

MINUTES

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Proceedings of the Ninth Session

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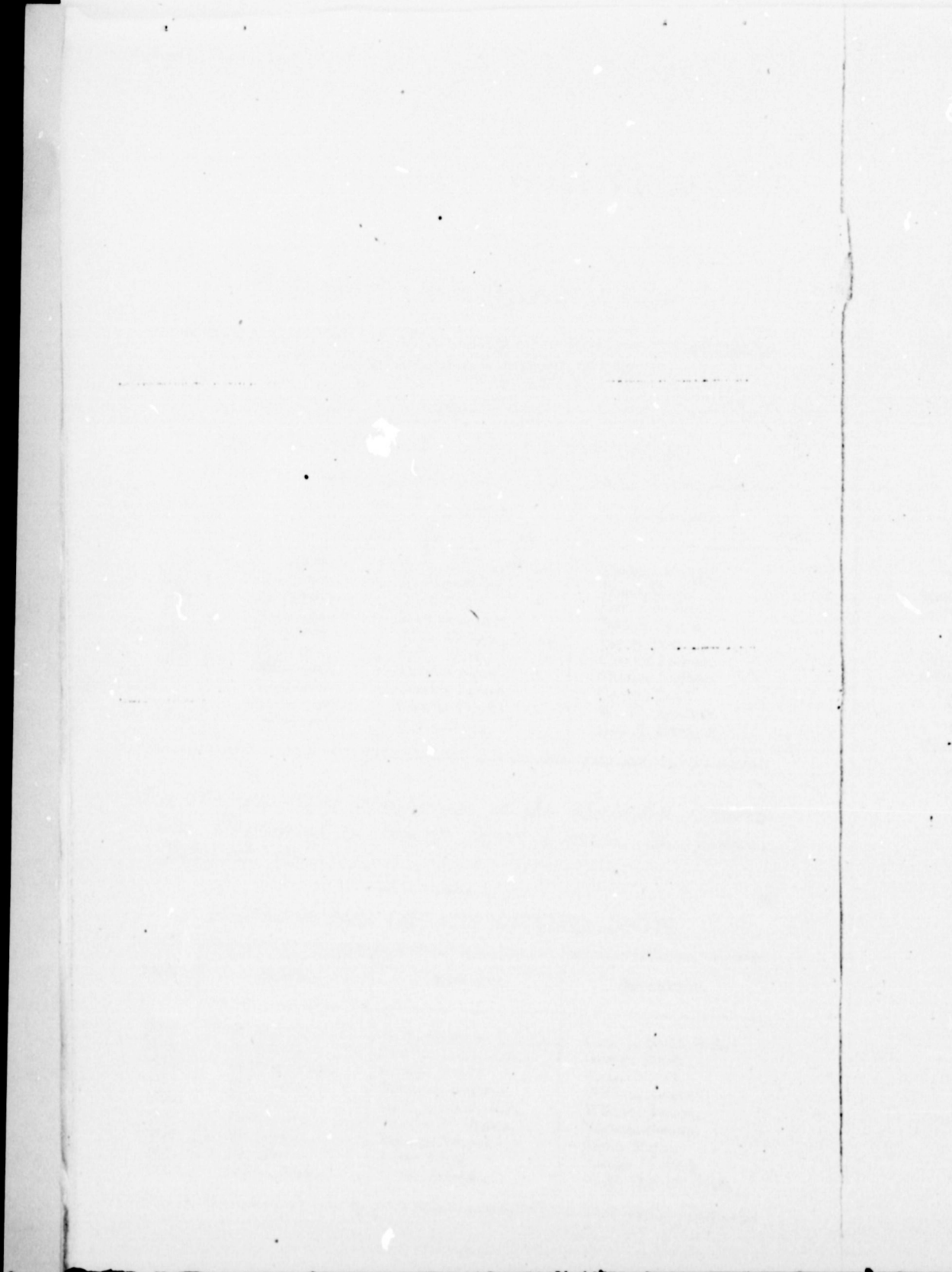
Newfoundland Conference

With Compliments of the Secretary.

Held in Grand Bank from June 20th to June 25th, 1892.

ST. JOHN'S, N.F.

1892.



Officers of the Conference,

1892.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT :

REV. ALBERT CARMAN, D.D.

PRESIDENT.

REV. T. W. ATKINSON.

SECRETARY :

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

ASSISTANT SECRETARIES :

REVS. J. T. NEWMAN, W. H. BROWNING,
M. FENWICK.

THE
NEWFOUNDLAND CONFERENCE

OF THE

Methodist Church of Canada,

WAS ORGANIZED IN THE GEORGE STREET CHURCH,
ST. JOHN'S AUGUST 5TH, 1874.

SESSIONS OF CONFERENCE.

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

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

SESSIONS OF CONFERENCE.

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

MINUTES

OF THE

NEWFOUNDLAND CONFERENCE

OF

The Methodist Church,

HELD IN GRAND BANK.

The Ninth Session of the NEWFOUNDLAND CONFERENCE was opened in the Methodist Church, Grand Bank, on Tuesday, June 20th, 1892, at 9 o'clock a.m., the ex-President, the Rev. W. Swann, in the chair.

After singing 753rd hymn, the Secretary, Rev. G. P. Story, read the Scriptures, 2 Cor., 4th Chapter, and the Rev. A.D. Morton and Bro. G. A. Buffett, of Grand Bank, led in prayer.

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

The Secretary called the roll, and twenty-two ministers and five laymen answered to their names.

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

I.—ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

J. E. P. Peters,	John Steer,
A. W. Martin,	Hon. James Angel,
John Angel,	A. F. Shirran,
R. K. Bishop,	W. F. Burns, D.D.S.,
Geo. W. Mews,	S. R. March,
C. R. Steer,	Hon. J. J. Rogerson.

II.—CARBONAR DISTRICT.

J. Trapnell,	A. Penney,
W. G. Parsons,	A. A. Thompson,
J. A. Robinson,	Nath. Pike,
Charles House,	J. C. Moores.
Wm. Christian,	Bernard Parsons.
A. Hudson,	

III.—BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

James Brown,	Elias Brown,
Samson Trask,	James Strong,
J. C. Lucas,	Levi Perry,
Matthew Dalton,	Solomon Roberts,
James Bower,	J. P. Thompson,
Peter Samways,	James White,
John Osmond,	J. B. Wheeler.
J. P. Osmond,	

IV.—BURIN DISTRICT.

C. Curtis,
Saml. Harris,
Geo. Bell,
Daniel Bishop,

John E. Collins,
Geo. A. Buffitt,
John Lake, sr.

ELECTIONS.

The Rev. T. W. Atkinson was elected President.

The Rev. A. D. Morton, M.A., was elected Secretary.

The Revs. J. T. Newman, W. Browning and M. Fenwick were appointed Assistant Secretaries.

REPORTER.

The Rev. G. C. Frazer was appointed Reporter for the *Wesleyan, Guardian* and *Methodist Recorder*.

HOURS OF SESSION.

The hours of Session were fixed as follows:

From 9 o'clock a.m.—12 m., and from 1.30—5.30 p.m.

STATIONS.

The first draft of Stations was laid on the table by the Secretary of the Stationing Committee, at the close of the morning session of the first day, and read.

MINISTERIAL SESSION.

The minutes of the Ministerial Session, held in accordance with sec. V., par. 137, of the Discipline, were read for record, as follows:

The Ministerial Session of the Ninth NEWFOUNDLAND CONFERENCE was held in the Methodist Church, Grand Bank, on Monday, June 20th, 1892, at 9 o'clock a.m., the ex-President, Rev. Wm. Swann, in the chair.

After singing the 685th hymn, the Secretary, Rev. G. P. Story, read the 15th chapter of John's Gospel, and Revs. Dr. Milligan and T. H. James led in prayer.

The roll being called, 20 ministers answered to their names.

QUESTION II.—What ministers have been transferred to or from this Conference?

*ANSWER.—*From this Conference: Rev. W. H. Adams to the Bay of Quinte Conference, and the Rev. Joseph Parkins to the Conference of New Brunswick and P.E. Island.

QUESTION III.—Are there any objections to any of our ministers or probationers for the Ministry?

*ANSWER.—*They were examined one by one.

QUESTION IV.—Who have resigned from the Ministry of our Church, and are entitled to credentials of standing?

*ANSWER.—*None.

QUESTION V.—Who are dropped in silence for irregular withdrawal from our work?

*ANSWER.—*None.

QUESTION VI.—Who are suspended from the Ministry?

ANSWER.—None.

QUESTION VII.—Who are deposed from the Ministry and expelled from the Church?

ANSWER.—None.

QUESTION VIII.—What probationers for the Ministry are now received into full connexion with the Conference, and ordained?

ANSWER.—THOMAS B. DARBY, B.A., AKROYD STONEY.

QUESTION IX.—What probationers for the Ministry remain on trial?

ANSWER I.—Probationers of three years: W. J. HUTCHESON, S. J. RUSSELL, W. H. DOTCHON.

ANSWER II.—Probationers of two years: Selby Jefferson, Charles Flemington, William Patterson, William Seely.

ANSWER III.—Probationers of one year: J. J. DURRANT, William B. Ambrose.

QUESTION X.—What Candidates for the Ministry are now received on trial?

ANSWER.—(a) George Stoney, Edwin Moore, Herbert Clegg, Arthur Antle, who are to be regarded as having travelled one year; (c) William Stratton, Charles W. Follett.

QUESTION XI.—What probationers for the Ministry are now permitted to attend College?

ANSWER.—(a) J. E. Peters, who has travelled four years; (b) H. J. Indoe, James Smith, James K. Kelly, Henry Whitmore, who have travelled three years; (c) A. C. Skinner, who has travelled three years, and is permitted to attend the Boston School of Theology.

QUESTION XII.—Who are on the list of Reserve?

ANSWER.—None.

QUESTION XIII.—Who are the Supernumeraries?

ANSWER.—James Dove; Edgar Taylor, who has permission to reside outside the NEWFOUNDLAND CONFERENCE.

QUESTION XIV.—What Supernumeraries return to the full work of the Ministry?

ANSWER.—None.

QUESTION XV.—What persons who were in full connexion with the Conference now cease to be recognized as ministers among us?

ANSWER.—None.

QUESTION XVI.—Who has been received into this Conference as a minister in full connexion?

ANSWER.—None.

QUESTION XVII.—What ministers or probationers for the Ministry have died during the year?

ANSWER.—John S. Peach, who was born at Woodford, Northamptonshire, England, in the year 1811. Having been soundly converted to God, he entered the Methodist Ministry in 1840, and was sent out the same year as a Methodist missionary to Newfoundland. His work was confined to this colony, where, in labors more abundant, he spent over half a century publishing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

On the Western Coast he was a visiting missionary, where his spiritual children still call his name blessed. In Twillingate he followed the sainted Marshall, and there witnessed a wonderful work of grace under his labors, the fruits thereof remaining to this day. The chief part of his toil, however, was in Conception Bay, where he enjoyed great success.

In 1876 he became a Supernumerary, and resided at Carbonear, taking deep interest in the growth and progress of Methodism throughout the land, and making great efforts specially for its financial prosperity. The last few years he was sightless, but the inward light shone more clearly till he saw the King in His beauty in the land afar off. He had been Chairman of the Newfoundland District for many years; President of the Conference in 1882, besides being appointed to three General Conferences, and now the Master has bade him come up higher.

When on a visit to Island Cove, with the hope of liquidating the debt on the parsonage, he felt very unwell, and endeavoured to reach his home in Carbonear; but, getting as far as Blackhead, further progress became impossible, and in the midst of a people that loved him, and in the parsonage where he had lived, he passed through the swellings of Jordan. Through grace he triumphed, trusting in the finished work of his Redeemer. On September 18th, 1892, in the 81st year of his age, and the 52nd of his Ministry, the warfare of sickness and mortality ceased.

His body was removed to Carbonear, where, in God's acre, he awaits the call of "the trump which shall usher in the gathering of God's elect."

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NEWFOUNDLAND CONFERENCE NECROLOGY,

SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1884.

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

ENTERED MINISTRY.	NAME.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	DIED.		AGE.	NO. YEARS IN MINISTRY.
			PLACE.	DATE.		
1873	John Dixon.....?	.....	.....	Aug. 4, 1876..	26	4
1871	John G. Currie....	.....	.....	May 8, 1878..	27	7
1873	Geo. H. Bryant....	.....	.....	Sept 17, 1879..	37	7
1828	W. E. Shenstone...	.....	Brigus	Dec. 11, 1880..	77	52
1884	Theo. B. G. Howe..	St. Kitt's, W.I.	Sci-Come-By.	Feb. 4, 1888..	31	4
1856	Thomas Fox.....	Devonsh'e, Eng.	Topsail	Mar. 31, 1889..	77	33
1860	John Goodison.....	Manc'ster, Eng.	Carbonear ...	Feb. 21, 1890..	53	29
1840	John S. Peach.....	Woodford, Eng.	Blackhead ...	Sept 18, 1891..	81	52

QUESTION XVIII.—Who compose the several Conference Committees?

ANSWER:

I.—COMMITTEES FOR THE SESSION.

STATIONING COMMITTEE.

<i>Districts.</i>	<i>Chairmen.</i>	<i>Representatives.</i>
St. John's, Carbonar, Bonavista, Burin.	James Dove, T. H. James, James Nurse, Wm. Swann.	Geo. P. Story, R. W. Freeman, Jabez Hill, Levi Curtis, B.A.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Laymen.</i>
H. P. Cowperthwaite, M.A., T. H. James, Jabez Hill, James Wilson.	Daniel Bishop, Samuel Harris, Geo. A. Buffett, John E. Collins.

COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Laymen.</i>
G. P. Story, Jos. Parkins, Wm. Harris.	Geo. Bell, Daniel Bishop, John E. Collins.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

G. P. Story,	William Swann,	Mark Fenwick.
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CONTINGENT FUND COMMITTEE.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Laymen.</i>
T. W. Atkinson, <i>Pres.</i> , A. D. Morton, J. Dove, T. H. James, James Nurse, William Swann.	J. E. P. Peters, <i>Sec.-Treas.</i> , George A. Buffett, Samuel Harris, John E. Collins, George Bell, Daniel Bishop.

SABBATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Laymen.</i>
A. D. Morton, Wm. Kendall, Mark Fenwick, John T. Newman.	J. E. P. Peters, A. Penney, James Brown, Geo. A. Buffett.

EPWORTH LEAGUE COMMITTEE.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Laymen.</i>
George P. Story, William Kendall, George C. Frazer, James Wilson.	A. W. Martin, J. Trapnell, James Brown, Samuel Harris.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE.

Ministers.

F. G. Willey,
W. Bartlett,
G. C. Frazer,
John Pratt,
Jesse Heyfield,
H. P. Cowperthwaite, M.A.,
James Wilson,
George Paine.

Laymen.

Samuel Harris,
Daniel Bishop,
A. W. Martin,
J. W. Nichols,
George A. Buffett,
Hon. J. J. Rogerson,
Alexander Scott,
Isaac C. Morris.

CHURCH PROPERTY COMMITTEE.

Ministers.

James Dove,
William Swann,
F. G. Willey,
George C. Frazer,
Herbert Hooper,
W. T. D. Dunn,
Levi Curtis, B.A.,
H. P. Cowperthwaite, M.A.

Laymen.

John Bemister,
John B. Ayre,
John Trapnell,
Alex. Scott,
C. Mcpherson,
E. Parsons,
Arthur Mews,
D. Bishop.

NEWFOUNDLAND DAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Ministers.

A. D. Morton, M.A.,
H. P. Cowperthwaite, M.A.,
W. H. Browning,
Mark Fenwick,
Wm. Harris,
Levi Curtis, B.A.,
Wm. Swann.

Laymen.

J. E. P. Peters,
A. W. Martin,
A. Penney,
James Brown,
Aubrey Crocker,
Daniel Bishop,
Samuel Harris.

EDUCATIONAL FUND COMMITTEE.

Ministers.

T. W. Atkinson, *Pres. of Con.*,
G. S. Milligan, LL.D.,
Jabez Hill,
A. D. Morton, *Sec. Con.*,
J. Wilson,
Levi Curtis, B.A.,
G. P. Story, *Treas.*

Laymen.

C. Curtis,
Hon. J. J. Rogerson,
D. Bishop,
Hon. J. Angel,
George W. Mews.

SUPERNUMERARY FUND COMMITTEE.

James Nurse and J. E. P. Peters, *Members of Gen. Con. Com.*,

James Dove,
R. W. Freeman,
H. P. Cowperthwaite, M.A.

Geo. A. Buffett,
Samuel Harris,
Hon. J. J. Rogerson.

CHILDREN'S FUND COMMITTEE.

James Dove,
T. H. James,
James Nurse,
William Swann.

A. D. Morton,
T. W. Atkinson,
Jabez Hill,
John T. Newman,

F. G. Willey, *Sec. Treas.*

SUSTENTATION FUND COMMITTEE.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Laymen.</i>
H. P. Cowperthwaite,	S. R. March,
F. G. Willey,	J. E. P. Peters,
Jabez Hill, <i>Sec.-Treas.</i> ,	Samuel Harris,
William Swann.	George Bell.

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE WORK.

William Kendall,	J. J. Wheatley,
William Harris.	James Pincock.

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Laymen.</i>
William Swann,	Samuel Harris,
Jabez Hill,	John E. Collins,
William Kendall,	John B. Ayre,
H. P. Cowperthwaite, M.A.,	John Lake, sr.
Levi Curtis, B.A.	

CONFERENCE LETTER WRITERS.

<i>Minister.</i>	<i>Layman.</i>
James Wilson.	C. Curtis.

II.—STANDING COMMITTEES.

CONFERENCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The President and Secretary of Conference and Chairmen of Districts,	
Dr. Milligan,	T. H. James,
H. P. Cowperthwaite.	Geo. F. Story,
A. D. Morton.	

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

The President of Conference; the Chairmen of Districts; representatives to the General Board, and the following laymen elected by the June District meetings:

J. E. P. Peters,	James Brown,
Alfred Penney.	George M. Goddard,
J. Dove, <i>Sec.-Treas.</i>	

PARSONAGE AID FUND COMMITTEE.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Laymen.</i>
The President of Conference,	John Steer, <i>Treas.</i> ,
The Secretary of Conference,	Charles P. Ayre,
William Kendall,	A. F. Shirran,
Mark Fenwick,	R. K. Bishop,
J. T. Newman,	C. Curtis,
Levi Curtis, B.A.,	Geo. A. Buffett,
John Pye,	John E. Collins.
Jabez Hill.	

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE STATISTICS.

The Secretaries of Districts.	The Asst. Secretaries of Con.,
St. John's District Secretary, Convener.	

ORPHANAGE COMMITTEE.

The President and Secretary of Conference.

Ministers.

H. P. Cowperthwaite,
James Dove,
John Pratt,
G. S. Milligan, LL.D.,
John Reay,
Solomon Matthews,
F. G. Willey,
James Pincock,
James Nurse,
Geo. P. Story.

Laymen.

J. B. Ayre,
John Steer,
J. E. P. Peters,
Hon. H. J. B. Woods,
Dr. Burns,
S. R. March,
A. W. Martin,
R. K. Bishop,
Hon. J. S. Pitts,
John Angel,

H. P. Cowperthwaite, Convener in the absence of the President of Conference.

COLPORTAGE COMMITTEE.

The President and Secretary of Conference.

Ministers.

Geo. P. Story,
W. H. Browning,
Geo. C. Frazer,
James Dove,
James Nurse,
A. D. Morton, *Sec. Treas.*

Laymen.

A. F. Shirran,
C. P. Ayre,
Geo. Mews,
C. Curtis,
Geo. Bell,
John Lake, sr.,
John Angel,
Chas. R. Steer.

METHODIST COLLEGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

T. W. Atkinson, President of Conference; G. P. Story, Guardian of Home; H. P. Cowperthwaite, A. D. Morton, J. Pratt, Superintendents of the St. John's Circuits, *ex-officio*.

Ministers.

J. Dove,
F. R. Duffill,
T. H. James,
J. Wilson,
Jabez Hill,
Wm. Kendall,
George Paine,
James Nurse,
James Pincock,
Anthony Hill,
Jesse Heyfield,
Levi Curtis, B.A.

Laymen.

Hon. J. J. Rogerson,
Hon. H. J. B. Woods,
Hon. J. S. Pitts,
Hon. J. Angel,
Dr. Burns,
R. K. Bishop,
G. W. Mews,
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T. C. Duder,
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Dr. Forbes,
C. P. Ayre,
J. E. P. Peters,
J. B. Ayre,
John Steer,
A. Penney,
C. Mepherston,
S. R. March,
G. A. Buffett,
A. W. Martin.

LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE.

Ministers.

T. W. Atkinson, *Pres.*,
 Geo. S. Milligan, LL.D.,
 R. W. Freeman,
 H. P. Cowperthwaite,
 A. D. Morton,
 T. H. James,
 J. Dove, *Convener*,
 J. Pratt,
 Geo. P. Story.

Laymen.

J. E. P. Peters,
 Hon. H. J. B. Woods,
 Hon. James Angel,
 Geo. A. Buffett,
 George Bell.

EXAMINATION COMMITTEE.

Ministers.

W. T. Dunn,
 A. D. Morton, M.A.,
 H. P. Cowperthwaite, M.A.,
 Levi Curtis, B.A.,
 G. S. Milligan, LL.D.,
 William Swann,
 T. B. Darby, B.A.,
 J. T. Newman,
 T. H. James,
 John Pye.

J. Dove,
 J. Nurse,
 H. C. Hatcher,
 H. Hooper,
 W. H. Browning,
 Jabez Hill,
 F. G. Willey,
 G. C. Frazer,
 W. Kendall,
 A. Hill.

COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES.

Ministers.

President of Conference,
 Secretary of Conference,
 J. Dove,
 Dr. Milligan,
 H. P. Cowperthwaite,
 W. Swann,
 J. Pratt,
 T. H. James.

Laymen.

Hon. J. J. Rogerson,
 Geo. W. Mews,
 Hon. H. J. B. Woods,
 J. E. P. Peters,
 R. K. Bishop,
 S. R. March,
 Alfred Penney.

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE TRAVELLING ARRANGEMENTS.

Secretary of Conference,
 John Pratt.

George P. Story,
 H. P. Cowperthwaite.

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

R. W. Freeman.

GENERAL CONFERENCE.

I.—BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Rev. James Nurse, J. E. P. Peters.

II.—CENTRAL SABBATH SCHOOL BOARD.

Rev. R. W. Freeman, A. W. Martin.

III.—CORRESPONDING MEMBER OF S. S. BOARD.

Rev. J. T. Newman.

IV.—TRANSFER COMMITTEE.

Rev. T. W. Atkinson, President.

V.—SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

Rev. James Nurse, J. E. P. Peters.

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES.

Rev. W. Swann,	Hon. J. J. Rogerson,
“ T. H. James,	Hon. H. J. B. Woods,
“ R. W. Freeman,	A. Penney,
“ J. Nurse,	J. E. P. Peters,
“ T. W. Atkinson,	A. W. Martin.

ALTERNATES.

Rev. G. S. Milligan, LL.D.,	R. K. Bishop,
“ J. Pratt.	J. Steer.

CONFERENCE TREASURERS.

General Conference Fund.....	H. P. Cowperthwaite
Contingent Fund.....	J. E. P. Peters
Union Church Relief Fund.....	R. W. Freeman
Supernumerary and Missionary Fund.....	J. Dove
Educational Fund.....	G. P. Story
Sunday School Aid Fund.....	J. T. Newman

QUESTION XIX.—How are the ministers and probationers for the Ministry stationed for the ensuing year?

ANSWER:

T. W. ATKINSON, President.
A. D. MORTON, M.A., Secretary.

I.—ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

1. St. John's (Gower Street)—H. P. Cowperthwaite, M.A.
2. St. John's West—A. D. Morton, M.A., Secretary of Conference; W. J. Hutcheson, James Dove, Supernumerary; G. S. Milligan, LL.D., Superintendent of Methodist Schools, by permission of Conference.
3. St. John's East—John Pratt; G. P. Story, Guardian of Home, etc.
4. Pouch Cove—S. Matthews.
5. Topsail—John Reay.
6. Brigus—W. T. D. Dunn.
7. Cupids and Port-de-Grave—J. Pincock, Wm. Stratton.
8. Bay Roberts, Spaniard's Bay and Whitbourne—F. G. Willey and supply.
9. Flower's Cove—Supply.
10. St. Anthony—One to be sent.
11. Red Bay—John C. Sidey.
12. Hamilton Inlet—Selby Jefferson.
13. Railway Mission Headquarters, Chapel Arm—Supply.
14. Labrador, Summer months—George Stoney, visiting missionary.

STUDENTS AT COLLEGE.

- (a) Sackville—Henry J. Indoc, James Smith, J. E. Peters, James R. Kelly, Henry Whitmore.
- (b) Boston School of Theology—A. C. Skinner.
F. R. Duffill is left without an appointment for one year, at his own request.

JAMES DOVE, Chairman.
A. D. MORTON, M.A., Fin. Sec.

II.—CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

15. Carbonear—T. H. James, George Stoney; Edgar Taylor, Supernumerary.
16. Harbor Grace—George Payne.
17. Freshwater—Anthony Hill.
18. Blackhead—R. W. Freeman.
19. Western Bay—H. C. Hatcher.
20. Lower Island Cove—Jesse Heyfield.
21. Old Perlican—S. Snowden.
22. Hant's Harbor—James Wilson.
23. Heart's Content—T. W. Atkinson, President of Conference.
24. Green's Harbor—Wm. Kendall.
25. Random North—John Pye.
26. Random South—One to be sent.
27. Britannia Cove—Wm. Seeley.

T. W. ATKINSON, Chairman.
WM. KENDALL, Fin. Sec.

III.—BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

28. Bonavista—James Nurse.
29. Bird Island Cove—S. J. Russell.
30. Catalina—M. Fenwick.
31. Trinity—H. Hooper.
32. Musgrave Town—H. Scott.
33. Glover Town—One to be sent.
34. Greenspond—C. Lench.
35. Wesleyville—Wm. Harris.
36. Musgrave Harbor—A. A. Holmes.
37. Indian Islands and Seldom-Coms-By—H. Clegg.
38. Fogo—J. J. Wheatley.
39. Herring Neck and Change Islands—A. Stoney.
40. Twillingate—J. Hill, and one to be sent.
41. Morton's Harbor—W. R. Tratt.
42. Exploits—G. C. Frazer.
43. Laureceton and Marshallville—Edwin Moore.
44. Little Bay Island and Pilley's Island—Wm. Rex, one to be sent.
45. Little Bay—Wm. M. Browning.
46. Nipper's Harbor and Tilt Cove—C. Flemington, one to be sent.
47. White Bay—A. N. Antle.
Henry Abraham and James Lumsden are left without appointments for one year, at their own request.

JAMES NURSE, Chairman.
JABEZ HILL, Fin. Sec.

IV.—BURIN DISTRICT.

48. Burin—William Swann.
49. Spoon Cove—W. H. Dotchon.
50. Flat Island—W. J. Bartlett.
51. Sound Island—W. B. Ambrose.
52. St. Pierre—One wanted.
53. Fortune—John T. Newman.
54. Grand Bank—L. Curtis, B.A.
55. Garnish and Fortune Bay—Charles W. Follett.
56. Burgeo—A supply.
57. Petites—W. J. Patterson.
58. Channel—J. J. Durant.
59. St. George's Bay and Bay of Islands—T. B. Darby, B.A., a supply.
60. Bonne Bay—One to be sent.
61. French Shore—A supply.

WM. SWANN, Chairman.
JOHN T. NEWMAN, Fin. Sec.

QUESTION XX.—What is the number of our church members? What is the number of baptisms administered, and of marriages solemnized by each minister?

I.—ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS AND MISSIONS.	PRESENT MEMBERS.			Number Published last Year.	RESULTS.		Catechumens not counted in Total.	BAPTISMS.			Marriages.	Burials.
	Full Membership.	On Trial.	Total.		Increase.	Decrease.		Infants.	Adult.	Total.		
St. John's, Centre.....	378	72	450	314	136	.....	59	44	..	44	44	20
St. John's, West.....	312	73	385	276	109	.....	60	67	..	67	17	63
St. John's, East.....	179	65	244	193	51	.....	20	35	..	35	15	23
Topsail	25	.....	25	36	.....	11	.....	8	..	8	2	3
Pouch Cove	89	12	101	97	4	.....	.....	28	..	28	2	14
Brigus	74	70	144	109	35	.....	19	33	..	33	7	29
Cupids	165	62	227	180	47	.....	40	36	..	36	18	26
Bay Roberts & Sprds. Bay	350	28	378	395	.....	17	.....	55	..	55	17	19
Flower's Cove.....	62	.....	62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....
St. Anthony.....	103	.....	103	97	6	.....	.....	25	..	25	5	13
Red Bay.....	64	12	76	88	.....	12	.....	6	..	6	1	5
Hamilton's Inlet.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....
Railway Mission.....	30	27	57	.....	57	.....	.....	2	..	2	2	.....
Total for District.....	1831	421	2252	1882	445	40	198	339	..	339	130	215

II.—CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

Carbonear	414	29	443	434	9	.....	.....	75	..	75	16	56
Harbor Grace.....	145	14	159	199	.....	40	.....	40	..	40	8	29
Freshwater	355	10	365	430	.....	65	.....	39	..	39	14	30
Blackhead	580	121	701	659	42	.....	.....	52	..	52	9	40
Western Bay.....	188	61	249	227	22	.....	.....	37	..	37	11	20
Island Cove	310	22	332	209	123	.....	.....	34	..	34	7	25
Old Perlican.....	245	72	317	298	19	.....	.....	32	..	32	3	8
Hant's Harbor.....	200	91	291	168	123	.....	.....	42	..	42	13	56
Heart's Content.....	118	32	150	117	35	.....	.....	23	..	23	10	18
Green's Harbor.....	66	9	75	100	.....	25	.....	24	..	24	6	9
Random, North.....	131	1	132	139	.....	7	.....	32	..	32	10	13
Random, South.....	175	36	211	174	37	.....	.....	24	1	24	13	30
Britannia Cove.....	130	44	174	122	52	.....	.....	19	..	19	10	6
Total for District.....	3057	542	3599	3276	462	137	.....	473	1	474	130	340

III.—BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS AND MISSIONS.	PRESENT MEMBERS.			Number Published last Year.	RESULTS.		Catechumens not counted in Total.	BAPTISMS.				
	Full Membership.	On Trial.	Total.		Increase.	Decrease.		Infants.	Adult.	Total.	Marriages.	Burials.
Bonavista	343	2	345	483	.....	*138	.....	73	..	73	17	44
Bird Island Cove.....	101	.....	101	.....	101	.....	.....	34	..	34	4	12
Catalina	110	6	116	129	.....	13	.....	36	..	36	8	30
Trinity	109	43	152	146	.....	6	.....	9	..	9	6	6
Musgrave Town.....	91	.....	91	100	.....	0	.....	21	..	21	6	2
Glover Town.....	209	8	217	233	.....	16	.....	46	..	46	5	2
Greenspond	199	24	223	209	.....	14	.....	53	..	53	7	23
Wesleyville	203	68	271	206	.....	65	.....	69	..	69	7	18
Musgrave Harbor.....	148	5	153	201	.....	48	.....	24	..	24	10	8
Seldom Come By, &c.....	148	2	150	145	.....	5	.....	44	..	44	4	14
Fogo	78	.....	78	73	.....	5	.....	20	..	20	6	7
Herring Neck.....	157	70	227	174	.....	53	.....	25	..	25	12	28
Twillingate	340	15	355	398	.....	43	.....	92	..	92	27	53
Moreton's Harbor.....	127	15	142	141	.....	1	.....	29	..	29	8	15
Exploits.....	175	160	335	183	.....	152	.....	36	..	36	11	25
Laurenceton	148	46	194	212	.....	*18	.....	38	..	38	10	13
Little Bay.....	104	42	146	94	.....	52	.....	39	1	40	11	13
Little Bay Islands.....	190	10	200	224	.....	24	.....	76	..	76	15	66
Nipper's Harbor, &c.....	176	46	222	291	.....	*69	.....	66	..	66	20	21
White Bay.....	67	6	73	.....	73	.....	.....	16	..	16	2	5
Total for District.....	3223	568	3791	3642	527	378	.....	846	1	847	196	405

IV.—BURIN DISTRICT.

BAPTISMS.		Marrriages.	Burials.
Adult.	Total.		
73	17	44	
34	4	12	
36	8	30	
9	6	6	
21	6	2	
46	5	2	
53	7	23	
69	7	18	
21	10	8	
44	4	14	
20	6	7	
25	12	28	
92	27	53	
29	8	15	
36	11	25	
38	10	13	
40	11	13	
76	15	66	
66	20	21	
66	2	5	
6	1	847	196
		405	

NAMES OF CIRCUITS AND MISSIONS.	PRESENT MEMBERS.			Number Published last Year.	RESULTS.		Catechumens not counted in Total.	BAPTISMS.				
	Full Membership.	On Trial.	Total.		Increase.	Decrease.		Infants.	Adult.	Total.	Marrriages.	Burials.
Burin	301	3	304	334	.....	36	.....	60	..	60	17	29
Flat Islands.....	127	17	144	162	.....	18	.....	15	..	15	5	1
Sound Island.....	88	14	102	97	5	.....	.....	15	..	15	11	15
St. Pierre.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fortune.....	98	.....	98	109	.....	11	5	17	..	17	5	31
Grand Bank.....	204	5	209	227	.....	18	12	33	..	33	12	11
Garnish	45	2	47	41	6	.....	.....	14	..	14	2	1
Burgeo	35	3	38	37	1	.....	.....	7	..	7	1	7
Petites	102	15	117	97	20	.....	.....	21	..	21	2	15
Channel	32	18	40	34	6	.....	.....	12	..	12	5	3
Bay St. G. & Bay of Isld's.	40	4	44	36	8	.....	4	12	..	12	4	3
Bonne Bay.....	75	16	91	104	.....	13	.....	19	..	19	4	6
French Shore.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total for District	1147	87	1234	1284	46	96	21	225	..	225	68	122

RECAPITULATION.

St. John's.....	1832	421	2252	1882	445	40	198	339	..	339	130	215
Carbonear	3057	542	3599	3276	462	137	.....	473	1	474	130	340
Bonavista	3223	568	3791	3642	527	378	.....	846	1	847	196	405
Burin.....	1147	87	1234	1284	46	96	21	225	..	225	68	122
Total for Conference...	9258	1618	10876	10084	1480	651	219	1883	2	1885	524	1082
Net Increase.....829												

QUESTION XXI.—What is the number of ministers and probationers for the ministry, and laymen, in the Quarterly Official Boards?

SYNOPSIS.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	MINISTERS.					LEADERS AND ASSIST'S.			REPRESENTATIVES.			S. School Superintendents.	E. League Presidents.	Net Total.	
	Effective.	Supernumerary.	Probationers.	Local Preachers.	Exhorters.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Stewards.	Society.	Trustee Board.				Total.
St. John's	11	1	5	11	49	74	46	120	40	18	10	28	22	5	199
Carbonear	11	..	2	11	62	130	105	235	40	21	13	34	50	1	371
Bonavista	15	..	8	11	26	177	78	255	67	20	21	41	57	5	402
Burin	7	..	4	7	35	48	42	90	35	19	11	30	29	3	175
Total for Conf'nce	44	1	19	40	272	429	271	700	182	78	55	133	158	14	1147

QUESTION XXIII.—What has been collected for the various Connexional Funds?

I.—ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND MISSIONS.	Missionary.	Superannuation or Superannuery.	Educational.	Contingent.	General Conference.	Union Church Relief.	Sunday School Aid.	Sustentation.	Annual Conference.	Children's Fund.	Woman's Missionary.	Total Connexional Funds.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
St. John's, Centre.....	550 21	35 00	40 00	50 00	6 00	6 00	5 00	67 06	10 00	60 00	120 15	950 41
St. John's, West.....	970 35	30 00	40 00	25 00	12 00	5 00	11 00	258 53	13 50	120 00	123 00	1608 38
St. John's, East.....	516 60	20 00	26 00	30 00	11 50	3 75	3 50	70 00	10 00	60 00	.....	750 75
Topsail.....	22 55	1 15	1 00	00 80	1 00	0 50	0 75	1 00	00 50	60 00	.....	80 25
Pouch Cove.....	87 05	2 00	2 71	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	3 00	.....	60 00	.....	158 85
Briggs.....	99 19	8 00	2 50	4 00	2 00	0 60	1 50	6 40	4 00	60 00	.....	188 10
Cupids.....	116 57	5 00	2 00	4 00	2 00	1 50	3 00	5 00	2 00	60 00	.....	201 07
Ray Roberts, etc.....	135 43	4 00	4 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 50	3 50	1 00	90 00	.....	243 43
Flower's Cove.....	20 07	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 07
St. Anthony.....	61 87	1 20	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	30 00	.....	95 07
Red Bay.....	52 66	1 77	0 80	1 10	0 47	.....	0 50	2 46	60 53	60 00	.....	110 29
Hamilton Inlet.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	.....	30 00
Railway Mission.....	9 24	0 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 74
Total for District.....	2642 18	108 62	119 01	118 99	36 97	19 35	27 75	417 95	41 53	690 00	243 15	4465 50

III.—BONAIVISTA DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND MISSIONS	Missionary.	Superannuation or Suffermentary.	Educational.	Contingent.	General Conference.	Union Church Relief.	Sunday School Aid.	Sustentation.	Annual Conference.	Children's Fund.	Woman's Missionary.	Total Connexional Funds.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Bonaivista	80 49	12 51	4 00	7 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	8 00	3 00	60 00	21 00	208 00
Bird Island Cove	16 24	1 10	0 57	0 50	0 43	0 49	1 00	0 65	.....	30 00	.....	50 89
Catalina	36 50	3 00	1 50	2 00	1 20	1 50	1 50	4 00	1 50	60 00	.....	112 70
Trinity	42 76	2 00	1 50	1 30	1 00	1 20	1 60	2 00	1 00	60 00	1 20	115 56
Musgrave Town.....	55 37	0 60	0 50	0 75	0 60	0 50	1 00	1 00	.....	60 00	.....	120 32
Glover Town	50 20	1 00	0 50	0 50	.....	.....	.....	0 50	.....	30 00	.....	82 70
Greenspond.....	130 64	3 50	5 00	4 50	1 00	1 00	2 00	5 00	3 70	60 00	.....	216 54
Wesleyville.....	270 43	7 00	5 50	6 50	2 00	1 00	2 00	4 00	2 35	60 00	.....	360 78
Musgrave Harbor.....	68 18	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	0 80	60 00	.....	137 98
Seacom-Come-By, &c.....	92 71	1 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	1 00	0 60	.....	30 00	.....	126 31
Fogo	81 66	5 00	10 00	4 00	1 00	2 00	4 00	4 00	5 00	60 00	.....	176 66
Herring Neck.....	73 60	3 50	2 00	1 50	1 50	1 00	1 00	3 50	1 50	60 00	.....	149 10
Twillingate	250 35	16 00	7 00	9 00	4 00	1 15	4 60	11 00	8 00	60 00	.....	401 10
Moreton's Harbor.....	62 62	3 72	2 87	3 10	2 10	.....	4 07	3 60	.....	60 00	.....	142 68
Exploits	92 00	5 50	2 00	2 00	1 70	1 00	2 00	5 00	1 50	60 00	.....	172 70
Laurenceton, &c	74 20	4 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	1 50	2 00	1 00	30 00	.....	118 70
Little Bay.....	218 54	4 27	3 11	2 50	1 00	1 00	4 00	3 00	4 07	60 00	.....	301 49
Little Bay Islands.....	214 50	0 00	3 00	2 50	2 00	1 00	1 50	3 50	2 50	60 00	.....	299 50
Nipper's Harbor, &c.....	200 78	3 00	2 00	2 00	1 50	1 00	2 50	5 00	2 50	90 00	.....	310 28
White Bay.....	2 00	1 00	0 75	0 50	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	30 00	.....	35 25
Total for District.....	2122 77	88 70	53 80	54 15	25 03	16 75	37 27	69 35	38 42	1110 00	22 20	3638 44

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Exports.....	74 20	4 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	1 50	2 00	1 00	1 00	30 00	118 70
Laurenceton, &c.....	218 54	4 27	3 11	2 50	1 00	4 00	3 00	4 07	60 00	301 49	
Little Bay.....	214 50	0 00	3 00	2 50	2 00	1 50	3 50	2 50	60 00	299 50	
Little Bay Islands.....	200 78	3 00	2 00	2 00	1 50	2 50	5 00	2 50	90 00	310 28	
Nipper's Harbor, &c.....	2 00	1 00	0 75	0 50	.....	.....	1 00	.....	30 00	35 25
White Bay.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total for District.....	2122 77	88 70	53 80	54 15	25 03	16 75	37 27	69 35	38 42	1110 00	22 20 3638 44

IV.—BURIN DISTRICT.

Burin.....	\$ 209 70	\$ 8 70	\$ 5 85	\$ 4 50	\$ 5 00	\$ 1 20	\$ 1 50	\$ 5 20	\$ 11 00	\$ 90 00	\$ 342 65
Flat Islands.....	34 12	1 30	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 50	1 00	30 00	72 02
Sound Island.....	59 18	2 50	2 50	1 50	1 00	1 00	1 50	2 50	2 00	30 00	103 68
St. Pierre.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fortune.....	108 58	2 13	3 18	3 00	2 46	3 11	1 00	3 58	2 50	60 00	189 54
Grand Bank.....	320 65	9 60	7 43	7 00	7 00	5 00	1 25	8 24	9 29	60 00	405 46
Garnish.....	18 00	0 60	0 50	0 80	0 50	0 40	0 70	0 40	0 50	30 00	22 40
Burgoe.....	24 00	1 00	1 50	1 00	1 00	0 50	1 00	0 50	1 00	.....	31 50
Pettes.....	62 51	1 00	1 00	0 50	0 50	0 50	1 00	1 00	.....	30 00	88 01
Channel.....	101 82	3 50	2 20	3 10	1 10	2 00	3 30	5 00	4 00	60 00	186 02
Bay St. George & Bay of Islands.....	67 10	1 00	0 80	0 80	0 80	0 80	2 00	0 80	1 00	30 00	105 10
Bonne Bay.....	37 00	1 50	0 50	0 96	0 92	0 45	0 50	1 00	0 85	30 00	73 68
French Shore.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total for District.....	1042 66	32 83	26 46	24 16	21 28	15 96	14 75	29 72	33 14	450 00	1690 96

RECAPITULATION.

St. John's.....	\$ 2642 18	\$ 108 62	\$ 119 01	\$ 118 99	\$ 36 97	\$ 19 35	\$ 27 75	\$ 417 95	\$ 41 53	\$ 600 00	\$ 243 15	\$ 4465 50
Carbonear.....	1295 77	44 34	30 30	25 74	19 50	9 40	20 95	37 93	23 05	780 00	.....	2286 08
Bonavista.....	2122 77	88 70	53 80	54 15	25 03	16 75	37 27	69 35	38 42	1110 00	22 20	3638 44
Burin.....	1042 66	32 83	26 46	24 16	21 28	15 96	14 75	29 72	33 14	450 00	.....	1690 96
Total for Conference.....	7103 38	274 49	229 57	223 04	102 78	61 46	100 72	554 95	136 14	3030 00	205 35	12081 88

QUESTION XXIV—What amounts have been raised for the several Conference Funds?

I.—ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Parsonage Aid	Newfoundl'd Day School.	College.	Orphanage.
	\$30 00			
St. John's, Centre.....	30 00	\$50 00		
St. John's, West.....	22 50	30 00		
St. John's, East.....	1 80	30 00		
Topsail.....	2 00	1 00		
Pouch Cove.....	11 00	1 50	86	2 65
Brigus.....	10 00	1 00	4 50	4 11
Cupids.....	11 00	1 00	5 00	
Bay Roberts & Sprds. Bay..		2 00	5 00	2 00
Flower's Cove.....				
St. Anthony.....				
Red Bay.....				
Hamilton Inlet.....				
	118 30	116 50	15 36	8 76

II.—CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

Carbonear.....	\$16 00	\$2 00	\$9 16	\$4 00
Harbor Grace.....	16 00	2 00	8 00	9 05
Freshwater.....	7 00			1 00
Blackhead.....	10 00	2 25		1 00
Western Bay.....	7 00	1 00		
Island Cove.....	5 00	1 00		
Old Perlican.....	7 00	1 00	1 50	
Hant's Harbor.....	5 00	1 00		
Heart's Content.....	7 00	1 55		2 00
Green's Harbor.....	5 00	1 00		1 00
Random, North.....	5 00	1 00		
Random, South.....	5 00	1 00		
Britannia Cove.....	3 00			
	98 00	14 80	18 66	18 05

Conference Funds?

Orphanage.

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III.—BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Parsonage Aid	Newfound'd Day School.	College.	Orphanage.
Bonavista	\$13 00	\$3 00	\$8 10	
Bird Island Cove.....	3 00	45		
Catalina	4 00	1 20	2 00	
Trinity	7 00	2 19	1 00	\$5 41
Musgrave Town.....	4 00	50	50	
Glover Town.....	3 00	50		
Greenspond	5 60	1 00	3 00	
Wesleyville	8 00	1 50	2 00	2 00
Musgrave Harbor.....	1 00	1 00		
Seldom Come By, &c.....	1 00	1 60		
Fogo	9 00	4 00	4 00	3 00
Herring Neck.....	4 00	1 00	2 37	3 30
Twillingate	12 00	4 00	12 00	11 00
Moreton's Harbor.....	2 94	1 86	.....	1 71
Exploits	8 00	2 50	.....	2 00
Laurenceton	2 00	1 00	.....	1 00
Little Bay.....	4 30	1 50	2 00	3 24
Little Bay Islands.....	6 00	2 00		
Nipper's Harbor, &c.....	8 00	3 00	4 00	5 00
White Bay.....	2 00			
	107 84	33 80	40 97	37 66

IV.—BURIN DISTRICT.

Burin.....	\$13 75	\$3 00	\$4 00	\$4 00
Flat Islands.....	2 50	1 00	50	50
Sound Islands.....	3 00	1 50	1 00	1 83
St. Pierre				
Fortune	5 51	2 00	2 90	
Grand Bank	12 00	5 50	25 00	
Garnish.....				
Burgeo.....				
Petites.....	1 00	1 00		
Ohannel	5 70	2 00		
St. George's Bay } Bay of Islands }	3 00	1 00	.....	1 00
Fortune Bay.....	2 80	1 00		
	40 26	18 00	33 40	7 33

RECAPITULATION.

St. John's.....	\$118 30	\$116 50	\$15 36	\$8 76
Carbonear.....	98 00	14 80	18 66	18 05
Bonavista	107 84	33 80	40 97	37 66
Burin.....	49 26	18 00	33 40	7 33
	373 40	183 10	108 39	71 80

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QUESTION XXV.—What amounts have been raised for Ministerial Support?
I.—ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND MISSIONS.	NAMES OF MINISTERS.	Ministers in the Active Work.	Profounders in the Active Work.	Officers of the General Conference.	Ministerial Professors in College.	Ministerial Evangelists.	Sup. Ministers.	Paid by Circuit or Mission.	Paid by Children's Fund.	Salary.	MISSIONARY FUND.	Total Received.	Net Deficiency.	Grand Total for all Purposes.
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
St. John's, Centre.....	H. P. Cowperthwaite.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1000	36	.....	.....	1036	.....	4247
St. John's, West.....	A. D. Morton.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1000	72	.....	.....	1472	.....	6254
	W. J. Hutcheson.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	1	1000	36	.....	.....	1036	.....	3940
St. John's, East.....	F. K. Duffell.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	00	456	15	666	.....	142
	John Reay.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	145	186	396	.....	730	.....	321
Topsail.....	Solomon Matthews.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	462	162	179	22	803	.....	910
Pouch Cove.....	John Pratt.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	305	162	206	.....	733	.....	1387
Brigus.....	James Pincock.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	507	.....	548	46	1055	1	752
	W. T. D. Dunn.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bay Roberts, &c.....	C. Flemington and Agent.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52	.....	60	.....	112	.....	22
	Agent.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54	.....	200	10	254	26	64
Flower's Cove.....	George Stoney.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Anthony.....	Selby Jefferson.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	118	.....	490	30	608	69	100
Hamilton Inlet.....	John C. Sibley.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	150	.....	175	.....	34
Red Bay.....	William Stratton.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Railway Mission.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total for District.....	.....	9	5	.....	2	.....	1	5188	747	2685	123	8620	96	18173

III.—BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND MISSIONS.	NAMES OF MINISTERS.	Ministers in the Active Work.	Proportioners in the Active Work.	Officers of the General Conference.	Ministerial Professors in College.	Ministerial Evangelists.	Sup. Ministers.	Paid by Circ'l or Miss'n.	Paid by Child's Fund.	MISSIONARY FUND.		Total Received.	Net Deficiency.	Grand Total for all Purposes.
										Salary.	Removal.			
Bonavista.....	James Nurse.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 440	\$ 54	\$ 90	\$ 584	\$ 216	\$ 600
Bird Island Cove.....	Samuel J. Russell.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	176	.....	110	293	107	283
Catalina.....	Edgar Taylor.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	220	135	366	721	79	469
Trinity.....	Herbert Hooper.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	114	27	426	567	233	357
Musgrave Town.....	Henry Scott.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	110	54	446	610	190	260
Glover Town.....	William Patterson.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	210	210	275	125	151
Greenspond.....	Joseph Perkins.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	217	60	336	613	187	523
Wesleyville.....	William Harris.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	346	.....	276	622	178	1473
Musgrave Harbor.....	A. A. Holmes.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	151	.....	416	567	233	523
Seldom-Come-By.....	Herbert Cligg.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	128	.....	80	208	192	300
Fogo.....	Henry Abraham.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	213	54	366	633	167	522
Herring Neck.....	Charles Lench.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	170	54	406	630	170	454
Twillingate.....	J. Hill and J. K. Kelly.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	700	108	116	924	276	1988
Moreton's Harbor.....	W. R. Tratt.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	245	135	306	686	114	432
Exploits.....	Geo. C. Frazer.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	180	54	366	600	200	437
Laurenceton.....	Henry Whitmore.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	175	.....	150	325	175	330
Little Bay.....	James Lumsden.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	500	54	76	630	170	1270
Nipper's Harbor.....	William Rex.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	390	27	356	773	427	802
White Bay.....	M. Fenwick, J. E. Peters.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	330	.....	556	886	314	1478
	A. N. Antle.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	55	.....	210	265	135	92
Total for District.....		15	7	4925	816	5664	242	11412	3788	13233

Laurenceton	1	73	500	54	76	45	030	170	1270
Little Bay	1	390	390	27	356	7	773	427	892
Little Bay Islands	1	330	330	556	556	886	314	1478	
Nipper's Harbor	1	55	55	210	210	265	135	92	
White Bay	1	4925	816	5664	242	11412	3788	13233	
Total for District	15	7							

IV.—BURIN DISTRICT.

Burin	1	740	55	795	405	1341			
Flat Islands	1	100	235	335	115	266			
Sound Island	1	130	170	300	100	241			
St. Pierre	1	336	81	226	637	244	884		
Fortune	1	750	18	768	2434	2434			
Grand Bank	1	40	220	260	140	98			
Garnish	1	40	220	260	140	98			
Burgoo	1	102	125	227	173	202			
Petties	1	180	155	335	115	404			
Channel	1	195	210	315	135	292			
Bay St. George	1	45	120	165	165	227			
Bay of Islands	1	113	431	544	256	227			
Bonne Bay	1	60	60	60	60	60			
French Shore	1	2675	99	2007	19	4781	1683	6525	
Total for District	7	4							

RECAPITULATION.

St. John's	9	5188	747	2685	123	8620	96	18173
Carbonear	11	4338	810	2993	86	8051	1550	10410
Bonavista	15	4925	816	5664	242	11412	3788	13233
Burin	7	2675	99	2007	19	4781	1683	6525
Total for Conference	42	17146	2472	13259	464	32864	7126	48341

QUESTION XXVII.—What amounts have been raised for Circuit Purposes?
 RECAPITULATION.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	TOTAL.										
	Circuit Incidentals.	Horse Rent.	Horse Keep or Hire.	Removal Expenses.	Travelling Expenses.	Sunday Schools.	Epworth Leagues.	Ladies' Aids.	Trustee Boards.	All Other Purposes.	TOTAL.
St. John's.....	\$ 39 67	\$ 2 00	\$ 1 50	\$ 30 00	\$	\$ 1162 00	\$ 37 00	\$ 180 00	\$ 5802 04	\$ 1300 73	\$ 8842 94
Carbonear.....	\$ 5 20	\$	\$	\$ 40 00	\$	\$ 534 64	\$ 8 00	\$ 256 68	\$ 2597 97	\$ 104 16	\$ 3636 65
Bonavista.....	\$ 43 09	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 504 80	\$ 10 40	\$ 438 20	\$ 3042 67	\$ 476 77	\$ 4515 93
Burin.....	\$ 2 20	\$	\$	\$ 28 00	\$ 17 00	\$ 60 56	\$ 3 80	\$ 112 00	\$ 1622 25	\$ 143 52	\$ 1989 33
Total for Conference.....	\$ 90 16	\$ 2 00	\$ 1 50	\$ 98 00	\$ 17 00	\$ 2262 00	\$ 59 20	\$ 986 88	\$ 13064 93	\$ 2205 18	\$ 18984 85

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO EXAMINERS.

Resolved.—That the time allowed for a single paper in the candidate's and first year's course do not exceed an hour.

N.B.—(1) Papers are to be marked according to an estimate of the value of the answers required; but the aggregate must reach 1,000, viz.: 500 for matter, and 100 for writing, spelling, grammar and style.

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

(3)—That each examiner *mark* the time required by his paper, said time not to exceed one hour and a half.

(4)—The papers, when examined, shall be returned to the chairman of districts, to be forwarded to the candidates and probationers.

(5)—Four copies of the questions shall be prepared by each examiner (one copy for each district) and sent to the Rev. Jabez Hill by the 1st of April, 1892.

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

(7) That we recommend that the committee meet as early as possible after the opening of the Conference, so as to be able to present to each chairman, in a tabulated report of the result of the examination of written papers on or before the third day of Conference, who shall present the same to a special session of his district for the purpose of completing their recommendations of probationers and candidates.

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

(9) That the secretary be authorized to get a sufficient number of blank tabulated forms printed for the above, with suitable foot-notes, stating that 333½ is the minimum for any one subject, and 500 for general average.

COURSE OF STUDY.

I. ORDINARY COURSE.—PRELIMINARY.

1.—English Branches:

English Grammar.....	} W. T. D. Dunn.
Composition, including Essay on subject designated by Examiners at the time of examination.....	
Arithmetic	
Geography.....	

2.—English Literature:

Brooke's Outlines of English Literature, and Selections from Macaulay's Essays, Warren Hastings (Ontario series) <i>one paper</i>	} J. T. Newman.
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3.—History:

Smith's Shorter Histories of Greece and Rome (<i>one Paper</i>); Ontario Public School History of England and of Canada.....	} W. H. Browning.
Smith's New Testament History.....	

4.—Greek Grammar:

Harkness' First Greek Book, or Goodwin, with White's exercises, as far as syntax, as may be determined by each Examining Board..... A. D. Morton, M.A.

5.—Theology:

Wesley's Sermons, I. to XX. (Burwash)..... A. D. Morton, M.A.
Methodist Catechism, No. II.....

FIRST YEAR'S COURSE.

1.—Biblical Introduction:

Barrow's Introduction, Parts I. and II..... T. B. Darby, B.A.

2.—Biblical History:

Smith's Old Testament History..... Anthony Hill.

3.—Theology:

Wesley's Sermons, XX. to LII. (Burwash)..... Thomas H. James.
Wesley on Christian Perfection.....
Fletcher's Check's v., and Steele's Antinomianism Revised (one paper)..... John Pye.

4.—Greek Grammar:

Harkness' First Greek Book, or Goodwin, with White's exercises, syntax to end, as may be determined by the Examining Board..... T. B. Darby, B.A.

5.—English Literature:

Spencer on Style, and Gray's Elagy; Longfellow's Psalm of Life and Resignation (one paper)..... H. P. Cowperthwaite, M.A.

6.—The English Bible:

Sermon on the Mount..... H. P. Cowperthwaite, M.A.

7.—Homiletic Exercise.....

H. P. Cowperthwaite, M.A.

SECOND YEAR'S COURSE.

1.—Hermeneutics:

Barrow's Introduction, Part IV..... T. B. Darby, B.A.

2.—Exegesis:

Gospel of St. John, in Greek, chapter I. to X.... Levi Curtis, B.A.

3.—Church History:

Blackburn's History of the Christian Church.... F. G. Willey.

4.—Theology:

Pope's Theology, volume I..... James Dove.

5.—Rhetoric:

Part..... Levi Curtis, B.A.

6.—The English Bible:

Genesis and Exodus..... F. G. Willey.

7.—Homiletic Exercise.....

Dr. Milligan.

THIRD YEAR'S COURSE.

1.—Exegesis:

The Epistle to the Romans, in Greek, chapter I. to IX., inclusive, with Burwash's Commentary. } Dr. Milligan.

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2.—*Homiletics*:

Broadus's Preparation and Delivery of Sermons..... } Jabez Hill.
 Homiletic Exercise..... }

3.—*Church History*:

Steven's History of Methodism (to death of Wesley) }
 History of Methodism in Eastern British America, } Geo. C. Frazer.
 T. Watson Smith, volume I..... }

4.—*Theology*:

Pope's Theology, volume II..... James Dove.

5.—*Logic*:

Fowler's Logic, deductive and inductive..... H. C. Hatcher.

6.—*The English Bible*:

Acts of the Apostles..... H. C. Hatcher.

FOURTH YEAR'S COURSE.

1.—*Theology*:

Pope's Theology, volume III..... James Dove.

2.—*Apologetics*:

Browne's Philosophy of Theism..... }
 Beet's Credentials of the Gospel, and Temple's Rela- } Wm. Kendall.
 tion between Science and Religion (*one paper*.....)

3.—*Moral Philosophy*:

Janet's Theory of Morals..... Herbert Hooper.

4.—*Mental Philosophy*:

Dewey's Psychology..... J. Nurse.

5.—*Discipline of the Methodist Church*, including }
 Moral Deed and Statutes published in the Discipline } J. Nurse.

6.—*The English Bible*:

1st and 2nd Samuel, and 1st and 2nd Kings..... Wm. Swann.

7.—*Homiletic Exercise*..... Wm. Swann.

JABEZ HILL, *Secretary*.

QUESTION XXVIII.—*What are the Reports of the several Committees?*

REPORT OF STATISTICAL COMMITTEE.

The Statistical Committee present the following summary of returns compiled from the District Schedules:—

- I.—The present total membership is 10,876, showing an increase of 829.
 II.—The nett total of official Board members is 1,147.
 III.—The total amount raised for ministerial support is \$17,146.
 IV.—The total amount raised for Circuit purposes as reported is \$18,984.85.
 V.—Connexional Funds are as follows:—

Missionary.....	\$7103.38	Increase.....	\$969.58
Supernumerary.....	274.49	Decrease.....	56.31
Educational.....	229.57	Increase.....	22.56
Contingent.....	223.04	Increase.....	10.83
General Conference.....	102.78		
Union Church Relief...	61.46		

Sunday School Aid.....	100.72	
Sustentation.....	554.95	Increase..... 285.63
Annual Conference.....	136.19	
Children's Fund.....	3030.00	
Woman's Missionary...	265.35	
Parsonage Aid.....	373.40	
Yrid. Day School.....	183.10	
College.....	108.39	
Orphanage.....	71.80	

The Committee would acquaint the Conference with the fact that the District returns are characterized by serious omissions and inaccuracies, entailing a vast amount of unwarrantable and perplexing labor upon the secretaries and making it well nigh impossible to furnish correct minutes and would urge the desirability of the Conference insisting upon the observance of disciplinary regulations to secure correct returns in future.

GEO. C. FRAZER, *Chairman.*
W. H. BROWNING, *Secretary.*

SUSTENTATION FUND.

(1.) This fund shall be called "The Sustentation Fund of the Newfoundland Conference of the Methodist Church.

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

(3.) The basis of salary shall be: married men, \$800; single, ordained, \$450; unordained, \$400; but no grants shall be made from this fund to married ministers whose salaries, exclusive of children's claims, amount to \$600; nor to single ordained and probationers whose salaries amount to \$320 and \$300, respectively, until the salaries of all ministers shall come up to these amounts.

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

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

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

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

TREASURER'S REPORT.

INCOME.

St. John's District.....	8410 74
Carbonear ".....	37 93
Bonavista ".....	69 35
Burin ".....	29 72
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EXPENDITURE.

St. John's District.....	\$ 86 85
Carbonear ".....	163 15
Bonavista ".....	228 10
Burin ".....	69 25
Balance to Secretary for postage.....	39
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APPROPRIATIONS, 1892.

ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

Pouch Cove.....	\$20 00	St. Anthony.....	6 75
Topsail.....	21 80		
Cupids.....	9 75		886 85
Bay Roberts, &c.....	28 55		

CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

Freshwater.....	\$21 80	Green's Harbor.....	17 80
Western Bay.....	21 70	Random North.....	22 00
Lower Island Cove.....	21 70	Random South.....	6 75
Old Perlican.....	20 40		
Hant's Harbor.....	10 00		\$163 15
Heart's Content.....	21 00		

BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

Bonavista.....	\$21 80	Twillingate.....	28 50
Bird Island Cove.....	4 50	Moreton's Harbor.....	16 50
Catalina.....	4 50	Exploits.....	18 50
Trinity.....	21 80	Little Bay.....	8 00
Musgrave Town.....	15 00	Little Bay Islands.....	29 00
Glover Town.....	6 75	Nipper's Harbor.....	4 50
Greenspond.....	16 00	White Bay.....	6 75
Musgrave Harbor.....	11 00		
Fogo.....	7 00		\$228 10
Herring Neck.....	8 00		

BURIN DISTRICT.

Burin.....	\$28 50	Bonne Bay.....	19 20
Fortune.....	13 00		
Garnish and Fortune Bay...	6 80		\$69 25
St. George's Bay.....	1 75		

JABEZ HILL, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

III.—CHILDREN'S FUND.

Resolved,—That the rate of assessment shall be as last year, and the rate of claim per child shall be \$20 for independent and \$30 for dependent circuits.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
St. John's District.....	\$ 750 00	Due from last year.....	\$ 70 00
Carbonear ".....	780 00	St. John's District.....	999 00
Bonavista ".....	1,110 00	Carbonear ".....	891 00
Burin ".....	450 00	Bonavista ".....	816 75
		Burin ".....	99 00
		Rev. H. Lewis.....	58 00
		Rev. M. Fenwick.....	27 00
		Balance on hand.....	129 25
	\$3,090 00		
			\$3,090 00

ASSESSMENTS, 1893.

ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

\$30—St. John's West, Cupids and Port-de-Grave. \$60—Gower Street, St. John's East, Children's Home, Pouchcove, Topsail, Brigus, Bay Roberts, Red Bay. \$30—St. Anthony, Hamilton Inlet.

CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

890—Carbonear. \$60—Harbor Grace, Freshwater, Blackhead, Western Bay, Lower Island Cove, Old Perlican, Haat's Harbor, Heart's Content, Green's Harbor, Random North, Random South. \$30—Britannia Cove.

BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

890—Twillingate, Little Bay Islands. \$60—Bonavista, Catalina, Trinity, Musgrave Town, Greaspond, Wesleyville, Musgrave Harbor, Fogo, Herring Neck, Moreton's Harbor, Exploits, Little Bay, Nipper's Harbor. \$30—Bird Island Cove, Glovertown, Indian Islands, &c., Lawrencetown, White Bay.

BURIN DISTRICT.

860—Fortune, Grand Bank, Channel. \$30—Burin, Spoon Cove, Flat Islands, Sound Island, Garnish, Petites, St. George's Bay, Bonne Bay.

F. G. WILLEY, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

IV.—CONTINGENT FUND.

INCOME.

St. John's District.....	\$117 99
Carbonear "	25 74
Bonavista "	54 15
Burin "	24 16
Received from Conference Sect'y for sale of Minutes, &c.	13 20

\$235 24

EXPENDITURE.

Printing Minutes.....	\$ 61 15
Conference Schedules.....	1 20
Halifax Book-Room.....	53 79
G. S. Milligan's account.....	9 06
President's expenses.....	30 00
Telegrams, &c.....	19 90
Surveying land in Burin district.....	6 00
Grant for land \$7.00—less \$1.00 paid by Grand Bank Circuit	6 00
Appropriation for Certificates.....	5 60
Appropriation for the printing of the Conference Minutes for 1892.....	50 00

\$242 70

Balance due Treasurer..... 7 46

\$235 24

It is exceedingly desirable that the income of this fund should be considerably augmented. The ministers and laymen are exhorted to do their best in working up the interests of this fund. While some needy cases have been recommended to the favorable consideration of the Contingent Fund, the Committee regret that this fund is unable to give any assistance to such cases.

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

V.—EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

The Committee beg to present the following report:—

INCOME.	
St. John's District.....	\$125 76
Carbonear ".....	30 30
Bonavista ".....	60 50
Burial ".....	56 96
Conference Collection.....	24 23
	\$297 75
EXPENDITURE.	
Appropriation to meet expenses two students at Sackville	\$200 00
Travelling expenses.....	50 00
Deficit.....	47 75
	\$297 75

A. D. MORTON, *Secretary.*

VI.—PARSONAGE AID FUND.

CONSTITUTION.

NAME.

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

OBJECT.

To raise means to discharge the present liabilities, and to assist in procuring other new parsonages, as the funds of the society will admit from time to time. That, in the judgment of this Conference, it is highly desirable that every circuit and mission should be provided with a comfortable dwelling-house for the minister and his family, and that every such dwelling-house should, if possible, be free from debt.

INCOME.

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

BUILDING COMMITTEE.

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

CHANGE OF APPOINTMENT.

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

APPLICATIONS.

When a circuit or mission wishes to make application to the General Board of Missions for help, the application shall be made through this society. The building committee must be prepared to state that, upon the grant being received, the house shall be free from debt, the final payment not to be made until the officers of the society are certified that this condition has been complied with. This committee begs to recommend the interests of this fund to the very earnest and prayerful consideration of every adherent of our beloved Methodism within the bounds of this Conference. There is no fund which commends itself more heartily to every member of the Methodist Ministry than this. Good, solid and comfortable parsonages are a desideratum in the proper carrying on the work of God in this Island, and it is hoped that our people will always help to make their ministers comfortable by giving them good houses to live in. The debt has been somewhat reduced, but not in that proportion it was expected. The secretary to this fund will be glad to receive contributions towards liquidating the debt. Please help us in this matter. We hope that when the annual collection will be taken up, and your ministers make a special appeal for this fund, you will very liberally respond.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dr.

June 27—To balance as per account rendered.....		\$269 35
28—To paid Rev. J. T. Newman.....	\$27 00	
July 21—To paid R. F. Bishop, Esq., on account Island Cove Parsonage	400 00	
Sept. 2—To paid Executors Father Peach's Estate.....	1260 00	
Oct. 12—To paid Mrs. Vatcher's order.....	8 20	1695 20
Nov. 20—To balance on hand		184 71
		<u>\$2149 26</u>

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June 28—By cash, per Rev. J. T. Newman.....	49 26	
July 7—By cash.....	1600 00	
17—By cash.....	500 00	2149 26
		<u>\$2149 26</u>

T. W. ATKINSON, *Secretary.*
JOHN STEER, *Treasurer.*

VII.—SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

In presenting the report of the Supernumerary Fund, the Committee are glad to report a small increase in the public collections, at the same time they would call attention to the importance of securing throughout the Conference a much larger advance, aiming to secure for the funds an amount equivalent to the rate of ten cents per member in order that the claims may be made in full.

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The Committee recommends that the Conference express its utmost confidence in the Rev. Edwin Evans, clerical-treasurer of the fund, and trusts that success may still attend his efforts in guarding the interests and securing the healthy condition of the fund.

The following are the amounts from the districts:—

St. John's District.....	\$108 62
Carbonear ".....	44 31
Bonavista ".....	88 70
Burin ".....	32 83
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	274 49
Ministers' Subscriptions.....	771 69
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MINISTERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID UP TO JULY, 1892.

Abraham, Henry.....	\$12 00	Lumsden, James.....	12 00
Atkinson, T. W.....	12 00	Matthews, Solomon.....	12 00
Ambrose, Wm.....	12 00	Milligan, G. S., LL.D.....	12 00
Bartlett, W. J.....	12 00	Morton, A. D., M.A.....	12 00
Browning, W. H.....	12 00	Newman, J. T.....	12 00
Cowperthwaite, H. P., M.A..	12 00	Nurse, James.....	12 00
Clegg, Herbert.....	24 72	Paine, Geo.....	12 00
Curtis, Levi, B.A.....	12 00	Parkins, Joseph.....	12 00
Darby, Thos., B.A.....	24 72	Patterson, Wm.....	12 00
Dotchon, W. H.....	12 00	Peters, J. E.....	12 00
Duffill, F. R.....	12 00	Pincock, James.....	12 00
Dunn, W. T. D.....	12 00	Pratt, John.....	12 00
Durrant, J. J.....	12 00	Pye, John.....	12 00
Fenwick, M.....	12 00	Reay, John.....	12 00
Flemington, C.....	24 72	Russell, S. J.....	12 00
Frazer, G. C.....	12 00	Rex, William.....	12 00
Freeman, R. W.....	12 00	Scott, Henry.....	12 00
Harris, William.....	12 00	Seeley, Wm.....	12 00
Hatcher, H. C.....	12 00	Sidey, J. C.....	12 00
Heyfield, Jesse.....	12 00	Snowden, S.....	12 00
Hill, Jabez.....	12 00	Stoney, A.....	12 00
Hill, Anthony.....	12 00	Stoney, Geo.....	24 72
Holmes, A. A.....	12 00	Story, G. P.....	12 00
Hooper, Herbert.....	12 00	Stratton, William.....	12 72
Hutcheson, W. J.....	12 00	Swann, Wm.....	12 00
James, T. H.....	12 00	Tratt, W. R.....	12 00
Jefferson, Selby.....	12 00	Wheatley, J. J.....	12 00
Kelly, J. R.....	12 00	Whitmore, Hy.....	12 00
Kendall, Wm.....	12 00	Willey, F. G.....	12 00
Lench, Charles.....	12 00	Wilson, James.....	12 00
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NEWFOUNDLAND CONFERENCE, 1890-1.

Minister's subscriptions, as per list sent to me July 15, 1891, and published in the Minutes.....		\$ 787 00
Deduct back subscriptions, with interest.....	\$43 00	
John Lewis' subscription, not paid.....	12 00	
H. Lewis' subscription paid, but not received for inc.....	12 00	67 00
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Nett in subscriptions, 1890-91.....		\$ 720 00
Deduct 1-6 for capital.....		120 00

METHODIST CONFERENCE.

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Net income in subscriptions, 1891.....	\$ 600 00
Add back subscriptions, with interest.....	43 00
Whole min. subscription paid.....	\$ 643 00
Church collections.....	250 80
Whole income for 1891.....	\$ 893 80
Carried to capital account, 1891.....	120 00
Cash in hands of treasurer to pay H. Lewis.....	\$1013 80
	12 00
	\$1025 80
Received from Rev. Jas. Dove, Treasurer Nfld. Conf.....	\$1034 14
Less interest paid on notes.....	8 34
Hampton, Dec. 10th, 1891.	1025 80
	E. EVANS.

SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND
OF EASTERN SECTION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY, 1891.

1892.	<i>Dr.</i>	
July 1—To investments per Schedule, 1890.....	79,397 70	
To balances, per Schedule, 1890.....	2,372 99	
		81,770 60
To Nova Scotia Conference 1-6 of Preacher's Subscriptions.....	156 00	
To New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference Preacher's Subscriptions....	144 00	
To Newfoundland Conference Preacher's Subscriptions.....	120 00	
		420 00
To New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Centennial Memorial Fund.....	411 67	
To Rev. T. H. James, 2nd Marriage Fee.....	99 50	
To legacy of the late M. P. Black, Halifax, N.S.	1,000 00	
To balance due Treasurers.....	28 88	
		\$83,722 65
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July 1—By subscriptions returned with interest, viz.:		
By Rev. B. Chappell.....	230 80	
By Rev. J. E. Manning.....	72 60	
		303 40
By interest accrued to July 1st and added to capital, but not due.....		1,078 40
By profit and loss.....		2,318 91
By investments as per list:		
By real estate securities.....	59,120 01	
By bonds, shares, etc.....	17,239 76	
By promissory Notes.....	3,671 09	
		80,021 86
		\$83,722 65

Examined and found correct. (Sgd.), E. EVANS, } General Treasurers.
(Sgd.), J. E. IRVINE, }
(Sgd.), ANDREW INGLES, } Auditors.
(Sgd.), ENOCH THOMPSON, }

September 30th, 1891.

VIII.—SABBATH SCHOOL.

It is with more than usual pleasure that we present the report of our Sabbath Schools for the past year. With gratitude to God for His blessing we rejoice over encouraging success in this most important branch of our Church work.

We thankfully report 939 conversions which have taken place in this nursery of the Church, being an increase of 355 over the number reported last year.

There is also an increase in the number of scholars of 962, which speaks volumes as to the progress of our school work.

There is a general increase of a most gratifying character.

The Band of Hope work is extending, and we gladly report 521 increase in the number of those who have taken the total abstinence pledge.

We report an increase of four Epworth Leagues, with an increase of eighty-two in the membership.

The total number of scholars is 11,077; teachers, 1,270.

JNO. T. NEWMAN, *Secretary.*

IX.—STATE OF THE WORK.

We review the work of the past year with much satisfaction. The visitation of God is a powerful incentive to attempt still greater things for God. During the year over 2,000 members have been received on trial; and while we report some 700 as dropped, we are able to report a nett increase of 829. Our Sabbath Schools are in a healthy condition, with a greater increase than that of last year, and many of our scholars have been converted to God. We would earnestly urge on our people the need of more general catechizing the young people of our schools in the doctrines of the Methodist Church. We are glad the Epworth League, which has lately been introduced into our Conference, is doing good work, where Leagues have been formed, and we would have them organized in connection with our churches. We would consecrate ourselves afresh to the service of our Master. Pray for fuller equipment for the work.

WM. HARRIS, *Secretary.*

X.—EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Your committee is pleased to notice the increase of the Leagues in connection with the Conference, and would strongly commend the formation of branches on all our circuits and missions. They are convinced that in this organization the missing link has been found between the Sabbath School and the Church; and earnestly believe that, where efficiently worked, it will prove a great power for good.

Number of Leagues.....	14
Membership.....	739

GEORGE P. STORY, *Secretary.*

XI.—THEOLOGICAL UNION.

OFFICERS, 1892.

REV. JAMES DOVE, *President & Librarian,*
 REV. WM. SWANN, *Vice-President.*
 REV. LEVI CURTIS, *Secretary-Treasurer.*
 REV. G. C. FRAZER, *Lecturer, 1893.*
 REV. J. DOVE, *Preacher, 1893.*

REPORT,

Each year the Theological Union of our Conference justifies its existence, if in no other way, by the lecture and sermon delivered before its members and the public generally. We have in view, however, a plan for the much greater extension of the Society's usefulness in the formation of a Theological Union library. A place for the lodgment of the books has been kindly granted us in the College Institute, St. John's. A beginning has been made, by the gift of Benson's Commentary, by Sydney Woods, Esq. Some fifty-four dollars, the proceeds of annual collections, are at the disposal of the Union for the purchase of books. By means of this library volumes of current interest and special value, otherwise perhaps unattainable, will find their way to the study table of many an isolated minister. Thus the Union is fulfilling its design as declared in the constitution:—"The object of this Society shall be (1) To cultivate theological learning amongst its members; (2) To form a theological literature in connection with the Conference."

JAMES LUMSDEN, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

 XII.—CHURCH PROPERTY.

The committee met and considered the resolution on Spaniard's Bay, Bay St. George's property. In each case it was recommended that immediate action be taken to secure a satisfactory settlement.

J. DOVE, *Secretary.*

 XIII.—TEMPERANCE.

Your committee beg to present the following report:—

Resolved (1.).—That we rejoice in the adoption and successful operation of the "Temperance Act" in various districts in this colony, resulting in a marked absence of drunkenness and an improved condition of the people, and would urge upon friends of temperance perseverance in the good work of adopting and rigidly enforcing this useful law.

Resolved (2.).—That we record our gratification that the "Temperance Act" has been so amended by the Legislature as that, under it now, a majority of the voters of any district, town or settlement, may secure the benefits of prohibition; and we earnestly hope that every locality will hasten to obtain the great advantages now offered by adopting this measure.

Resolved (3.).—That we would impress upon all our circuits the duty of increasing earnestness in forming Bands of Hope, pledging our Sabbath School scholars, the circulation of temperance literature, the holding of public meetings, and in making prayer to God for the success of our efforts.

Resolved (4.).—That we deeply deplore manifold evils arising from the manufacture and sale of tobacco, and strongly urge upon all our people the necessity of total abstinence from its use; and would recommend Conference to instruct all our ministers, Sabbath school superintendents and class leaders to speak out emphatically against this evil to those who are under their charge.

Resolved (5.).—That we recommend that our ministers ceaselessly agitate for a prohibitory law, and make temperance a more prominent theme in their ordinary ministry. We also recommend that the third Sabbath in December be observed as the day for preaching a special temperance sermon, and that the subject of temperance be made a special topic for prayer at the preceding week-night prayer meeting.

Resolved (6.).—The Conference having already ordered the formation of a Methodist Total Abstinence and Prohibition Society, it is the imperative duty

of every circuit and mission to establish branch societies wherever no efficient temperance organization already exists. These societies shall be directly under the control of the church, supported voluntarily, and utilized for the mutual improvement of our people.

Resolved (7).—That there shall be in use a single and double pledge, the one pledging a total abstinence from strong drink and tobacco, the other pledging total abstinence from strong drink alone—members having the option of taking either pledge. The Superintendent of the circuit shall be *ex-officio* chairman of the committee of management, but may, if he shall see fit, delegate his authority for this purpose to one of his colleagues. The committee shall be elected at an annual meeting of the members, from amongst the members of the Methodist Church, or regular attendants on the Methodist Ministry, who shall become members of the temperance organization. The committee shall, at its first meeting, elect a deputy chairman, who shall preside in the absence of the circuit minister; also a treasurer and secretary, and shall meet as frequently as circumstances require.

Resolved (8).—That, while urging a more vigorous enforcement of existing laws, the reduction of the number of liquor shops, the infliction of heavier penalties, and the shortening of the hours for sale, &c., nevertheless, we declare our solemn conviction that in prohibition alone will be found the complete remedy for the evils of the liquor traffic; and, therefore, recommend to Conference to memorialize the Legislature to grant the extension of the franchise, so far as the liquor law is concerned, to women.

Resolved (9).—In accordance with the attitude of our General Conference, we recommend that our people in all Municipal and Parliamentary elections vote for those candidates who, in addition to other necessary qualifications, are known and professed prohibitionists; and we heartily pledge ourselves to co-operate with all temperance organizations in their efforts to educate the electors on the necessity of prohibitory legislation.

Resolved (10).—That an agitation be at once commenced to effect a separation of the liquor business from the grocery business, and all other associations and be put under the strictest surveillance of the police and constabulary force.

J. WILSON, *Secretary.*

XIV.—COLPORTAGE.

During the past year, Mr. John Leawood has been employed as agent for this society. Additional stock has been ordered, and it is intended to prosecute the work as vigorously as the funds at command and other circumstances will permit. The agent is now engaged upon the Northern Coast and will, we trust, have a good report to make at the close of the season.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

INCOME.	
To balance per last year.....	\$234 77
To receipts for current year:	
St. John's District.....	\$7 50
Carbonear ".....	2 80
Bonvista ".....	5 30
Buriu ".....	7 06
	22 66
	\$257 43
EXPENDITURE.	
By books purchased.....	\$61 74
By freight, &c.....	3 50
By balance in hand.....	192 19
	\$257 43

RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

- (1.) That, if practicable, an agent be employed on the West Coast.
- (2.) That the salary of agent be \$20.00 per month and 5 per cent. commission on sales.
- (3.) That the ministers and laymen, members of the committee residing in St. John's be a managing committee.
- (4.) That suitable sermon books be procured for use of agents engaged as lay readers.
- (5.) That Rev. G. Story be the editor of the GREETING for ensuing year.

A. D. MORTON, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

XV.—CONFERENCE TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

Total expenses.....	\$338 90
The following amounts were reported from the districts:—	
St. John's.....	41 53
Carbonear.....	23 05
Bonavista.....	38 42
Burin.....	33 19
Donation Rev. G. J. Bond, B.A.....	10 00
Donation Rev. L. Curtis, B.A.....	5 00
	\$151 19

DISBURSEMENTS.

Claims in excess of \$10.00.....	124 55
Other claims.....	26 64
	\$151 19

W. SWANN, *Secretary.*

XVI.—NEWFOUNDLAND DAY SCHOOL SOCIETY.

The committee met at Grand Bank on Tuesday, June 27th, 1892.

On motion, Rev. James Dove was elected Chairman; Rev. W. Swann, Secretary.

The Treasurer, Rev. Jas. Dove, presented the financial statement for the past year, which was submitted to audit and passed.

The income for the present year was reported as follows:—

To balance in hands of the Treasurer.....	\$ 37 50
Six months' grant due June 30th.....	448 57
Government grant for the year.....	1065 93

COLLECTIONS ON CIRCUITS.

St. John's District.....	\$116 50
Carbonear ".....	14 80
Bonavista ".....	33 80
Burin ".....	18 00
	183 10
	\$1735 10

The recommendations of the district meetings were considered, and the following appropriations were made:—

Pouch
Brigus
Cupids
Bay R
Port-d
Topsai

Harbor
Hant's
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Trinity
Glover
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ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

Pouch Cove.....	20 00	Chapel Arm.....	50 00
Brigus.....	20 00	Flower's Cove.....	50 00
Cupids.....	20 00	St. Anthony.....	60 00
Bay Roberts.....	25 00	Red Bay.....	70 00
Port-de-Grave.....	20 00	Hamilton Inlet.....	60 00
Topsail.....	75 00		
Total St. John's district.....			\$470 00

CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

Harbor Grace.....	30 00	Random South.....	100 00
Hant's Harbor.....	30 00	Britannia Cove.....	100 00
Random North.....	90 00	Green's Harbor.....	100 00
Total Carbonear district.....			\$450 00

BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

Trinity.....	50 00	Fogo.....	20 00
Glover Town.....	35 00	Moreton's Harbor.....	30 00
Greenspond.....	30 00	Exploits.....	40 00
Wesleyville (for Seal Cove).....	40 00	Nipper's Harbor.....	50 00
Musgrave Harbor.....	30 00	White Bay.....	50 00
Indian Islands and Seldom-Come-By.....	30 00	Total Bonavista District...	\$405 00

BURIN DISTRICT.

Mortier Bay.....	40 00	Channel for Cape Ray.....	20 00
Flat Islands.....	30 00	Bay St. George.....	40 00
Garnish.....	60 00	Bay of Islands.....	50 00
Burgeo.....	30 00	Bonne Bay.....	40 00
Petites.....	70 00	Burin Bay Arm.....	20 00
Total Burin district.....			\$400 00

RECAPITULATION.

St. John's District.....	470 00
Carbonear ".....	450 00
Bonavista ".....	405 00
Burin ".....	400 00
Expenses.....	10 00
Balance.....	10

\$1735 10

Resolved, on motion that we recommend the Conference to appoint the Rev. James Dove, Treasurer, and the Rev. W. Swann, Secretary of the Society for the coming year.

Chairmen of Boards of Education are requested to be careful to insert in their financial statements the amounts which they receive from this Society.

Resolved,—That the thanks of this committee are hereby tendered to the Rev. G. S. Milligan, LL.D., for the warm and constant interest which he has manifested in the work of the Society.

Submitted to and approved by the Conference.

WILLIAM SWANN, *Secretary*.

XVII.—LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE.

Whom, the proper observance of the Sabbath is essential to the highest material prosperity of a people, as well as to a promotion of Christian morals;

And whereas, there are certain forms of Sabbath desecration prevalent in this colony which are attended with serious disadvantages to a large section of Sabbath-observing citizens;

I. *Therefore Resolved*,—That this Conference re-affirm the resolutions of last year.

II. That we endorse, as a Church, the bill introduced into the Legislature for the suppression of seal taking on the Sabbath, and approve the action of those who supported this measure, and regret that the prevalent sentiment of the House issued in the adoption of a measure actually legalizing Sabbath desecration.

III. That we urge upon our people the importance of (1st) abiding in the practice of those principles respecting Sabbath observance, which they have received from God's Word, and for adherence to which they have, in the past, been willing to suffer loss; (2nd.) The necessity of sustaining, by their suffrages, only those candidates for legislative honors, who have given satisfactory guarantee that they will sustain such legislation as will lead to the proper observance of the Lord's Day.

IV. That it be an instruction to the committee on "The Lord's Day Observance" to prepare a form of petition, to be forwarded to all our circuits and missions for signature, to be submitted to the Legislature at its ensuing session.

JAMES DOVE, *Chairman*.
GEO. C. FRAZER, *Secretary*.

XVIII.—METHODIST COLLEGE.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE YEAR 1891-2.

At the close of another Collegiate year, the executive are glad to be in a position to report the continued prosperity of the College in all its departments. The prescribed course of study has been pursued without interruption, and the attendance has steadily increased. The number of pupils on the roll is as follows:—

Primary and intermediate.....	162 boys and girls
College.....	120 boys
College.....	94 girls

Grand total..... 376

being an increase of thirty-three over that of last year.

The department of music, under the efficient management of Dr. Peters, is in a very satisfactory condition; the number of pupils at present is thirty-six, and it would appear that further extension in this direction is impossible without an assistant teacher.

There are in the Home thirty-six boarders, including sixteen pupil teachers, and it is pleasing to record the continued success attending the efforts of the guardians—Rev. G. P. Story and Mrs. Story—in connection with this branch of the College. The absence of sickness during the year, and the evident spiritual interest awakened in the Home, are matters for special thanksgiving.

The financial statement of the Treasurer still shows a heavy deficit. The income has more than met the ordinary expenditure; but the interest on the large debt demands continued and united effort.

At the close of the present term some important changes will take place in the staff of teachers.

The preceptress, Miss Wilson, after two years of successful work, retires from the position to return to Montreal, and Miss Dove, one of our most valued and trusted teachers of five years standing, a former pupil and matric. of London University, also leaves to fill a higher and happier position elsewhere.

Mr. Walker terminates a long and useful connection with the College and Academy of ten years.

He will be succeeded by Mr. J. A. Robinson, whose record as Principal of the Carbonear Grammar School, is sufficient guarantee of effective service for the College. The executive is in correspondence with several applicants for posts of preceptress and second lady teachers.

A very fine telescope has been presented to the College by the Chairman, Hon. J. S. Pitts, whose active interest in and constant attention to the business of this Board are entitled to special mention.

To those who note the growth of this Institution, the many and diverse interests that are involved, the necessity for harmonious operation and, above all the imperative need that it shall merit the confidence and meet the requirements of the community, it must be evident how great is the demand for care and vigilance on the part of those who are placed in charge of its affairs. While conscious of having striven to do their duty in this respect, your Executive sincerely pray that a much greater measure of success may attend the efforts of the incoming Executive.

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

REPORT OF THE EASTERN SECTION OF BOOK ROOM COMMITTEE TO THE EASTERN CONFERENCES.

The Eastern Section of the Book Committee having met at the Book Room, on Wednesday, May 11th, 1892, and reviewed the business of the year, presents the subjoined report to the Annual Conferences:

BOOK ROOM.

Cash Sales.....	\$7,199 84	
Credit Sales.....	17,368 29	
Total.....		\$24,568 13
Gross Profits.....	4,944 08	
Less Proportion Expenses.....	4,026 54	
Nett Profits.....		917 54

THE "WESLEYAN."

RECEIPTS.

Total amount Subscriptions collected during year.....	\$1,534 27	
Advertisements collected during year.....	1,000 00	
Total.....		5,534 27

EXPENDITURE.

Paid for Printing.....	2,074 12	
Salaries, Office Rent, Taxes, &c.....	1,995 89	
Postage and Commission.....	198 00	
For paper during year.....	1,384 76	
Of which there is still on hand, \$610 00		

The circulation of the paper continues about the same as last year. Its financial condition is, however, more satisfactory, as this year for the first time, the amount of arrears due by subscribers who had already ceased to take the paper has been omitted from the list of assets, and the amount due

on current subscriptions is less than formerly, a result in a large part owing to the adoption of the plan of marking on the address of the paper, the date to which the subscription is paid.

Under these circumstances it is specially gratifying to the committee to be able to report that the *Wesleyan* account balances.

In regard to the general business, the Committee is able to report that, after writing off upwards of \$200 as bad debts, there has been a nett profit of \$716, which wipes out the deficiency remaining last year, and leaves a surplus of \$381.

BALANCE SHEET.

MARCH 31, 1892.

ASSETS.

Cash on hand.....	1,311 16	
Sundry accounts.....	9,379 27	
Wesleyan.....	2,066 46	
Stock on hand.....	10,310 08	
		\$23,066 97

LIABILITIES.

Cash on interest.....	9,490 70	
Western Book Room.....	9,794 36	
Wesleyan Advance Payments.....	1,879 00	
Sundry Accounts.....	1,521 30	
Surplus.....	381 61	
		\$23,066 97

Signed by order and behalf of Committee,

CHARLES H. PAISLEY, *Chairman*.
JOHN LATHERN, *Secretary*.

HALIFAX, May 13, 1892.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

PARSONAGE, ISLAND COVE.

This Conference would express its opinion that an earnest effort should be made on the Island Cove Circuit to liquidate the debt of \$400 dollars on the parsonage at that place.

REV. G. P. STORY.

That the Conference desires to convey its best thanks to the Rev. G. P. Story, Secretary of the Conference, and the assistant secretaries, for the faithful discharge of their official duties during the past year.

REV. J. NURSE.

That the best thanks of the Conference are due, and are hereby presented, to the Rev. Jas. Nurse, for the faithful, impartial and efficient discharge of his duties, as President of the Conference, during the past year.

BOOK ROOM.

The Conference, having received the printed Report of the Eastern Section of the Book Committee, is pleased to notice the improvement in the financial condition of the Book Room and *Wesleyan*, and begs to assure Rev. S. F. Huestis, Book Steward, and Rev. Dr. Lathern, Editor, of their continued confidence and support; and of their anxiety that the connexional interests confided to their care should be promoted within the bounds of this Conference, as far as circumstances permit.

REV. DR. MILLIGAN.

The Conference, having listened to the comprehensive address of the Rev.

Dr. Milligan, on educational matters, hereby expresses its high appreciation of the varied, energetic and faithful services of the Superintendent of Methodist Day Schools during the past year, during which period *very* important matters have engaged his thought and attention.

The Conference also declares its continued confidence in him as watching over and promoting the interests of Methodist education.

The Conference would further express its appreciation of the services of the various School Boards and Board of Examiners that have co-operated with Dr. Milligan.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE FUND COLLECTION.

That the Annual Conference Fund Collection shall be taken up on all circuits and missions throughout the Conference.

CONFERENCE DEEDS.

The best thanks of the Conference are due, and are hereby presented, to the Rev. James Dove, for his services as Registrar during the past year, and that he be re-appointed to receive the deeds of property belonging to the Conference, and register the same in a book kept for the purpose. Also, that deeds now deposited in the Conference safe be numbered and registered.

REV. FRED. R. DUFFILL.

Whereas Bro. Fred. R. Duffill, through the District meeting, has requested permission from the Conference to be left without a Pastorate charge during this year, on account of the ill-health of his wife, and that he may be necessitated to sever his connection with our work:

This Conference expresses deep regret at the cause of his departure, and earnestly prays that all he hopes for with regard to his wife's health may be realized.

We put on record our high appreciation of his sterling qualities, both as a Minister and a Brother beloved.

For ten years he has labored in this land with great acceptance and success, and especially so during the last three years on the St. John's East Circuit, where many acknowledge the good they have received from his ministry.

QUESTION XXIX.—*When and where shall the next Conference be held?*

ANSWER.—On the fourth Wednesday in June, 1893, at the Cochrane Street Church, St. John's, to commence at 9.30 a.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

PREPARATORY DAY (Tuesday).—Stationing Committee, 2.30 p.m.; Children's Fund Committee, 4 p.m.; Theological Union Lecture, 8 p.m.; Theological Union Meeting, 9 p.m.

The Conference was closed with some parting words from the President, and appropriate devotional exercises.

T. W. ATKINSON, *President.*
A. D. MORTON, M.A., *Secretary.*

PASTORAL ADDRESS,

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

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,—Met again in our Annual Conference we greet you in the name of our common Lord.

Our feelings are those of mingled joy and sorrow—of joy because of the large measure of spiritual blessing vouchsafed to us during the year, and of sorrow because so many of you have been plunged into unexpected bereavement and trouble.

Whatever affects you concerns us; deep and abiding is our love to you; many and strong are the ties which bind us together; we inherit the same religious privileges, we tread the same sanctuaries, our prayers mingle at the same altars, the same songs of Zion which cheer you gladden us.

Brought with you into the same experience of salvation, children of the same God and Father, disciples of the same Lord and partakers of the same Holy Spirit of promise, how strong and tender are the bonds of our communion.

We would reassure you of our fervent desire that you may be enriched with all spiritual blessings, and that in a life of thorough consecration to Christ, both you and we may walk worthy of the high vocation wherewith we are called.

Our pastoral relation to you is fraught with great and solemn responsibility; and we trust that with the utmost fidelity we may watch for your souls as those who must give an account and feed the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made us overseers.

And, while we would deal thus faithfully with ourselves, allow us, dear brethren, as fellow heirs of the grace of life, to be equally faithful to you. Let your lives be epistles of Christ, known and read of all men. Whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely or of good report, think of these things. Covet earnestly the best gifts; seek the establishment of God's kingdom within you, which is peace, joy and righteousness in the Holy Ghost. Let your light so shine before men, that they, seeing your good works, may glorify your father in Heaven.

We give thanks to God for the co-operation with us, in church work, of the great body of local preachers, class leaders and Sunday school teachers. We recognize your valuable services; we give thanks for your past success, and pray that your toil in the great vineyard of the Lord may be increasingly prosperous. We would remind you that you share with us the honor and responsibility of caring for the flock of Christ.

Remember, then, His command to Peter:—"Feed my sheep; feed my lambs;" be satisfied with nothing less than decision for God on the part of scholars, members or hearers; feed them with the sincere milk of the word, that they may grow thereby, and to such as are of riper experience give the portions required.

Cultivate family religion; the family is the corner-stone of the State, and if this land and nation is to be exalted with righteousness, it must be through the influence of piety in the home. My people (saith the Lord) shall dwell in a peaceable habitation and in sure dwellings and in quiet resting places. Let your homes be sanctified with the word of God and prayer. Let your aim be to give to the world a generation of godly men and women.

Guard well the quality of the literature which finds its way into your homes; remember that a bad book is deadly poison. Place within reach of your children pure and profitable reading, that your sons may be as plants grown up in their youth, and that your daughters may be as corner-stones polished after the similitude of a palace.

Let Methodist literature especially have the first consideration at your hands; for the promotion of personal religion, you can find nothing better, after the Bible, than our own peerless Hymn-book and the biographies of our own sainted dead—as Wesley, Fletcher, Bramwell, Smith, Stoner and a host of others.

Secure and maintain a godly discipline in your family life; parental control is sadly wanting in some quarters, to the great damage of morality and religion, and to the reproach of the cause of Christ; the ideal Methodist should be an example of the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

Prize very highly your connexion with the Church, respect her institutions, appreciate the privileges for communion which she offers you; be assured that no other organization, of whatever name, is more scriptural in its teachings, or better adapted for the advancement of vital religion than Methodism.

Don't under value the office of the Christian ministry. For God hath set in the Church apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Regard sacredly the Lord's Day, make it a day of rest and refreshment to your souls, let it be the brightest of the seven, call it a delight, the holy of the Lord honorable, fit type of the rest that remaineth to the people of God.

Business transactions of doubtful morality, you will have nothing to do with, be at a word in buying and selling, and let your word be your bond, be faithful in the use of the unrighteous mammon, as possessors of true riches for ye serve the Lord Christ.

As masters, be kind and forbearing, knowing that your Master is in heaven, neither is there respect of persons with Him.

As servants, be obedient to your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling in singleness of heart as unto Christ, not with eye-service as men-pleasers, but as the servants of Christ doing the will of God from the heart.

We commend your liberality in the support of the missionary enterprises of the Church. We ourselves are the fruit of missions. We should, therefore, be foremost in extending to others the blessings which we enjoy. The fields are white unto harvest, and the Lord of the harvest is thrusting more laborers into the field.

The Methodist Church of Canada has this past year opened a new mission in China, which will mean increased expenditure, and increased liberality on the part of the Church at home.

Our work in Japan continues to prosper and grow, and has lately been organized into a Conference.

We are following up the Indians and settlers in the great Northwest of Canada, and extending our operations every year in that direction.

We have also a very useful and successful mission among the Chinese emigrants on the Pacific Coast, chiefly supported by the Woman's Missionary Society.

We may thus claim to be the loyal sons and successors of Wesley, who made the world his parish.

The second Ecumenical Conference has just been held in the city of Washington, U.S., when delegates from every part of our world-wide Methodism were present. The gathering was convened for the purposes of counsel and brotherly intercourse.

And, while there were differences of opinion on many minor matters, there was the most unswerving fidelity to the standard doctrines of the Church, and

a strong determination to stand by the old landmarks and to spread scriptural holiness throughout the lands.

One of the chief results of the Conference was the impetus given to Methodism, and in all probability, at no very distant day, there will be one united Methodism encircling the earth with its soul-saving and world-uplifting agencies.

We notice, with the most extreme satisfaction, on some of our most important circuits, the adoption of the only scriptural mode of supporting church work, viz., by "straight giving" and the disuse of bazaars, etc.

And seeing that God has blessed these circuits, in an especial manner with reviving grace, we may surely commend the example to all our circuits and missions throughout the land. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Our Conference is losing year by year some of its strongest and best workers through removals to other fields of toil, several respected and beloved brothers are leaving us this year.

We watch, with no small anxiety, the exodus of so many of our experienced ministers; the Lord has found supplies for our work hitherto, most of whom have come from the old lands; but is not this a providential indication that Newfoundland must raise its own ministers to a larger extent in the future; the ripest fruit of the Church is the production of devoted, godly men filled with the Holy Spirit, and equipped for the glorious work of preaching the gospel. The harvest is plenteous, the laborers are few; pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest.

We recommend the formation of branches of the Epworth League on all our circuits and missions; it will prove, if vigorously worked, a link to bind the Sabbath School to the Church, and may be made a training-ground for our young people in all church activities.

The cause of temperance must always command our unqualified support, the drink traffic is alike opposed to our social, spiritual and moral well-being, and as a common foe of virtue and righteousness, we must by all legitimate means seek its complete and final destruction.

The educational interests of our church will receive attention as the years roll by. We have made good progress in the past; our schools are increasingly efficient; our training institution is well manned; the teachers that are being sent out are more and more creditable to us, and under the continued wise and vigilant inspectorship of the Rev. Dr. Milligan, we may expect yet greater efficiency in the time to come.

And, now, as we review the works of the year, we see much reason for gratitude to God; it has been a year of revival—in some places remarkably so. God has made His word the savor of life unto life to many souls, and not the least important aspect of the work has been the attainment by many of the blessing of perfect love. We rejoice in this, and would emphasize the desirability of this experience throughout the length and breadth of our Israel. Brethren, be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

The oldest minister of our Conference, the Rev. John Peach, has during the year gone to his reward. He labored in this land for over half a century, and we naturally feel that one of the landmarks of our Methodism has disappeared. He has joined the general assembly and church of the first born, and has found the rest we toil to find; but his work remains, and the fruits may be seen on many of the circuits and missions where he labored.

And, now, dear brethren, the day of labor will soon be over with us—the night is coming when no man can work; what we do we must do quickly. As we address ourselves to another year of holy toil, we would take you fully into our counsels, the work is yours as well as ours; both you and we are co-

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workers with God, let there be no estrangement between us, but the utmost love and mutual confidence. As Aaron and Hur held up Joshua's hands, so by sympathy, co-operation and prayer support us in every endeavor to promote the Lord's work.

Pray for us, that we may come to you in the fullness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ.

Pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have full course and be glorified.

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, 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.

ALPHBETHICAL LIST
OF THE
MINISTERS AND PREACHERS ON TRIAL
OF THE
NEWFOUNDLAND CONFERENCE,
1892.

The figures at the beginning of the lines show the year in which each minister commenced the year of his ministry, and those at the end of the lines denote the first, second, &c., annual appointment to the present Circuit.

1881—Abraham, Henry.....	.....	.....	.....
1891—Ambrose, Wm. B.....	Sound Island.....	.....	2
1872—Atkinson, Thomas W.....	Heart's Content.....	.....	3
1891—Antle, A. N.....	White Bay.....	.....	2
1886—Bartlett, W. J.....	Flat Islands.....	.....	3
1883—Browning, Wm. Hy.....	Little Bay.....	.....	1
1891—Clegg, Herbert.....	Indian Islands, &c.....	.....	2
1861—Cowperthwaite, H. F., M.A.....	St. John's, Gower Street.....	.....	3
1883—Curtis, Levi, B.A.....	Grand Bank.....	.....	2
1886—Darby, T. B., B.A.....	Bay St. George and Bay of Islands..	.....	1
1855—Dove, James, Supernumerary...	St. John's.....	.....	5
1889—Dotchon, Wm. Hy.....	Spoon Cove.....	.....	2
1882—Duffill, Fred. H.....	.....	.....	.....
1862—Dunn, W. T. D.....	Brigus.....	.....	1
1890—Durrant, J. J.....	Channel.....	.....	1
1883—Fenwick, Mark.....	Catalina.....	.....	1
1893—Flemington, Charles.....	Nipper's Harbor and Tilt Cove.....	.....	1
1883—Frazer, Geo. C.....	Exploits.....	.....	3
1892—Follett, C. W.....	Garnish.....	.....	1
1873—Freeman, R. W.....	Blackhead.....	.....	2
1886—Harris, Wm.....	Wesleyville.....	.....	2
1874—Hatcher, Henry C.....	Western Bay.....	.....	2
1874—Heyfield, Jesse.....	Lower Island Cove.....	.....	2
1874—Hill, Anthony.....	Freshwater.....	.....	4
1873—Hill, Jabez.....	Twillingate.....	.....	2
1886—Holmes, A. A.....	Musgrave Harbor.....	.....	1
1883—Hooper, H.....	Trinity.....	.....	2
1889—Hutcheson, W. J.....	St. John's West.....	.....	2
1887—Indoe, Hy. J.....	Student at Sackville.....	.....	.....

1871—James, T. H.....Carbonear..... 3
1890—Jefferson, Selby.....Hamilton Inlet..... 2
1889—Kelly, J. K.....Student at Sackville..... 1
1875—Kendall, Wm.....Green's Harbor..... 3
1883—Lench, Charles.....Greenspond..... 1
1881—Lumsden, James.....
1870—Matthews, Sol.....Pouch Cove..... 3
1854—Milligan, Geo. S., LL.D.....St. John's West.....17
1866—Morton, A. D., M.A.....St. John's West..... 3
1891—Moore, Edwin.....Lawrence Town..... 1
1883—Newman, John T.....Fortune..... 1
1862—Nurse, James.....Bonavista..... 3
1874—Paine, Geo.....Harbor Grace..... 3
1890—Patterson, Wm.....Petites..... 1
1888—Peters, John E.....Student at Sackville..... 1
1874—Pinecock, James.....Cupids..... 3
1873—Pratt, John.....St. John's East..... 1
1887—Pye John.....Random North..... 1
1866—Reay, John.....Topsail..... 2
1883—Rex, Wm.....Little Bay Islands..... 3
1889—Russell, S. J.....Bird Island Cove..... 2
1884—Scott, Henry.....Musgrave Town..... 3
1886—Seeley, Wm.....Britannia Cove..... 1
1885—Sidey, John C.....Red Bay..... 3
1888—Skinner, A. C.....Student at Boston..... 2
1887—Smith, James.....Student at Sackville..... 3
1873—Snowden, Samuel.....Old Perlican..... 2
1887—Stoney, A.....Herring Neck, &c..... 1
1891—Stoney, G.....Carbonear..... 1
1886—Story, G. P.....College Home, St. John's..... 5
1871—Swann, Wm.....Burin..... 3
1875—Taylor, Edgar, Supernumerary..Carbonear..... 1
1877—Tratt, W. R.....Moreton's Harbor..... 3
1886—Wheatley, J. J.....Fogo..... 1
1889—Whitmore, Hy.....Student at Sackville..... 1
1872—Willey, F. G.....Bay Robert's and Spaniard's Bay.... 1
1878—Wilson, James.....Hant's Harbor..... 1

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