.
11. *St. Anthony*,—William R. Pratt.
12. *Bonne Bay and Bay of Islands*,—John Peters.
13. *Labrador*,—John P. Bowell.

JOB SHENTON, *Chairman*.

CHARLES LADNER, *Financial Secretary*.

### CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

14. *Carbonear*,—George Boyd, J. A. Jackson, J. S. Peach, Supernumerary.
15. *Harbor Grace*,—John Goodison.
16. *Brigus*,—Joseph Pascoe, W. E. Shenstone, Supy.
17. *Cupids*,—John Reay. The brethren of Brigus and Cupids' Circuits to exchange once in six weeks.
18. *Bay Roberts*,—F. G. Willey.
19. *Port-de-Grave*,—One to be sent. The Preacher at Port-de-Grave to be under the superintendence of Brother Willey, with whom he will exchange appointments once every six weeks.
20. *Blackhead*,—James Dove, President of Conference.
21. *Western Bay*,—R. W. Freeman.
22. *Island Cove*,—Thomas H. James.
23. *Old Perlican*,—W. Swann, G. H. Bryant Supy.
24. *Hants Harbor*,—Charles Myers.
25. *Hearts Content*,—G. Payne.
26. *Trinity*,—Anthony Hill.
27. *Random, North*,—Thomas L. Eland.
28. *Random, South*,—Edgar Taylor.
29. *Green's Harbor*,—Henry C. Hatcher.

JAMES DOVE, *Chairman*.

JOHN GOODISON, *Financial Secretary*.

### BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

30. *Bonavista*,—Jeremiah Embree.
31. *Catalina*,—Joseph Parkins.
32. *Greenspond*,—Joseph Lister, George Vater.
33. *Twillingate*,—Thomas W. Atkinson.

34. *Exploits*,—John Pratt.
35. *Musgrave Town*,—Samuel Snowdon.
36. *Musgrave Harbor*,—Robert Bramfitt.
37. *Fogo*,—George J. Bond, A. B.
38. *Herring Neck, &c.*,—W. H. Edyvean.
39. *Moreton's Harbor*,—James Nurse.
40. *Little Bay Islands*,—William Jennings.
41. *Betts Cove & Tilt Cove*,—J. B. Heal, George Bullen.

GEORGE J. BOND, A. B. *Chairman.*

T. W. ATKINSON, *Financial Secretary.*

*Students allowed to attend the Theological Institution in Sackville, N. B.*—Henry Lewis, W. B. Secombe.

*Question XVII.—What is the number of Church members, places of worship, attendance on worship, on each Circuit and Mission?*

*What is the number of baptisms administered, and of marriages solemnized by each minister?*

ANSWER,—

See Conference Schedule No. 1, Appendix A.

*Question XVIII.—What is the number of Ministers, Probationers and Laymen in the Quarterly Official Meetings? of Sabbath Schools, and what Connexional Property?*

ANSWER,—

See Conference Schedule No. 2, Appendix A.

*Question XIX.—What amounts have been collected on each District for the various Connexional Funds?*

ANSWER,—

See Conference Schedule No. 3, Appendix A.

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*Question XX.—What are the Reports of the several Committees?*

ANSWER,—

The Reports of the several Committees were presented and adopted by the Conference. See Appendix B.

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*Question XXI.—What further means can be adopted for the promotion of the work of God within or beyond the bounds of Conference? And what are the recommendations of District Meetings on this important subject?*

ANSWER,—

The subject was brought before the Conference, and a lengthy and interesting conversation took place, in which several Ministers gave earnest Addresses, reviewing the work of the year. A synopsis of the spiritual state of each Circuit and Mission was read, and drew from the Conference hearty thanks to God for the success vouchsafed, and the Ministers resolved to go forth with renewed zeal to the toil of the year in humble dependence upon the promised baptism of the Holy Ghost.

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*Question XXII.—Where and when shall our next Conference be held?*

ANSWER,—

Carbonear, on the fourth Wednesday in June, 1880, at 10 A.M.

The Conference Prayer Meeting will be held on the day the Conference opens, to commence at 12 o'clock.

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## ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR 1880.

*First Preparatory Day.*—Tuesday, June 22nd. Stationing Committee at 4 P.M.

*Opening of Conference.*—Wednesday, June 23rd, at 10 A.M.

Colportage Committee to meet on Tuesday, June 22nd, at 7.30 P.M.

Temperance Committee to meet on Tuesday, June 22nd, at 7.30 P.M.

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## STANDING ORDERS.

### TIME FOR COLLECTIONS IN AID OF THE CONNEXIONAL FUNDS.

- General Conference Collection, . . . . . August.
- Contingent Fund :
- Public Collection, . . . . . September.
- Supernumerary Ministers and Ministers' Widows' Fund :
- First,—Collection in Classes, . . . . . September.
- Second,—Public Collection, . . . . . December.
- Contingent Fund (yearly collection in classes), March.
- Educational Fund :
- Public Collection, . . . . . April.
- Parsonage Aid Fund :
- At the convenience of the Minister.
- Newfoundland School Society :
- At the convenience of the Minister.
- Resolved*,—That Quarterly Collections be taken up whenever practicable.

### PUBLIC CIRCUIT MEETINGS.

*Resolved*,—That it be incumbent upon the Ministers and Probationers to hold semi-annually a public Circuit meeting in at least all the principal places within the several Circuits and Missions, at which their financial needs shall be brought before our people, and contributions solicited and received.

Signed on behalf, and by order of, the Conference,

JAMES DOVE, *President*.

CHARLES LADNER, *Secretary*.

APPENDIX A.  
Conference Statistics and Connexional Funds.

SCHEDULE 1. ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Membership.		Preaching Places.	Attendance on Public Worship	Baptisms.	Marriages.
	Members.	On Trial.				
St. John's .. .. .	770	101	7	2800	110	47
Burin .. .. .	290	62	7	1400	51	22
Grand Bank .. .. .	85	12	1	800	34	10
Fortune .. .. .	120		1	800	34	7
Petites .. .. .	46	4	12	500	26	13
Channel .. .. .	46	2	5	260	23	3
Flat Islands .. .. .	166	103	16	740	35	7
Flower Cove .. .. .	36	2	7	200	16	2
St. Anthony .. .. .	142	4	17	500	57	5
Bonne Bay .. .. .	60	3	3	280	9	2
Labrador .. .. .	38	18	13	700	31	5
	1799	311	89	8980	426	123

CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

Carbonear .. .. .	801	65	6	2400	146	32
Harbor Grace .. .. .	135		3	1100	34	16
Brigus .. .. .	148	35	4	1100	41	13
Cupids .. .. .	150	6	3	900	37	11
Bay Roberts .. .. .	68	15	5	500	15	10
Black Head .. .. .	553		3	1520	46	17
Western Bay .. .. .	327	10	3	1000	44	2
Island Cove .. .. .	273	40	5	1000	45	10
Old Perlican .. .. .	285	12	2	800	28	11
Hant's Harbor .. .. .	184		4	900	53	10
Port-de-Grave .. .. .	48	6	2	300	6	4
Heart's Content .. .. .	48	5	4	350	9	6
Trinity .. .. .	73	11	7	500	11	2
Random, North .. .. .	88	19	14	500	26	4
Random, South .. .. .	99	29	15	450	17	2
Green's Harbor .. .. .	41		7	280	19	3
	3321	253	87	13600	577	153

## BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Membership.		Preaching Places.	Attendance on Public Worship	Baptisms.	Marriages.
	Members.	On Trial.				
Bona vista .. ..	359	3	3	2265	100	20
Catalina .. ..	75	..	2	600	24	16
Greenspond .. ..	345	34	17	1800	73	13
Twillingate .. ..	166	6	5	1500	76	17
Exploits .. ..	146	110	8	800	42	8
Musgrave Town .. ..	60	34	7	500	17	1
Musgrave Harbor .. ..	80	133	4	650	26	1
Fogo .. ..	169	102	5	600	25	11
Herring Neck .. ..	132	16	3	380	21	8
Moreton's Harbor .. ..	93	32	6	820	26	8
Little Bay Islands .. ..	150	16	10	800	32	17
Bett's Cove & Tilt Cove .. ..	113	7	18	800	32	11
	1888	493	88	11515	494	137

## RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.						
St. John's .. ..	1799	311	89	8980	426	123
Carbonear .. ..	3321	253	87	13600	577	153
Bonavista .. ..	1888	493	88	11515	494	137
Total..	7008	1157	264	34095	1497	413



## SCHEDULE 2.

## ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Quarterly Meetings.		Local Preachers.	Sabbath Schools.	Connexional Property.			Value including lands.
	Ministers and Protectors.	Laymen.			Churches.	Schools.	Parsonages.	
St. John's ... ..	6	21	....	6	5	2	1	\$68000
Burin .. ..	1	12	....	1	1	4	1	7000
Grand Bank .. ..	1	6	....	1	1	1	1	10000
Fortune .. ..	1	11	....	1	1	....	1	9000
Petites .. ..	1	2	....	2	1	3	1	2250
Channel .. ..	1	4	....	1	2	1	....	1080
Flat Islands .. ..	1	....	2	2	1	3	....	1600
Flower Cove .. ..	....	3	1	2	....	....	....	640
St. Anthony .. ..	1	....	....	6	2	2	....	900
Bonne Bay .. ..	1	....	3	1	....	1	....	800
Labrador .. ..	1	....	....	1	....	....	....	120
	15	59	6	24	14	17	5	101390

## CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

Carbonear .. ..	3	15	4	6	3	4	1	20000
Harbor Grace .. ..	1	11	1	2	2	....	1	10000
Brigus .. ..	2	1	....	2	1	....	1	8000
Cupids .. ..	1	....	....	2	2	1	1	6000
Bay Roberts .. ..	1	....	....	2	3	....	....	3950
Black Head .. ..	1	9	....	3	1	....	1	8000
Western Bay .. ..	1	15	....	2	2	....	1	8000
Island Cove .. ..	1	16	1	1	2	....	1	3600
Old Perlican .. ..	1	15	....	2	1	....	1	5600
Hant's Harbor .. ..	1	....	....	4	3	....	1	5400
Port-de-Grave .. ..	1	....	....	1	1	....	....	1600
Hearts Content .. ..	1	....	....	1	2	....	....	3200
Trinity .. ..	1	....	2	2	2	....	....	1100
Random, North .. ..	1	....	....	3	4	....	1	1000
Random, South .. ..	1	11	....	7	1	6	....	1000
Green's Harbor .. ..	1	....	....	1	1	1	1	800
	19	93	8	41	31	12	11	\$87250

## BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Quarterly Meetings.		Local Preachers.	Sabbath Schools.	Connexional Property.			Value including lands.
	Ministers and Probationers	Laymen.			Churches.	Schools.	Parsonages.	
Bonavista .. ..	1	36	3	4	3	1	1	\$14500
Catalina .. ..	1	2	.....	2	1	.....	1	3200
Greenspond .. ..	2	29	5	10	3	.....	1	5521
Twillingate .. ..	1	12	.....	2	2	1	1	6500
Exploits .. ..	1	10	.....	1	2	1	1	1720
Musgrave Town ...	1	7	2	3	3	.....	.....	3000
Musgrave Harbor..	1	9	1	2	1	.....	.....	3200
Fogo .. ..	1	14	1	3	3	1	1	3900
Herring Neck .. ..	1	8	1	3	2	.....	.....	400
Moreton's Harbor ..	1	3	.....	3	2	.....	1	2800
Little Bay Islands ..	1	9	4	4	2	.....	1	1400
Betts Cove & Tilt Cove..	2	15	6	9	3	.....	.....	3000
	14	154	23	46	27	4	8	49141

## RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.								
St. John's .. ..	15	59	6	24	14	17	5	101390
Carbonear .. ..	19	93	8	41	31	12	11	87250
Bonavista .. ..	15	154	23	46	27	4	8	49141
	48	306	37	111	72	33	24	\$237781

## SCHEDULE 3.

## ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Miss'ry Fund.	Conti'gt Fund.	Super'y Fund.	Educa. Fund.	Sab.S. Fund.
St. John's.....	\$1508 65	\$60 00	\$80 00	\$90 00	\$24 12
Burin.....	27 68	3 72	3 38	3 30	1 20
Grand Bank.....	104 39	4 00	6 75	4 00	1 00
Fortune.....	93 00	3 60	3 50	2 00	1 35
Petites.....	30 12	1 50	1 25	1 00	1 00
Channel.....	60 90	5 00	5 00	5 50	2 00
Flat Islands.....	36 54	3 76	2 00	1 00	1 00
Flower Cove.....	8 04	1 00	2 80	0 80	1 00
St. Anthony.....	95 48	1 00	1 00	1 00	
Bonne Bay.....	12 38	2 60	2 50	1 50	1 25
Labrador .....	12 60	1 50	3 00	2 00	1 00
	\$1989 78	\$87 68	\$111 18	\$112 10	\$34 92

## CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

Carbonear.....	\$241 10	\$20 00	\$34 70	\$14 00	\$5 00
Harbor Grace.....	216 28	14 10	20 00	14 45	
Brigus.....	80 76	9 40	13 64	9 00	1 00
Cupids.....	59 24	2 00	2 61	3 20	1 50
Bay Roberts.....	92 15	1 00	2 00	1 00	
Black Head.....	61 16	3 00	3 00	1 20	1 20
Western Bay.....	80 00	2 10	3 10	1 20	
Island Cove.....	51 70	3 00	6 00	2 00	1 00
Old Perlican.....	70 68	1 40	2 30	2 50	
Hant's Harbor....	21 20	1 40	1 50	.....	1 00
Port-de-Grave.....	32 09	1 20	1 10	1 00	1 00
Heart's Content...	21 92	1 20	1 15	1 00	1 00
Trinity .....	26 35	2 00	2 60	2 00	1 50
Random North....	36 44	1 00	1 16	1 00	1 00
Random South....	31 72	1 00	1 20	1 00	1 00
Green's Harbor....	18 22	1 09	1 05	.....	1 03
	\$1141 01	\$64 89	\$97 11	\$54 55	\$17 23

## BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Miss'ry Fund.	Conti'gt Fund.	Super'y Fund.	Educa. Fund.	Sab.S. Fund.
Bonavista.....	\$137 85	\$7 15	\$8 20	\$5 30	\$3 20
Catalina.....	21 80	3 20	2 00	1 90	
Greenspond.....	74 15	5 12	7 00	5 77	2 00
Twillingate.....	117 19	6 60	10 50	5 80	1 60
Exploits.....	83 20	9 00	8 50	7 00	1 00
Musgrave Town...	14 17	1 50	1 05	1 00	0 61
Musgrave Harbor.	30 07	1 00	2 16	1 00	1 00
Fogo.....	138 68	3 83	5 25	3 70	1 25
Herring Neck.....	40 60	1 50	1 50	1 50	
Moreton's Harbor	91 86	4 10	7 60	1 65	1 00
Little Bay Islands	60 21	2 00	6 00	4 00	1 00
Bett's Cove & Tilt Cove .....	174 66	1 00	5 00	1 00	2 00
	\$984 44	\$46 00	\$64 76	\$39 62	\$14 66

## RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.					
St. John's.....	\$1989 78	\$87 68	\$111 18	\$112 10	\$34 92
Carbonear .....	1141 01	64 89	97 11	54 55	17 23
Bonavista .....	984 44	46 00	64 76	39 62	14 66
Conference Collec- tion.....	54 40				
	\$4169 63	\$198 57	\$273 05	\$206 27	\$66 81
Less Expenses.....	72 32				
Ministers Subscrip- tions.....			511 84		
	\$4097 31	\$198 57	784 89	\$206 27	\$66 81

## SCHEDULE 4.

## ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Parsonage Aid Fund.	Nfld. Meth. School Societ y.
St. John's .....	\$5 00	\$80 00
Burin.....	3 20	4 00
Grand Bank.....	3 00	4 00
Fortune.....	3 00	2 00
Petites .....	1 30	1 00
Channel .....	5 00	2 50
Flat Islands.....	1 00	1 00
Flower Cove.....	68	80
St. Anthony.....		
Bonne Bay.....	1 25	1 00
Labrador.....	1 50	1 50
	\$24 93	\$97 80

## CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

Carbonear .....	\$10 00	\$5 00
Harbor Grace.....	7 10	8 00
Brigus.....	6 00	18 80
Cupids.....	3 00	1 00
Bay Robert.....		
Black Head .....	1 00	1 00
Western Bay.....		
Island Cove.....	1 00	
Old Perlican.....		
Hant's Harbor.....		
Port-de-Grave .....	1 20	1 00
Heart's Content.....		
Trinity.....	1 50	1 00
Random, North.....	1 00	
Random, South.....		
Green's Harbor.....		
	\$31 80	\$35 80

## BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Parsonage Aid Fund.	Nfld. Meth. School Society.
Bonavista.....	\$3 45	\$4 00
Catalina.....	1 00	3 00
Greenspond.....	4 21	1 50
Twillingate.....	4 50	4 00
Exploits.....	9 10	2 00
Musgrave Town.....	1 50	0 38
Musgrave Harbor.....	2 70	1 00
Fogo.....	2 10	1 00
Herring Neck.....		
Moreton's Harbor.....	2 50	1 00
Little Bay Islands.....	1 00	1 00
Bett's Cove and Tilt Cove.....	1 00	1 00
	<b>\$33 06</b>	<b>\$19 88</b>

## RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.		
St. John's.....	\$24 93	\$97 80
Carbonear .....	31 80	35 80
Bonavista.....	33 06	19 88
	<b>\$89 79</b>	<b>\$153 48</b>

## PASTORAL ADDRESS

OF THE NEWFOUNDLAND CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF  
CANADA, TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH  
UNDER ITS CARE.

*Dearly Beloved Brethren* :—Of the many duties connected with our ministerial work, we deem this of addressing you in our capacity as the United Pastorate of the Methodist Church in this Island, to be one of special importance and peculiar pleasure.

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Great is our gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the many tokens of His favour which He has been pleased to show us during the past ecclesiastical year. Some of our circuits have been favoured with gracious outpourings of the Holy Spirit; others have not been so abundantly blessed, nevertheless all have enjoyed evident manifestations of the Divine presence and power. As a Conference, we have ample proof that God is in the midst of His people. He is verily in the assembly of His saints. We are sorry to state that for the want of sufficient funds we cannot occupy some of the places that are open to us for immediate operation.

The calls from several parts for ministerial help and pastoral oversight are very pressing. We sincerely hope that means will soon be placed within our reach to enable us to fill those places now vacant. Amid our solicitude for the interest of the Church, in the expansion and consolidation of the cause of God among us, we rejoice to mark evidences of progressive piety in the lives of many of our members of society who are not ashamed to acknowledge Christ before men, and by exemplary conduct to advocate His religion in the world. The sittings and deliberations of Conference have been seasons of grace. The brethren have not failed to exhibit in their intercourse with each other the Spirit of their Master. Great unanimity and brotherly love have characterized our actions. It has been truly seen, "How good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Every member of our Conference has manifested an earnest desire for the prosperity of Zion, and each has resolved anew

through grace to labour with quickened zeal and increased vigour for God. As those who are specially called to watch over souls, and who are conscious that at the last day, we shall have to give an account of our stewardship, we affectionately exhort you to be faithful to your vows and to walk worthy of your high calling, as true disciples of the Saviour. Do not forget the responsibilities you assumed when you became members of the Church of Christ. As Methodists, you are called upon, in an open and decisive manner, to acknowledge Christ. You are, therefore, to take up your cross daily and confess His name, to follow him through evil and good report. This cannot be accomplished independently of Divine help. Strive therefore to obtain that assistance which God will give unto all who believe in Him. Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus the Lord. Obtain that faith which will give you the victory over the world. Aim at holiness of heart. Pray for inward purity. Zealously conform to the doctrines and precepts of Holy Scripture. "Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Thus shall your lives exhibit to the world a scene of entire devotion to the service of the Saviour, and men will glorify God in you. Continue with the heart to believe unto righteousness, and with the mouth make confession unto God. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith, virtue, and to virtue, knowledge, and to knowledge, temperance, and to temperance, patience, and to patience, godliness, and to godliness, brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness, charity. For these things &c.—1 Peter, 1, 5—10.

We wish you to manifest in your Christian life, your sympathy with our Rules and Discipline, your practical approval of our doctrine and Church Polity; and to identify yourselves with us in all our endeavours to spread Scriptural holiness over the land. We therefore urge upon you the necessity of the faithful and constant discharge of your various duties in connection with your Church membership and profession of godliness. Be attentive, dear Brethren, to the means of grace. Cultivate a love for closet prayer and devotion. In private communion with the Holy Trinity pour out your petitions to the Almighty, and dwell in the secret place of the Most High. The spiritual strength, moral courage, Christian prudence, and sanctified thought and affections derived from this source will qualify you for every duty, secular or sacred, which you are daily called to perform. Remember also the family altar. We fear lest this duty of paramount importance to the religious training of our families, should be by any either entirely neglected, or conducted in an irregular and indifferent manner, rendering its designs and lessons in a great degree abortive.



Too much care and discretion cannot be exercised in the proper discharge of this pleasing service, incumbent on all parents and heads of families. You are to be examples of holiness to your children and all under your care. Notwithstanding all the facilities of the present ages for the mental and moral culture of the rising generation, you have still your duty in this respect to perform. You cannot delegate your position with its weighty and solemn responsibilities to another. You are to nurse your children for the Lord, to train them in the way they should go. It is said that God knew Abraham; that he would command his children and his household after him, to keep the way of the Lord to do justice and judgment. Did God know the Patriarch? So he knows all; and will, at least, reward or punish according to the merit or demerit of our case. With all due admiration for parents who do their utmost to prepare their children for honorable positions in this life; we lament to see in any instance the absence of a religious training, and a neglect to educate their children in those principles which shall qualify them for a higher, holier, and everlasting life.

Be punctual in your attendance on the Class Meeting. We regard this institution as one of the tests of our membership and of our fidelity to religion.

The advantages derived from this blessed means of grace are invaluable. Beware of the objections some endeavor to raise against attendance on this means. Do not forget that God's people in all ages have manifested a desire for sanctified fellowship with Him and communion one with another. This is evident from the Apostle's words as given in the First Epistle General of John, i., 6, 7. Under trials peculiar to the times in which they lived, and circumstances in which they were found, they were strengthened to endure all things by the means of holy conversation and prayer. In the days of Malachi, "Those that feared the Lord spake often one to another, and the Lord hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord and thought upon His name." The author of the Epistle to the Hebrews says: "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more as ye see the day approaching." We thus claim Scriptural sanction for this observance, and are confident that the holy in heart among us who walk in the light of God's countenance will deem it a great privilege to enjoy sanctified intercourse with God's people during life's pilgrimage. They will regard it as truly "The communion of Saints;" and an exemplification of that holy interchange, the life of the redeemed in heaven. To

neglect it is a sign of religious declension, and an evidence of the waning influence and power of godliness in the heart. It verily showeth that piety has lost its lustre and is fading away:

Show also your attachment to the prayer-meeting: This has often proved a blessing to the unwary, as well as to the thoughtful and devout worshipper. At gatherings for public prayer many backsliders have been reclaimed, and strangers to religion brought to God. Here also young disciples have first essayed their gifts who have afterwards become prominent members of the Church. This religious service has brought a large revenue of grace and gifts to those who have exercised themselves in the performance of its privileges.

Need we remind you also of your duty as professing Christians to delight yourselves in the public service of the Sanctuary. We beseech you, dear Brethren, to be regular in your attendance on the ministry of God's Word. May you and your house in this respect serve God. Do not tarry away from the congregation of the Lord because others may vainly imagine that God may be worshipped as well at home in isolation and retirement from His people. This cannot be. Reason and religion stand opposed to this vain conceit.

The institution by God of the Sabbath and of Divine Worship under the different dispensations revealed to us in the Bible is a sufficient authority for our observance of Public Worship. Invalids and sick persons may be justly excused, but for those who are able to attend to raise a plea for their absence is a sad proof of religious indifference and of a want of reverence and delight for the house of prayer. Such conduct merits just censure and pious reprehension. It is at once averse and repugnant to feelings of godliness and religious sentiment. The devout worshipper of God, like David of old, will love the place where the Divine honour dwelleth. He will rejoice to dwell in the house of the Lord, and to behold the beauty of his temple. May you say, "How amiable are thy tabernacles O Lord of Hosts," or in the words of the Poet:—

"How lovely are thy tents, O Lord!  
Where'er thou choosest to record  
Thy name, or place thy house of prayer."

Do not neglect, when opportunities present themselves, to surround the table of the Lord. Meditate on the Saviour's words spoken to His disciples when He solemnly instituted this Divine Ordinance as recorded by the Evangelist: Matthew, Chap. xxvi., 26-28. May you then in obedience to the command of Christ, and also apostolical injunction, "Do this in remembrance" of Him, by which you will show forth His death till he come. The Church has always acknowledged the reality of this Holy

Sacrament by which we emblematically partake of the broken Body and shed Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ; and feed by faith on Him the true manna and the Bread of Life which came down from heaven.

“ O let us on thy goodness feed,  
And eat thy flesh and drink thy blood.”

We wish you also in offering your children to God in the Sacrament of Baptism to present them to Him in His temple in the presence, and with the prayers, of the congregation. In doing this, you will follow the example of the parents of Samuel, and to those to whose care was committed the keeping of the holy child Jesus. Hereby you will publicly confess your faith in the Triune God and receive the blessing promised in His Word to those who keep His commandments.

We desire also to call your serious attention to the sanctity of the Sabbath, and the duties imposed on us by Divine authority in connection with the keeping of this Holy Day. God's ancient people were exhorted by the Prophet Isaiah to abstain from doing their own work and speaking their own words on the Sabbath. Our obligation to keep it holy is clearly taught us by the Apostle, who duly observed it as a day specially hallowed of God. To violate the sanctity of this day is a sure precursor of sorrow; while to keep it holy will bring to us the peace and blessing of God. Let us not forget the Divine precept, “ Keep holy the Sabbath Day ”:—

“ This day let our devotions rise  
To heaven, a grateful sacrifice.”

In conformity to the rules of our Church we call your attention to the efforts which are put forth by Christian Philanthropists of the present day to abolish the use and sale of intoxicating liquors. The prevalence of intemperance and its consequent evils are truly appalling. We wish you therefore as those whose acknowledged principles are in sympathy with every good institution to co-operate zealously with those societies which have been organized for the suppression of this monster vice; endeavour by every means in your power to prevent the introduction of those death-producing articles, to put a bar on this unrighteous traffic, which, though receiving as it does the sanction of the civil law is nevertheless condemned by a higher authority, even Divine Law. Those poisonous drinks which become so effective in the demoralization and ruin of millions who partake of them are pronounced by the first medical authorities of the day to be injurious in a high degree to the human system. Truly, “ Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.”

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We wish to caution our youth against the use of corrupt and frivolous books unhappily too prevalent in this day. Great care should be exercised in the selection of what they read. Much of the present literature is exciting a baneful influence on society, and is, we fear, leading many away from the paths of virtue and piety. Nor is it safe to follow a great deal of the so-called theological and religious publications of the age. Some of these we regret to think have a tendency to divert the mind from the fundamental principles of truth as established in the Bible. Beware of the insidious influences which may imperceptibly draw you into the mists and mazes of scepticism and infidelity. To counteract these pernicious and deadly effects we advise you to make yourselves acquainted with our standard theology, and that class of literature which may be had at our Bookroom.

Again we ask you, dear young people, to be careful in your choice of companions. Do not forget that "evil communications corrupt good manners." "My son," says Solomon, "if sinners entice thee, consent thou not." "Abstain from all appearance of evil." To those of you who are striving to serve the Lord we would specially call attention to our Rules, and in particular to that part which forbids "the taking such diversions as cannot be used in the name of the Lord Jesus." Zealously cultivate every virtue, and aim always to have a conscience void of offence to God and man. Guard against latitudinarianism in religion in every form and phase in which it may present itself to your minds. Let its infallible truths and precepts lead you in the way of righteousness and peace. It is designed to be a lamp unto your feet, and a light unto your path. While you thus walk, your path will be one of pleasantness and peace, like that of the just which shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

We sometimes fear that many amongst us do not consider the value of education as they should. Ignorance in many cases becomes the fruitful source of crime and corruption of morals. Education will greatly assist in preventing many evils into which the uneducated are liable to fall. It has an elevating influence, and when based upon the principles of morality and religion will not fail to become a mighty power for good. We affectionately call your attention to the great facilities now placed within your reach for the secular and religious training of our youth. Throughout the bounds of our Conference our schools have greatly improved during the last three years. The teachers now employed are of a superior class and higher grade than formerly and as the result of this the tuition given is of an advanced character. This, as we presume you know, is principally owing to the able and indefatigable labors of the Rev. G. S. Milligan, M.A.,

whose devotion to the cause of education calls forth our confidence and praise. We are glad to state that in some of these schools a classical and mathematical training is imparted to the pupils. Our Training School in St. John's, conducted on the model plan, is efficiently managed. Our Academy, long known to our influential people as our principal Institution in this country, continues to keep up its prestige and power. The various branches of learning there taught are sufficient to qualify our youth for any office they may be called to occupy in this life, whether in connection with science, commerce, politics, or any other important position. We hope the day is not far distant, when in Newfoundland we shall have in addition to the Institution herein mentioned, a department for the special training of our ministerial candidates in the character of a Theological Hall.

With much pleasure we are able to remark favorably on the state of our Sabbath Schools. Our superintendents and teachers are generally selected from the ranks of our most intelligent and pious people. The children under their care and tuition enjoy many privileges unknown to former times. We would remark here, that while our Day Schools are for the special secular training of the young, and are indirectly assisting in the work of the Sabbath Schools: so the great benefit of the Sabbath School is seen in improving the minds both of the educated and of those of little mental culture with the principles of Biblical truth and an earnest and practical faith. It exerts an influence for good in many ways,—by acting as a barrier against evil, a safeguard against error, and a guarantee for future usefulness in the church and the world.

At our Conference five young men, who, having travelled the usual time of probation in our ministry, have by the imposition of hands, and prayers been set apart for the full and important duties of their high and holy vocation. In doing this we have not forgotten the words of the Apostle: "Lay hands suddenly on no man." According to the discipline of our Church they have been duly proposed and recommended by a Quarterly Meeting and passed through the searching examinations to which all our candidates are submitted before ordination. We rejoice to bear witness to their piety and zeal, and believe that they are called of God to the great work to which the voice of the Church has appointed them.

We are glad to state that our ministerial ranks have not been broken by death during the past year. Some of the Brethren have been laid aside from the work at intervals by afflictions and extreme physical weakness, owing in a great measure to their abundant labors. One of our Beloved Brethren becomes a supernumerary this year, whose precarious state of

health almost forbids our hope of his recovery. We sincerely pray that the Great Head of the Church may vouchsafe to him in his long and trying affliction the richest consolations of Divine grace and meeten him for the inheritance of the saints in light.

In conclusion, dear Brethren, we beg to say there are other points of vital importance affecting your religious progress and which we have not named. We, as your ministers, sometimes feel a great degree of diffidence in being compelled to solicit from any of our people those dues and fees which are by right of labour and Divine Precept lawfully our own. If you study the laws and ceremonies affecting the constitution and authority both of the Jewish and Christian Church as taught in the Old and New Testament Scriptures, you will at once see that it was a duty imposed on the people by Divine legislation to bring their accustomed offerings into God's House, and there present them before the Lord in the presence of His ministers who were authorized and commanded to receive the same. Furthermore we observe when they neglected to perform these duties, as directed, they were charged by the Prophet Malachi with the sin of robbing God. They were expressly commanded by him to bring their tithes into the storehouse by which they would prove the Lord of Hosts who would pour upon them his blessings in abundance. This duty is also taught in the New Testament by Christ and his Apostles and forms a very important part in the policy of the Christian Church. The Apostles as recorded in the Acts devised means whereby the ministers might be relieved of the burden of attending to the secular or financial business of the Church by the appointment of persons whose special business was to attend to the temporal matters caused by the various contingencies incidental to the growth and expansion of the Church. Christ himself evidently manifested an interest in the revenue of the church by his action in sitting over against the treasury, and his remarks on those persons who cast in their gifts. And the Apostle St. Paul commands the Christians of his day to lay by them in store on the first day of the week as God had prospered them. He also commends the zeal of some for supplying the wants of those of other churches or communities of the church. He expressly taught that those who preach the Gospel must live by the Gospel; 1. Cor., ix., 14. We are sorry to state that many of the Brethren have suffered a great deal of loss, and endured painful feelings owing to the small sums they have received on their circuits and stations. It is to be hoped, that as a general rule, our people will give these things their prayerful attention and timely consideration, and that the principle now practised in our independent circuits when the

Stewards and others in office collect the minister's stipend will be adopted and zealously worked in every circuit. Finally, Dear Brethren, be watchful, be prayerful, that at last you may be found without spot and blameless, and be accounted worthy to walk with Christ in white. "Now, the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work, to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. AMEN."

**JAMES DOVE,**  
President.  
**CHARLES LADNER,**  
Secretary.



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**APPENDIX B.**

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**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.**

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**I. REPORTS AND MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.****I. THANKS.**

That the thanks of the Conference are due and are hereby presented to the Rev. G. S. Milligan, M. A., for the very efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of the Presidency during the past year.

2.—That the very cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. James Dove, Secretary of Conference; and also to the Sub-Secretaries for the very efficient discharge of the duties devolving upon them during the past year.

3.—That the Conference has been much gratified with an unexpected visit from the Rev. William Heartz, of the Nova Scotia Conference, and has listened with great pleasure to the interesting address with which he has favored us. It also desires fully to reciprocate the kind sentiments which he has expressed towards the members of this Conference, and commends him and those travelling with him during their journeyings to the protection of a gracious Providence.

4.—That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Superintendent of St. John's Circuit, and his colleagues, for their trouble in providing homes for the ministers during Conference.

5.—That the thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby presented to the Rev. G. J. Bond, A. B., for the efficient services rendered our Church in this colony in supplying (by a system of colportage) most of our Missions with good spiritual literature.



6.—That the thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered to the friends of St. John's for their great kindness in entertaining the Ministers during the time of their attendance at Conference, and that this resolution be read from the pulpits next Sabbath.

7.—The Conference desires to express its high appreciation of the invaluable services of the Rev. G. S. Milligan, M. A., Superintendent of the Methodist Day Schools, and to assure him of its hearty sympathy with him in the great work of Education in which he is engaged.

8.—This Conference desires to convey its cordial thanks to the Rev. A. W. Nicholson for the faithful discharge of his onerous duties as Editor and Book-Steward, and wishes him much future success in the work of the regular Ministry, or any other sphere of labour to which he may be called in connection with the Church.

9.—That a hearty renewal of thanks be tendered to the Rev. J. S. Peach for his very kind and efficient service in the Financial Department of our Conference during another year.

10.—That in the judgment of this Conference, the action of the last General Conference, in making it possible for a Minister to return to a Circuit after three years' absence is injurious to our Itinerancy, and begs the reconsideration of the subject and its alteration to an absence of six years.

11.—This Conference has pleasure in tendering its thanks to the Rev. H. Pickard, D. D., for his valuable services as Treasurer of the Supernumerary Ministers and Ministers' Widows' Fund.

12.—The Conference expresses its hearty thanks to Joseph Lawrence, Esq., of East Keswick, Yorkshire, England, for the deep interest he has taken and continues to manifest in the welfare of the work of God in this Colony.

13.—This Conference desires to express its regret at the action of the General Conference in employing a Book Stew-

ard and Editor at Halifax, and hopes that steps will be taken as soon as practicable to return to the former practice of uniting the two offices in one person.

#### THANKSGIVING FUND.

The Conference resolved,—That a public meeting be held on all our Circuits and Missions to present the claims of the Thanksgiving Fund to our people, and that a collection be made at that time for this Fund: that all moneys be sent to the Rev. J. S. Peach, Treasurer, to be remitted by him to the General Treasurers of the Thanksgiving Fund.

(2) That three-fourths of the money obtained for the Thanksgiving Fund be remitted to the General Treasurers for the extinction of the debt, and the other one-fourth be retained for our Parsonage Aid Fund.

#### COLPORTAGE REPORT.

During last summer and autumn our Conference Colporteur visited Notre Dame, Bonavista and Trinity Bays, and disposed of a large number of religious and Standard works, besides preaching and holding other religious services in various places visited. The following table will give a view of the season's work, which, all things considered, was very satisfactory. This dissemination of good literature must tend to the spiritual and intellectual advancement of our people and we commend it as worthy of their heartiest sympathy and support:—

PLACES.	Value of Books Sold.	No. of Preaching Services.	Other Religious Services.
Notre Dame Bay.....	\$524 68	19	40
Bonavista Bay.....	198 41	8	8
Trinity Bay.....	201 31	4	8
Total.....	\$924 40	31	54

G. J. BOND, A. B., *Secretary.*

## COMMITTEE :

Rev. G. J. Bond, A. B.  
 " Job Shenton,  
 " C. Ladner,  
 " J. Pascoe,  
 " J. Reay,  
 " J. P. Bowell,  
 " J. Parkins,  
 " W. Swann,  
 " J. Embree.

Hon. J. J. Rogerson,  
 " C. R. Ayre,  
 J. Steer, Esq.,  
 Sheriff Bemister,  
 I. L. McNeil, Esq., J. P.  
 Mr. G. W. Mews,  
 " J. E. P. Peters,  
 " H. J. B. Woods,  
 " Benjamin Parsons.

## TEMPERANCE.

This Conference, while deeply deploring the evils resulting from the traffic in strong drink, rejoices in knowing that public opinion is advancing in favor of the principles of Total Abstinence, and hereby heartily recommends to our people the adoption of any measures which are calculated to further the Band of Hope movement, and promote the cause of temperance in this colony.

The following Committee to consider the best measures for arresting the spread of Intemperance and the promotion of Total Abstinence among the people of this colony, and to report to the next Conference:—

## COMMITTEE :

Rev. Jesse Heyfield, *Secretary and Convener.*

Rev. R. W. Freeman,  
 " Charles Myers,  
 " John Pratt,  
 " Joseph Lister,

A. Penny, Esq., M.H.A.,  
 Messrs. R. Penny,  
 E. Brace,  
 B. Parsons,

J. Trapnell.

## EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

This Conference recognizes with satisfaction the work being done by the Educational Society. It particularly wishes to bring before the notice of our people the fact that the education of our rising ministry will depend in future upon the subscriptions we obtain ourselves, as all that the Newfoundland Conference raises is to be absolutely at its own disposal, and urges upon them strongly the necessity of increased liberality in supporting this fund.

## EDUCATIONAL FUND.

St. John's District.....	\$112 10
Carbonear District.....	54 55
Bonavista .....	39 62
	<u>\$206 27</u>
Collection at Public Meetings.....	20 70
	<u>\$226 97</u>

The following are members of the Society  
(the amount being included in the total  
for St. John's District) :—

Hon. C. R. Ayre.....	\$20 00
John Steer, Esq.....	15 00
Alex. Marshall, Esq.....	10 00
Dr. Burns.....	5 00
	<u>\$50 00</u>

G. J. BOND, A. B., *Secretary.*

## SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

## MINISTERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Job Shenton.....	\$10 00	Thos. H. James.....	10 00
Charles Ladner.....	10 00	C. Myers.....	10 00
William Kendall.....	10 00	W. H. Edyvean.....	10 00
G. S. Milligan.....	10 00	J. Heyfield.....	10 00
G. J. Bond.....	10 00	H. Edgar Taylor.....	35 18
S. Matthews.....	10 00	G. Paine.....	10 00
Thomas Harris.....	10 00	A. Hill.....	10 00
Jabez Hill.....	10 00	J. Reay.....	10 00
J. Pincock.....	10 00	J. Parkins.....	10 00
G. P. Story.....	10 00	J. Lister.....	10 00
J. Wilson.....	20 60	W. Swann.....	10 00
John Peters.....	10 00	J. Pratt.....	10 00
J. P. Bowell.....	20 00	S. Snowden.....	10 00
J. Goodison.....	10 00	R. Bramfitt.....	10 00
J. A. Jackson.....	10 00	T. W. Atkinson.....	10 00
James Dove.....	10 00	Thomas L. Eland.....	10 00
J. Pascoe.....	10 00	J. Nurse.....	10 00
G. Boyd.....	10 00	William Jennings.....	10 00
F. G. Willey.....	10 00	J. B. Heal.....	10 00
J. Embree.....	10 00	G. Bullen.....	34 86
R. W. Freeman.....	10 00	G. Vater.....	20 60

Total..... \$511 84

### CONTINGENT FUND.

Whereas the claims on this Fund are yearly increasing it is resolved that the Ministers of this Conference bring to the notice of the congregations of their charge, the necessity of increased liberality, thereby to augment its income.

#### INCOME.

Balance from last year.....	\$ 3 42
St. John's District.....	87 68
Carbonear District.....	64 89
Bonavista District.....	46 00
	<u>          \$201 99</u>

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

Conference Stationery.....	\$10 00
Printing Conference Minutes.....	60 00
Ordination Bibles.....	17 08
Bro. Peach's expenses to Trinity.....	9 30
District-Books for Bonavista District....	10 50
Conference Trunk.....	1 25
President's Expenses.....	30 00
Bro. Parkins, for personal affliction.....	16 00
“ Bryant for severe affliction.....	30 00
Special Contingencies ordered by Conference .....	15 00
Balance .....	2 37
	<u>          \$201 99</u>

CHARLES LADNER,  
*Secretary.*

### SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

Another year has rolled its round and we gladly greet you at this Anniversary Meeting. Sabbath School work has taken such a position, and has been followed by such results, as warrant it in claiming the earnest and careful attention, of the Ministry and the Church. We rejoice in the possession of a

faith, that while it furnished a depth which the sounding line of an archangel cannot fathom, it has a shore round which the children may gather knowledge which saves for ever.

At the head of all religious teachers we find the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, who, while he taught a Nicodemus, also said, "Suffer little children to come unto me:" and did take them in his arms and lay His hands upon them. Imitating his example, and following his command, "Feed my Lambs," Christian workers have been found toiling in this part of the Lords' vineyard through the year. We are more than ever persuaded that the brightest intellects and best energies of the Church of God should be given to this work.

The returns for this year in connection with our Sabbath School work in this Conference, bring to us a showing which proves unabated zeal in this work. The schedules shew an increase of 15 schools with 84 additional teachers and 441 scholars.

We observe with sorrow that the number of conversions this year is only 192 as against 445 last year; that the number meeting in class is 716 against 824 last year. This falling off may be partly accounted for by the fact that many of the children have to leave the schools during the summer, and are in their circumstances exposed to temptations and difficulties many and severe. Six hundred and seven volumes have been added to the libraries, while there is an increase of 150 Sabbath School papers.

For Missions there is the gratifying sum of \$748 66, being an increase of \$164 86, and for school purposes \$552 89, being an increase of \$27 68; and for general Sabbath School purposes \$66 81, an increase of \$5 14 upon the year.

Your Committee, remembering the many influences at work, first to decoy, and then to destroy, the young; and fully persuaded that the young are the hope of the church and the world, would earnestly commend to all Christian workers most remunerative field of toil.

Your Committee would also suggest that as we have now 822 teachers, having the oversight and tuition of 6,783 scholars, that at no distant day a Sabbath School Convention be held to bring these workers together, that the best means for carrying on of this work be divided, and as far as our circumstances will permit, secure uniform successful action, in rendering our Sabbath Schools a greater power for good.

**SABBATH SCHOOL SCHEDULE--NO. 5.**  
**Statistical Report of Methodist Sabbath Schools in the Newfoundland Conference for the year**  
**ending April 30th., 1879.**

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	No. of Preaching Appointments.		No. of Schools.		Members of Methodist Church.		Officers and Teachers.		Schools.										Moneys Raised by Schools.				Schools using uniform Lessons.		Teachers Meeting for study of Lessons.		Number of Schools open whole year.			
	No. of Preaching Appointments.	No. of Schools.	Members of Methodist Church.	Non-Members.	Total.	Average Attendance.	Infant Classes.	Intermediate Classes.	Adult Classes.	Total.	Average Attendance.	Conversions during the year.	Meeting in Class.	Learning Catechisms.	Total Volumes in Libraries.	Copies of Berean Leaves.	Copies of Banner.	Copies of other Papers.	S. S. Libraries and Papers.	For Missions.	For School Purposes.	For General S. S. Fund.	Total.	Schools using uniform Lessons.	Teachers Meeting for study of Lessons.	Number of Schools open whole year.				
St. John's.	66	17	140	44	184	140	461	786	251	1498	1152	85	180	787	1435	500	56			\$495	43	\$323	21	\$34	92	\$850	11	3	2	13
Carbonear.	86	41	278	77	355	284	935	1175	655	2765	1993	84	338	1545	853	288	23			167	07	188	08	17	23	369	30	10	25	
Bonavista.	89	46	214	69	283	218	867	997	540	2404	1753	73	198	834	1001			1		86	16	41	60	14	66	137	56	1	2	22
	241	104	632	190	822	642	2263	2958	1446	6667	4898	192	716	3166	3289	788	79	1		\$784	66	\$552	89	\$66	81	1356	97	14	4	60

GEORGE BOYD, Secretary.

**APPENDIX C.**  
**EXAMINING BOARD FOR CANDIDATES AND PROBA-**  
**TIONERS, 1880.**

CANDIDATES.

English Grammar.....	J. Embree.
Arithmetic.....	J. Parkins.
Geography.....	J. Parkins.
Ancient History. (Schmitz).....	J. Dove.
Modern History. (Colliers).....	F. G. Willey.
New Testament History.....	W. Swann.
Wesley's Sermons, 1 to 52.....	J. Pascoe.
Wesley on Perfection.....	J. Pascoe.

FIRST YEAR.

Angus' Hand-Book. Part I.....	Jabez Hill.
Old Testament History (Smith's).....	J. Lister.
Fletcher's Checks. Chap. I. to v.....	T. W. Atkinson.

SECOND YEAR.

Wesley's & Watson's Notes on Matthew.....	J. Dove.
Wesley's & Whedon's Notes on John.....	J. Nurse.
Kurtz' History of the Church.....	C. Ladner.
History of Methodism. (Stevens).....	F. G. Willey.
Watson's Institutes. Part II., Chap. I. to xvii.....	G. Boyd.

THIRD YEAR.

Wesley's and Whedon's Notes on Romans.....	T. James
Rhetoric. (Whately's).....	J. Parkins.
Fisher's History of the Reformation.....	J. Goodison.
Watson's Institutes. Part II. to the end.....	G. Boyd.
Pearson on the Creed.....	S. Matthews.

FOURTH YEAR.

Watson's Institutes. Part II. and IV.....	G. Boyd.
Hopkins' Evidence of Christianity.....	R. W. Freeman.
Garbutt's Dogmatic Faith.....	J. B. Heal
Logic. (Whately's).....	J. Embree.
Metaphysics. (Hamilton).....	J. Shenton.
Stewart's Active and Moral Powers.....	G. Boyd.
Discipline of the Methodist Church.....	T. Harris.

Papers are to be marked according to an estimate of the value of the answer required; but the aggregate must reach 1000; the valuation to be placed by the examiner upon his question. Three copies of questions are to be prepared, and sent to Rev. J. Shenton, Secretary of the Committee, by the 1st of April, 1880.



*The Conference Missionary Meeting was held in George Street Church on Wednesday June 25th, at 7.30 p.m.*

The President, Rev. J. DOVE, occupied the Chair. The Report was read by the Secretary :

I. TOPIC.—REV. R. W. FREEMAN,—

The continued success vouchsafed to the various Missions of the Methodist Church of Canada, a cause for devout gratitude to Almighty God.

II. TOPIC.—REV. J. P. BOWELL,—

Mission work on the Labrador Coast.

III. TOPIC.—REV. W. SWANN,—

The necessity of unwearied supplication for the Divine blessing to attend all efforts in spreading Scriptural holiness through the land.

IV. TOPIC.—REV. J. SHENTON.

The numerous providential openings presented to this Society to supply redeemed souls with the bread of life, and the financial condition of our Missionary Board: a strong claim upon all our congregations for increased pecuniary aid.

### *The Educational Meeting*

Was held in the Gower Street Church, on Thursday, June 26th, at 7.30 P.M. The President of the Conference in the Chair.

The Report was read by the Rev. G. J. BOND, A. B., Secretary.

I. TOPIC.—REV. J. PARKINS,—

Our Educational advantages demand an educated Ministry.

II. TOPIC.—REV. G. BOYD,—

The skeptical tendencies of the age demand an educated Ministry.

III. TOPIC.—REV. G. S. MILLIGAN, M.A.,—

Our Educational Institutions in their demands upon the Church for support.

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### *The Sabbath School Meeting*

Was held in George Street Church, on Friday, June 27th, at 7.30 P.M. The President of the Conference in the Chair.

The Secretary Rev. G. BOYD, read the Report.

The Revds. J. EMBREE, E. MYERS, T. W. ATKINSON and E. TAYLOR addressed the meeting on the various topics assigned to them.

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APPENDIX D.  
AN ALPHABETICAL LIST  
OF THE  
MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS  
OF THE  
NEWFOUNDLAND CONFERENCE,  
OF THE

*Methodist Church of Canada,*

*The figures at the beginning of the lines show the year in which each Minister or Probationer commenced his Ministry; and those at the end his first, second, &c., annual appointment to his present Circuit.*

1872	Atkinson, Thomas W.....	Twillingate.....	1
1872	Bond, George J., B. A....	Fogo.....	1
1874	Bowell, John P.....	Labrador, Red Bay.....	2
1872	Boyd George.....	Carbonear.....	1
1875	Bramfitt, Robert.....	Musgrave Harbor.....	2
1873	Bryant, George H.....	Old Perlican, (Supy.).....	4
1875	Bullen, George.....	Tilt Cove.....	2
1855	Dove, James.....	Blackhead.....	1
1875	Edyvean, William H.....	Herring Neck.....	1
1871	Embree, Jeremiah.....	Bonavista.....	1
1877	Eland, Thomas L.....	Random, North.....	1
1856	Fox Thomas, (Supy.)....	St. John's.....	4
1873	Freeman, Robert W.....	Western Bay.....	3
1860	Goodison, John.....	Harbor Grace.....	1
1874	Hatcher, Henry C.....	Green's Harbor.....	1
1854	Harris, Thomas.....	Grand Bank.....	2
1874	Heal, James B.....	Bett's Cove.....	2
1874	Heyfield, Jesse.....	Channel.....	1
1874	Hill, Anthony.....	Trinity.....	2
1873	Hill, Jabez.....	Fortune.....	3
1877	Jackson, Joseph A.....	Carbonear.....	2
1871	James, Thomas H.....	Island Cove.....	2

1874	Jennings, William.....	Little Bay Islands.....	2
1875	Kendall, William.....	Pouch Cove.....	1
1861	Ladner, Charles.....	St. John's.....	2
—	Lewis, Henry, (Student)	Sackville.....	2
1874	Lister, Joseph.....	Greenspond .....	2
1870	Matthews, Solomon.....	Burin.....	2
1854	Milligan, George S., M.A.	St. John's.....	5
1872	Myers, Charles.....	Hant's Harbor.....	2
1872	Nurse, James.....	Moreton's Harbor.....	2
1874	Paine, George.....	Heart's Content.....	1
1873	Parkins, Joseph.....	Catalina .....	2
1861	Pascoe, Joseph.....	Brigus....	2
1840	Peach, John, S. (Supy.)..	Carbonear.....	4
1877	Peters, John.....	Bonne Bay.....	2
1874	Pincock, James.....	Petites.....	2
1873	Pratt, John.....	Exploits .....	4
1866	Reay John.....	Cupids.....	1
—	Secombe, William B.....	Sackville .....	2
1828	Shenstone, W. E.....	Brigus.....	12
1860	Shenton Job.....	St. John's.....	2
1873	Snowden, Samuel.....	Musgrave Town.....	1
1876	Story, George P.....	St. John's.....	1
1871	Swann William.....	Old Perlican.....	1
1875	Taylor Edgar.....	Random South.....	3
1877	Tratt, William.....	St. Anthony.....	1
1878	Vater, George.....	Greenspond.....	2
1872	Willey, Francis G.....	Bay Roberts.,.....	2
1878	Wilson, James.....	Flat Islands.....	1



