

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION.

OF THE

Newfoundland Conference

OF THE

METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA.

BEGUN IN GOWER STREET CHURCH, ST JOHN'S, ON THURSDAY, JUNE 13TH, 1878, AND CONCLUDED ON SATURDAY, JUNE 22ND, 1878.

1878.

CONFERENCE OFFICE, I25 GRANVILLE STREET, HALIFAX, N. S.

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

PRESIDENT.

REV. G. S. MILLIGAN, M. A.

SECRETARY.

REV. JAMES DOVE.

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Begun in GOWER STREET, CHURCH, ST. JOHN'S, on Thursday June 13th, 1878, and concluded on Saturday, June 22nd, 1878.

The Rev. John Goodison, President of the Conference, took the chair at 10 a.m.

After singing and reading the Scriptures, prayer was offered by Rev. W. E. Shenstone, and by the Rev. G. S. Milligan, M. A.

The Conference proceeded to elect by ballot its chief officers, when the Rev. G. S. Milligan, M. A., was elected President, and the Rev. James Dove, Secretary.

The Rev. Charles Ladner was elected Journal Secretary. The Revd's Joseph Parkins and F. G. Willey were appointed Assistant Secretaries, and the Rev. Thomas W. Atkinson Assistant Journal Secretary.

ROUTINE BUSINESS:

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

Answer.

Rev. G. S. Milligan, M. A., President, Rev. John Goodison, Ex-President, James Dove, Secretary.

James Dove, Decretary.		
Dev. W. II. Silving	Rev.	Charles Myers. F. George Willey.
" Thomas Harris. " Charles Ladner.	"	George H. Bryant.
John Reay.John S. Peach.	66	Jabez Hill. Jeremiah Embree.
" Thomas Fox.	"	William Swann. George J. Bond, A.B.
Joseph Pascoe.Solomon Matthews.	"	James Nurse.
" Simeon B. Dunn. "Thomas H James.	"	George Boyd. Robert W. Freeman.
"Thomas W. Atkinson.	"	Joseph Parkins.

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

ANSWER.

They were examined one by one.

Question III — Who has entered this Conference by transfer, and from what Conference?

ANSWER.

Job Shenton, from the Nova Scotia Conference.

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

ANSWER.

Simeon B. Dunn, to the Nova Scotia Conference.

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

ANSWER.

I Stationing Committee.

Rev. G. S. Milligan, M. A., President of Conference.

St. John's District.

Rev. Thomas Harris and G. J. Bond, A. B.

CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

Revs- J. Goodison and James Dove.

II. Pastoral Address.

Rev. Thomas H. James and G. H. Bryant.

III. Memorials and Miscellaneous Resolutions-Revs. F. G. Willey and Robt. W. Freeman.

IV. Statistical Returns.

The Sub-secretaries of the Conference.

V. Sabbath School Committee.

Rev. Geo. Boyd, Secretary.

Rev. C. Ladner.

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

" S. Matthews.

" Charles Myers.

" J. Embree.

VI. Contingent Fund Committee.

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

Rev. C. Ladner, Seey., Mr. J. E. Peters, Treasurer.

Rev. J. S. Peach.

" Thos. Harris.

Joseph Pascoe.Jeremiah Embree.

J Bemister, Esq.

Rev. E. Brace.

" G. W. Mews.

" H. J. B. Woods.

" Wm. Joyce.

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

VII. Educational Society Committee.

The President and Ex-President of Conference.

Rev. G. J. Bond, A.B., Sec'y. C. R. Ayre, Esq., M.H.A.

" F. G. Willey.

" George Boyd.

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

J. Bemister, Esq.

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

VIII. Missionary Committee.

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

Rev. C. Ladner, Secy.

J.S. Peach.

" Thos. Harris.

" Wm. Swann.
" R. W. Freeman.

C. R. Ayre, Esq., M.H.A., Treas.

John Woods, Esq. Hon. E. White.

Hon. J. J. Rogerson.

J Steer, Esq., M.H.A.

J. Rorke, Esq., M.H.A.

G. Gear, Esq.

J. Bemister, Esq.

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

IX. Supernumerary Fund Committee.

The members of the Central Missionary Board. Rev. James Dove, and I. L. McNeil, Esq., J. P., Treasurers.

X. Committee for Examination of Candidates.

The President, Ex-President and Secretary of Conference.

Rev. J. Shenton, Sec'y.

"Thos. Harris.
"Wm.
"Jos. Pascoe.
"James

" C. Ladner.

" J. Reay.

" T. H. James.

" F. G. Willey.
" Jos. Parkins.

" Thos. W. Atkinson.

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

" Wm. Swann.

" James Nurse.

" G. H. Bryant.

" George Boyd.

" R. W. Freeman.

" Jabez Hill.

" J. Heyfield.

" J. Lister.

XI. Parsonage Aid Committee.

The President, Ex-President and Secretary of Conference.

Rev. J. S. Peach, Sec'y. J, Steer, Esq., M.H.A., Treas.

" C. Ladner.

" S. Matthews.

" J. Reay.

" J. Embree.

" C. Myers.

" Jabez Hill.

" G. Boyd.

G. H. Bryant.

John Woods, Esq. Hon. E. White.

" J. J. Rogerson.

C. R. Ayre, Esq., M. H. A. John Rorke, Esq., M.H.A.

John Maddock, Esq.

James Hippisley, Esq.

Mr. S. R. March.

Mr. H. M. Gibb.

Mr. J. Bartlett.

Mr. J. B. Ayre.

Mr. John Badcock.

XII. Special Conference Committee.

President and Secretary of Conference and Chairmen of Districts.

Rev. John Goodison, Rev. Job Shenton, ExPresident, "Charles Ladner,

" John S. Peach, " Jeremiah Embree.

MEMBERS OF GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

1. Central Missionary Board.

Rev. G. S. Milligan, M. A., President of Conference, Rev. James Dove, Hon. Edward White. 2. Educational Society.

Rev. G. S. Milligan, M.A., Treas. C. R. Ayre. Esq., M.H.A.

3. Book Room Committee.

Rev. G. S. Milligan, M. A. John Steer, Esq., M. H. A.

4. Transfer Committee.

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

5. Corresponding Member of the S. S. Board.

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

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

ANSWER.

John P. Bowell Henry C. Hatcher James B. Heal Jesse Heyfield Anthony Hill Wm. Jennings Joseph Lister George Paine James Pincock Samuel Snowden

Question VII.—What Preachers remain on trial?

ANSWER,

Robert Bramfitt George Bullen Wm. H. Edyvean Wm. Kendall Edgar Taylor

Who have travelled three years.

Geo. P. Story,

Who has travelled two years.

Thomas L. Eland,

John Peters.

Lewis Richings.

Who have travelled one year.

Question VIII.-What Preachers are now on the list of Reserve?

ANSWER.

None.

Question IX.-What Preachers are now received on trial? ANSWER.

Joseph A. Jackson Who is regarded as having travelled one year. James Wilson.

Students allowed to attend the Institution:

Henry Lewis who has travelled four years. Wm. B. Secombe, who has travelled four years. Wm. R. Tratt, who has travelled one year.

Question X-Who have died since last Conference? ANSWER.

John Gibson Currie, who was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, in the year 1851.

While yet young he was led to give his heart to the Saviour, and began to show his love for Christ by his love for souls. His first sphere was the Sabbath School, John Street, Glasgow, Scotland, where his addresses to the children attracted the attention of the Church, and he was put on the plan as an exhorter, by the Rev. Mr. Wilson, and after a year in this capacity, having passed the usual examination, he was received on full plan.

Through the instrumentality of Joseph Lawrence, Esq., he was induced to come to Newfoundland in the year 1871, where his stay, though brief, was a successful one. His first appontment was Petites, where his name is fragrant, his spiritual children still He gave proof of his ministry afterwards on the Grand Bank, Carbonear (including Labrador), and Island Cove Circuits, at which latter place, as he was closing his third year, his career ended.

His talents were of a high order; his pulpit and platform efforts were carefully prepared, and always told upon the hearers.

For several months he was unable to preach, and yet he preached by his submission to the Divine will, so that his people, when visiting him, were profited, and led to trust in and praise God.

His end was eminently a peaceful one; he had been sometime expecting it, and when it came it found him ready. He died as he lived—well.

When coming to this country in company with Brethren Dunn and Swann, overtaken by a severe storm and expecting every moment to go to the bottom, he led the singing of that beautiful hymn, No. 189—"Though waves and storms go o'er my head;" and a short time before his Death Bro. Embree visited him, and repeated this favorite and apposite hymn, in which he joined, testifying that he was trusting still where he first took hold on Christ.

He died on the 8th day of May, in the 7th year of his ministry,

and the 27th year of his age.

His body lies in Carbonear Cemetery waiting the resurrection unto life.

Question XI.—Who are the Superannuated Ministers?

ANSWER.

None.

Question XII.—Who are the Supernumerary Ministers?

ANSWER.

W E Shenstone,

John S Peach,

Thomas Fox.

Question XIII.—What persons who were in full connexion with the Conference new cease to be recognized as Ministers among us?

ANSWER.

None.

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

ANSWER.

None.

Question XV.—Who are deposed from the office of the Ministry, and expelled from the church?

ANSWER,

None.

Question XVI.—How are the Ministers and Preachers stationed for the ensuing year?

ANSWER.

REV. G. S. MILLIGAN, M. A., PRESIDENT JAMES DOVE, SECRETARY.

ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

- St. John's.—Job Shenton, Chas. Ladner, Wm. Kendall; Thomas Fox, Supernumerary. G. S. Milligan, M. A., President of Conference, Superintendent of Day Schools by permission of Conference.
 - Burin.—Solomon Matthews
 - Grand Bank .- Thomas Harris.
 - 4. Fortune.—Jabez Hill.
 - 5. Petites.—James Pincock.
 - 6. Channell.—George P. Story

HOME MISSIONS

- St. Pierre.—One wanted 7.
- Fortune Bay-One wanted 8.
- 9. Flat Islands.—James Wilson. ?
- Sound Island.— 10. 11. Flower Cove.—One to be sent
- 12. St. Anthony.—Lewis Richings.
- 13. Bonne Bay and Bay of Islands.—John Peters.
- 14. Labrador.—Red Bay—J. P. Bowell.

GEO. S. MILLIGAN, M. A., Chairman. THOMAS HARRIS, Financial Sec'y.

II.—CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

- Carbonear.—John Goodison, Joseph A. Jackson; J S. 15. Peach, Supy.
- Harbor Grace.—James Dove. 16.
- Brigus.—Jos. Pascoe. W. E. Shenstone, Sup'y. 17.
- Cupids.—George Boyd. 18.

The brethren of Brigus and Cupids Circuits to ex change once in six weeks.

Bay Roberts.—F. G. Willey. 19.

The brethren of Bay Roberts and Port de Grave Circuits shall exchange appointments once every six weeks.

- Black Head —Jeremiah Embree. 20.
- 21.
- Western Bay.—R. W. Freeman. Island Cove.—Thomas H. James. 22.
- Old Perlican.—George H. Bryant. 23.
- Hants Harbor.—Charles Myers. 24.

HOME MISSIONS.

- Port de Grave.-Wm. H. Edyvean. 25.
- Hearts Content,—Jesse Heyfield. 26.
- Trinity.—Anthony Hill. 27.
- Random, North.-Henry C. Hatcher. 28.
- Random South.—Edgar Taylor to reside at Northern 29.Bight.
- Green's Harbor.—George Paine. 30.

JAMES DOVE, Chairman. JOHN GOODISON, Financial Sec'y.

III.—BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

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- Bonavista.—John Reay. 31.
- Catalina.—Joseph Parkins. 32.
- Greenspond.—Joseph Lister—one to be sent. 33.
- Twillingate —William Swann. 34.
- Exploits.—John Pratt. 35.

HOME MISSIONS.

- Musgrave Town-Samuel Snowden. 36.
- Musgrave Harbor.—Robert Bramfitt. 37.
- Fogo.—Thomas W. Atkinson. 38.
- Herring Neck and Change Islands.- Thomas L. Eland. **39.**
- Moreton's Harbor .- James Nurse. **40.**

- 41. Little Bay Island-Wm. Jennings.
- 42. Bett's Cove and \ Jas. B. Heal. George Bullen.

JOHN REAY, Chairman. WM. SWANN, Fin, Sec'y.

G. J. Bond, A. B., has permission of Conference to rest.

Students allowed to attend the Theological Institution at Sackville, N. B.—Henry Lewis, W. B. Seccombe, Wm. Rd. Tratt.

Question XVII.—What is the number of Churchmembers, places of worship, attendance on worship, on each Circuit and Mission? What is the number of baptisms administered, and of marriages solemnized by each minister?

ANSWER.

See Conference Schedule No. 1, Appendix A.

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

ANSWER.

See Conference Schedule No. 2, Appendix A.

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

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ANSWER.

See Conference Schedule No. 3, Appendix A.

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

ANSWER.

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

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

ANSWER,

See Journal.

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

At St. John's, on Wednesday 25th June, 1879, commencing at 10 a.m.

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



ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR 1879

First Preparatory Day.—Tuesday, June 24th. Stationing Committee 3 p.m.

Opening of Conference.--Wednesday, June 25th, 10 a.m.

First Day. Conference Session.—Missionary Committee at 3 p.m.

Second Day. Conference Session.—Educational Society Committee, 3 p.m. Supernumerary Fund, 4 p.m.

Third Day. Session of Conference—Sabbath School Committee, 3 p.m. Parsonage Aid, 4 p.m.

Fourth Day. Session of Conference.—Committees on Miscellaneous Matters.

Fifth Day. Session of Conference.

MEMBERS OF THE SECOND GENERAL CONFERENCE, 1878.

The following Ministers and Laymen are elected to attend the General Conference meeting at Montreal on the first Wednesday in September, 1878.

Rev. G. S. Milligan, M.A. Hon. E. White, M.L.C.

President of Conference. " John Steer, Esq., M.H.A.

Rev. James Dove
" I L McNeil, Esq., J. P.
" John S Peach.

STANDING ORDERS.

TIME FOR COLLECTIONS IN AID OF CONNEXIONAL FUNDS.

Contingent Fund:
Public Collection in September.

Supernumerary Minister's and Minister's Widow's Fund:
First.—Collection in Classes, - - - September.
Second.—Public Collection - - - December.

Contingent Fund (yearly collection in classes): March.

Educational Fund:
Public Collection - - - - - - April.

Parsonage Aid Fund:
At the convenience of the Minister.

Newfoundland School Society:
At the convenience of the Minister.

PUBLIC CIRCUIT MEETINGS.

Resolved, That it be incumbent upon the ministers and preachers to hold semi-annually a public Circuit meeting in

at least all the principal places within the several Circuits and Missions, at which their financial needs shall be brought before cur people and contributions solicited and received.

COPIES OF DISTRICT MINUTES.

"Two copies of the District Meeting records shall be brought to Conference in addition to the one entered in the District book:—one copy for the Secretary of Conference and one for the members of the District and of the Conference." Discipline.

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

GEORGE S. MILLIGAN, M. A,

President

JAMES DOVE,

Secretary.



APPENDIX A.

Conference Statistics & Connexional Funds schedule 1. St. John's district.

CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

Carbonear		449	467	6	2300	140	37
Harbor Grace		130	30	3	1050	29	3
Brigus · · ·	-	140	100	4	1100	44	22
Cupids		120	40	3	1060	33	11
Bay Roberts	-	70		5	500	16	.5
Black Head		586	32	3	1493	68	12
Island Cove -		161	113	5	1000	36	8
Western Bay		320	39	3	1000	45	6
Perlican	-	295	45	2	800	34	12
Hants Harbor		220	12	4	900	50	10
Catalina	•	60	54	2	500	22	10
HOME MISSIONS.							
Port de Grave		34	25	2	300	17	3 2 3
Heart's Content -		51	5	4	335	9	2
Trinity · · ·		91	15	7	500	15	
Shoal Harbor		185	27	. 30	1000	62	14
Green's Harbor	-	60	7	6	450	16	3
		2972	1014	89	14288	636	161
Total for Conference		6191	1829	237	33186	1503	363

SCHEDULE 2. ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

	Quarterly Meet	y tings.	ools	Conne	xional Pr op	erty.
CIRCUITS.	Ministers and Preachers.	Laymen.	Sabbath sc'ools	Churches.	Schools.	Parson'gs.
St. John's Bonavista Twillingate Burin Grand Bank Fortune Petites Channel Exploits Green's Pond Musgrave Town Musgrave Harbor Fogo and Change Island Herring Neck Moreton's Harbor Little Bay Islands Tilt Cove St. Anthony Flower Cove Bonne Bay and Bay of Islands St. Pierre Flat Islands Sound Islands	5 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	27 24 12 25 6 11 1 4 10 22 4 12 2 3 5 15 8 8	6 3 2 1 1 1 2 1 1 1 2 4 4 4 4 4	6 3 2 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 3 3 1 4 1 2 1 1 3 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	2 1 1 4 3 1 1 1 2 2 1 2	1 1 1 1 1

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Brigus	-	2	1	2	0	5	1
Cupids	•	1	1	2	2	1	1
Bay Roberts	•	1	1	2	4	1	•
Black Head	-	1 1		3	1		1
Western Bay · · ·		1 1	76	2	1		1
Island Cove - , -		1	14	1	2		1
Old Perlican		1	14	1	2	1	1
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Catalina		i i		ĩ	1		
Port de Grave	•	1 1		î	2		
Heart's Content		1 1	8	2	$\frac{2}{2}$		
Trinity	•	1 1	16	5	10		
Shoal Harbor	•	1 2 1	10	1 1	10	1	1`
Green's Harbor -	•	1		1	-		
		20	94	32	38	9	11
m + 1 f Conference	_	48	302	85	80	33	21
Total for Conference		48	302	85	80	33	21

SCHEDULE 3 ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Miss'ry C	Cont'gt Su Fund. F	per'y und.	Ed'tion Fund.	Sab. S. Fund.
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HOME MISSIONS. Musgrave Town Musgrave Harbor Fogo and Change Islands Herring Neck Moreton's Harbor Little Bay Islands Tilt Cove St. Anthony Flower Cove Bonne Bay and Bay of Islands St. Pierre Fortune Bay Flat Islands Sound Islands	60 90 40 67 163 00 4 00 80 00 45 9 53 05 48 56 43 56 19 00	1 00 3 00 4 00 2 00 1 00 1 20 1 50 3 40 1 00 1 12	2 0	5 1 00 3 75 1 00 1 50 4 4 0 0 7 00 0 1 10 0 0 2 0 0 1 1	1 00 5 50 1 00 1 20 1 00 1 00 1 00 1 00 1 50 2 00 2 00
Less Expenses	3094 62 17 76 3076 86	3	25 86	163 0	6 37 87

SCHEDULE 3 con. CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Miss'ry Fund	Cont'gt Fund	Supe'ry Fund	Ed'tion Fund	Sab S Fund
Carbonear Harbor Grace Brigus Cupids Bay Roberts Black Head: Western Bay Island Cove Old Perlican Hants Harbor Catalina:	\$ 338 60 277 30 132 30 75 25 75 25 130 00 101 26 78 13 83 95 43 00 20 00	4 25 8 00 3 00 5 50 2 50 2 00 4 00 3 00 1 50	20 00 5 00 4 50 2 50 4 00 2 00 6 50 2 50 2 50 2 50	3 35 5 00 4 00 1 00 1 60 1 82 3 50 3 00	1 00
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RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS					
St John's : : : : : Carbonear : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :	3094 62 1611 98 48 00	125 07 69 65	259 96 112 20	163 06 65 57	37 8 7 23 80
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	DISTRICT.	
CIRCUITS.	Parsonage Aid Fund	N'fld. Meth. School Society
St. John's		80 00
Bonavista	3 00	
Twillingate	4 00	4 00
Burin	3 00	3 70
Grand Bank	$3 \ 21$	4 00
Fortune	3 60	4 00
Petites	1 05	1 40
Channel	5 50	2 40
Exploits	2 50	2 00
Greenspond	2 00	2 00
Musgrave Town		
Musgrave Harbo: -		1 00
Fogo &c	2 44	1 20
Herring Neck	0.00	1 00
Moreton's Harbor	2 00	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
Tilt Cove		2 00
St. Anthony	100	1 50
Flower Cove	100	1 50
Bonne Bay &c		
Flat Islands		
Sound Islands		1 00
Little Bay Islands -		1 00
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CARBONEA	R DISTRICT.	
Carbonear · · ·		6 00
Harbor Grace		7 50
	20 00	13 00
Brigus	3 00	2 00
Cupids		1 00
Blackhead		1 00
Western Bay		
Old Dall		1 80
Old Perlican	1	1
Old Perlican	1	
Hants Harbor	1 00	1 00
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PASTORAL ADDRESS

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

Dearly Beloved Brethren:—Again assembled in Annual Conference, we joyfully greet you in the name of our Great Head and Lord, praying that Heaven's richest blessings and purest joys may be imparted to you, and that the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, may fill your hearts and regulate your lives.

We are cheered to know that, during our deliberations for the good of Zion, we have had your sympathy and prayers; while thus necessarily separate from you for a time, we have daily pleaded that in the absence of the servants, the presence of the

Master might be continually amongst you.

We are one with you,—"yea we are one body in Christ;" hence the relationship between us is important and clear. Your religious advancement is our spiritual joy, while your declension from your present [faith and hope in God would be our sorrow. May the "very God of peace sanctify you wholly," and may your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are again called to lament the death of one of our brethren in the ministry,—the Rev John Gibson Currie,—who, after about four months' illness, lendured without a murmur, fell asleep in Jesus. On each of his Circuits he had endeared himself to the hearts of his people, and his ministry had been blessed to many precious souls. May he, being dead, yet speak both to pastors

and people.

Some of our aged leaders and oldest members, having long witnessed for Christ by word and work, have entered into rest during the year. Others, in youth's prime and manhood's vigour, have joined the glorified hosts. Some of these had but just tasted of the life-giving water here when they were summoned to re-drink it above.

We went to our different Circuits at the close of last Conference determining to do battle with the powers of sin, and win souls for Christ, and praying that multitudes of sinners might be convinced and converted to God. The statistics now before us prove that in the conflict many glorious victories have been won, and trophies of divine grace brought with rejoicing to Christ. The Lord has triumphed gloriously. The sword of the Spirit has lost none of its sharpness to pierce hard hearts, nor the balm of Gilead any of its virtue to heal the wounded. Revival influences have been felt in many of the Circuits, resulting in the quickened spiritual life of the church, and the salvation of many hitherto strangers to the joys of pardon.

Cases of backsliding have been few, compared with the very large number which united in church-fellowship with us during the extensive revivals of the last year. For this we praise God.

We have now a membership of six thousand one hundred and ninety-one, (6191) being an increase for the year of four hundred and one, with 1829 on trial. For this we do rejoice, yea and will rejoice. Unite with us, dear brethren, in ascribing the praise to Him who has so blessed the labours of his servants. Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name, give glory.

Ten brethren, having completed their probation, during which they have shewn themselves workmen that need not be ashamed, and having passed the required examinations, have at this Conference been admitted into full connexion and ordained to the ministerial office, and two candidates for our ministry have been received on trial.

Our Sabbath School work continues to increase in efficiency and power. Officers and teachers are earnest in their labour of love, while a very large majority of them, both by example and precept, are zealously striving for the salvation of the young, and are being rewarded by seeing the seed sown springing up, bearing fruit to the glory of God.

Hundreds of our scholars are living in conscious acceptance with God, and are exhibiting by their daily walk that religion is beautifully adapted to the morning of life. Their attendance at the class-meeting is regular, and their experience clear. We recommend to your sympathy and prayers this part of the great vineyard. See to it that by your parental counsels and example, you help to form and maintain a love for the pure and holy in your children. You will best fit them for the duties of life by bringing them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

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Under the able and indefatigable superintendence of the Rev. G. S. Milligan, M. A., our day-schools are showing signs of considerable improvement; and many of the teachers are studying to increase their educational acquirements, so as to be the better fitted to perform their important duties.

As Methodists it is important that you be acquainted with the work of God in the different parts of our General Conference territory. Our connexional organs will supply you with the requisite information. We desire that, if possible, you take one or more of these in your separate homes.

The Covenant Service, in which our fathers found strength and blessing, is still a means of grace of highest importance. We urge you to enter solemnly into its sacred obligations.

Sabbath observance is still a privilege and a duty. The Methodist Church has always declared for the sanctity of the whole day. In this old path and good way we urge you to continue to walk. Under no circumstances, and upon no consideration whatever give up the opportunities of the day of rest. It is a God-given heritage; let not man or the world take it from you. To meet the requirements of the Bible on the Sabbath, it is not enough that you rest from labour: the day must be used not for your own ease, but God's glory and your soul's good.

The curse of intemperance is still abroad in the land, blighting fair prospects, destroying home-happiness, and impeding the progress of the Lord's work. An agency so powerful for evil must be met with an increasing protest by the church. As a people we must be clear of this sin; and while we pity its victims we must hate its curse, and by every godly means seek to save others from falling.

The present financial position of our church calls for increased liberality in each department; but we specially urge upon you the duty of well providing for the sustenance of the work of God in your own circuits. The period has now arrived when every circuit and mission must make a determined effort to provide for its own ministerial claims. Year by year the expense of our ministry is increasing, hence the great necessity of enlarging your contributions to your own ministers. Believing that you have the interest of Christ's cause at heart, we have confidence that you will cheerfully do your utmost to meet the monetary needs of your

circuits, and that as the Lord prospers you, you will show your gratitude by liberal giving.

And now, dear brethren, we exhort you to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called. Remember that Christ not only died for you, but left an example that ye should follow in his steps. Compliance with this will bring strength to your souls and discomfiture to the enemy. It will open to you spheres of usefulness, and lead to a more thorough consecration of yourselves to the Master's service. Copying your Divine Exemplar, you will live for noble purposes: your religion will be no mere sentiment, but a grand power which will make itself felt in every walk of life. Christianity demands, the Church claims, and the world needs this whole-hearted devotion. Determine, therefore, to do something for Him who gave his life for you; do not wait, however, to accomplish some great deed or tarry till some splendid opportunity offers, but

"Go and toil in any vineyard,
Do not fear to do or dare;
If you want a field to labour,
You can find it anywhere."

To carry out this holy resolve you must drink deeply into the Saviour's spirit, and must put on the whole armour of God. Holiness unto the Lord is here your privilege and power. Use every means of grace to keep your hearts aglow and zeal fervent. In the interest of your souls you cannot afford to neglect these. Not to use them is to abuse them. Let an attendance at all the sanctuary-services be at once your desire and delight. Make your closet the place of sweetest communion with God, and classmeeting that of holiest association with your brethren. Gather your families around the "altar of the household"; here, as nowhere else, you can plead for that grace and blessing specially needed in your own homes. The performance of this duty never fails to bring reward.

As ambassadors for God, we have anew consecrated ourselves to the service of the Great King, praying that we may go to our different spheres of godly labour in the fulness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ. Pray for us, "that as we preach Christ Jesus the Lord," the word may be in demonstration of the spirit and of power." Unite with us in beseeching God that the year upon which we are entering may be marked by rich outpourings

And now, dear brethren, we commend you to God, praying that he may comfort your hearts and stablish you in every good word and work. The God of peace be with you all. Amen.

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference.

G. S. MILLIGAN, M. A., President. James Dove, Secretary.



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APPENDIX B.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I. REPORTS AND MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

I. THANKS.

- (1.) That the thanks of the Conference are due and are hereby presented to the Ex-President, the Rev. John Goodison, for the very efficient discharge of the onerous duties of the Presidential Office during the year
- (2.) That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. Joseph Pascoe, Secretary, and also to the Sub-Secretaries for their efficient services during the past year.
- (3.) That the hearty thanks of the Conference are due and are hereby presented to the Rev. G. S. Milligan, M. A., Superintendent of Methodist Day Schools, for his indefatigable exertions in connection with our Educational work.
- (4.) That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Superintendent of St. John's Circuit, and his colleagues, for their trouble in providing homes for the Ministers during Conference.
- (5.) That this Conference desires to express its thanks to the friends of St. John's for their great kindness in entertaining the Ministers during the time of their attendance at Conference, and that this resolution be read from the pulpits next Sabbath.
- (6.) That a vote of thanks be given by this Conference to the Rev. J. S. Peach in consideration of the efficient services he has rendered to its Financial Department.
- (7.) The Conference desires to express its hearty thanks to Joseph Lawrence, Esq., of East Keswick, Yorkshire, Eng.

land, for the great interest he has taken, and continues to manifest in the welface of the work of God in this Colony.

(8.) That thanks of this Conference be presented to Francis Ellershausen, Esq., for his liberality in providing all the materials for the Building of the Methodist Church at Bett's Cove, and that a copy of this resolution under the seal of the Conference be sent to him.

II. REV. DR. MUIR OF THE METROPOLITAN - PRESBYTERY OF THE FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

Resolved, That the Conference recognizes with pleasure the presence on its platform of the Rev. Dr. Muir of the Metropolitan Presbytery of the Free Church of Scotland, and desires to convey to him, and through him to the church of which he is an honored minister the assurance of its paternal greetings, and its hearty sympathy and regard.

III. MEMORIALS, ETC., ETC., TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF 1878.

I. HYMN ROOK.

That provided satisfactory arrangements can be made with the Book Room authorities of the British Conference, by which the profits of the work sold within the bounds of the Methodist Church of Canada be placed to the credit of our own Supernumerary Fund, this Conference recommends to the General Conference the adoption of the new Hymn Book published in London, but if such arrangement cannot be made, it recommends that provision be made for compiling a Hymn Book on the basis of the old one with such additional hymns as may commend themselves to the Committee for that purpose chosen.

II. RETURN OF MINISTERS TO A CIRCUIT.

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ference to take action and determine the time when a minister may return to a circuit after leaving it.

III. COLPORTAGE COMMITTEE RESOLUTION.

That in view of the growth of our work in this Island, and of affording every facility for the spread of Methodist Literature among our people and of supplying our increasing staff of Ministers with all auxiliaries for their work, this Conference respectfully and urgently requests the General Conference to provide for the establishment as soon as practicable of a Branch Book Room in the city of St. John's.

COLPORTAGE COMMITTEE.

President of the Conference. Ex-President.

Rev. T. Harris.

- Job Shenton.
- " C. Ladner. " J. Reay.
- " G. J. Bond.

Hon. J. J. Rogerson. C. R. Ayre, Esq., M.H.A. J. Steer, Esq., M.H.A. J. Bemister, Esq.

I. L. MeNeil, Esq., J.P. Mr. G. W. Mews.

Mr. J. E. Peters.

Mr. H. J. B. Woods.

IV. TEMPERANCE—RESOLUTION OF CONFERENCE AND COMMITTEE.

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

The following Committee was appointed to consider the best measures for arresting the spread of intemperance and the promotion of total abstinence among the people of this Colony and to report to the next Gonference:

The President of Conference, Hon. J. J. Rogerson,

- Rev. Job Shenton.
- " C. Ladner,
 " Jesse Heyfield. Hon. E. White.

Mr. E. Brace.

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II. EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

The Conference wishes to put on record its high appreciation of the work of the Educational Society, and recommend it to our people as worthy of their continued sympathy and support.

EDUCATIONAL FUND.

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Collected at Conference Educational Meeting The following subscribers are members of the Society: C. R. Ayre, Esq., M. H. A., Dr. Burns, Rev. G. S. Milligan, M A., John Steer, Esq.,	\$228 63 24 61 \$ 20 00 5 00 5 00 15 00
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III. SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

Resolution omitted last year.

That this Conference has much pleasure in assuring Rev. H Pickard, D.D., Treasurer of the Supernumerary Fund, of its continued confidence and regard, and desires to express its due sense of obligation to him for his efforts to secure the amalgamation of the Supernumerary Ministers and Minister's Widows' Fund with the Supernumeted Minister's Fund of the Methodist Church of Canada upon a basis that is equitable to all parties concerned

That this Conference has pleasure in tendering its sincere thanks to Rev. H. Pickard, D. D., for his valuable services as Treasurer of the Supernumerary Ministers and Minister's Widow's Fund, and while disposed to reaffirm the desirability of amalgamating the Supernumerary Minister's and Minister's Widows' Fund with the Supernumetal Minister's Fund on a basis that is equitable to all parties concerned, nevertheless

hereby resolves that as there will be a full meeting of the Committee of our Supernumerary Fund at Montreal in Sept. next, it deems it best to confide further action in respect to this matter to our delegates who will then and there represent all our interests.

IV. BOOK ROOM, ETC.

That this Conference having learned with satisfaction the present prosperous state of the Eastern Book Room affairs, hereby tenders its thanks to Rev. A. W. Nicolson for the faithful and successful discharge of his duty in this department of the Church's work. And further this Conference would express its confidence in Bro. Nicolson for the future, and desires to recommend his re-election to the office he now so effectively fills.

V. CHILDREN'S FUND.

RESOLUTION OF CONFERENCE.

In accordance with the standing rule which makes provision towards the support of the children of our ministers; it is resolved that the rate of last year be continued for the ensuing year.

VI. PARSONAGE AID FUND.

The Conference feels more deeply than ever the necessity of providing parsonages for the accommodation of our rising ministry; and as the funds at its disposal are exhausted, it is therefore resolved upon the recommendation of the lay triends of the committee that a public collection be taken up during the year on all our circuits and Mission stations to help forward this department of our work. Also that section 7 in the constitution be carried out as far as practicable.

Any circuit or station making application to the fund for assistance, is requested to comply with the requirements of the constitution, as published in the Minutes of 1875.

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VII. CONTINGENT FUND.

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

INCOME.

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DISBURSEMENTS.	
Conference Stationery,	\$ 10 00
Printing Conference Minutes,	60 00
Ordination Bible,	30 00
President's Expenses,	30 00
Funeral Expenses of late Bro. Currie.	48 00
Chairman of St. John District,	6 80
Bro. Dove's expenses to Trinity,	9 00

\$197 22 CHARLES LADNER,

Secretary.

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VIII. SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT, 1878.

The review of our Sabbath School work throughout the Conference has given us more than ordinary pleasure. Your Committee, conscious that too much care cannot be bestowed on the moral and religious training of the youth, whose wellbeing in time and eternity, to a great extent, depends upon the prayerful efforts put forth by the Christian Church, rejoices to find considerable improvement in the Sabbath School department of our work, strengthening the hope that even a more abundant harvest shall be reaped.

The Schedules, while exhibiting a decrease of five schools, show an increase of forty-seven teachers and 487 chil-The number of conversions reported is 445—an indren.

crease of 99 on the previous year. 842 are returned as meeting in class—an increase of 182.

How to retain the larger scholars is an enquiry of special importance to Sabbath School workers. Your Committee is gratified to report that there are are 1567 adults receiving biblical instruction in our schools—an increase of 443.

Although \$129 less appear to have been contributed to the General Mission Fund, yet the noble effort of the St. John schools in raising \$300.00 for the opening of a Mission at Labrador, prove that the love for Missions has suffered no decline with children or teachers. Not only have means been contributed by these schools towards this new Mission, but the first Missionary to this field from our Conference was formerly a scholar, and subsequently a teacher of Gower Street School.

May this Mission be rendered a great success and hundreds of souls gathered into the fold of Him who said, "Sufter little children to come unto Me and forbid them not."

The Committee entertains the hope that this praiseworthy example of St. John's may be followed by outport schools in advancing our work and strengthening the Missions of this Conference.

Six hundred volumes have been added to the libraries, and an increased circulation of 147 Sabbath School papers is noted.

Your Committee, believing that there is no surer way of extending the Redeemer's kingdom than by caring well for the children, and that our Sabbath School, needing the undivided attention of the whole church, recommends our ministers (as often as other duties will allow) to preach on the subject, and urge our people to a continued and vigorous support of this most potent auxiliary of the church.

SABBATH SCHOOL SCHEDULE-No. 5.

Statistical Report of Methodist Sabbath Schools in the Newfoundland Conference for the year ending April 30th., 1878.

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ries	Copies of Other Papers.	450	125	572
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S. S. Libraries and Papers.	Total Volumes in Libraries	1955	727	2682
lars.	Learning Catechisms.	1359	1382	2741
	Meeting in Class.	375	467	824
	Conversions during year.	217	228	445
	Average Attendance.	2185	2288	4473
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APPENDIX C.

EXAMINING BOARD FOR CANDIDATES AND PROBATIONERS. 1879.

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Papers prepared by the members of the Board of Examiners upon the books, &c., assigned to them are to be sent to the Rev. J. Shenton, Sec'y of the Committe by 1st April, 1879, who shall forward a copy of the papers required to the Chairman of each District as soon after as practicable.

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APPENDIX D.

AN ALPHABETICAL LIST

OF THE

MINISTERS AND PREACHERS ON TRIAL

OF THE

NEWFOUNDLAND CONFERENCE

OF THE

METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA.

The figures at the beginning of the lines show the year in which each Minister or Preacher on trial commenced his Ministry; and those at the end his first, second, etc. annual appointment to his present Circuit.

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1876	Bullen, GeorgeTilt Cove	1
1855	Dove, JamesHarbour Grace	3
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PROGRAMME

Missionary Meeting: Conference 1878.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.—REV. S. B DUNN.

I TOPIC:-REV. GEO. BOYD.

The Missionary spirit the measure of the Church's life.

II TOPIC:-REV. GEO. J. BOND, A. B.

The necessity existing for Missionary effort.

III TOPIC:-REV. HENRY LEWIS.

Mission Work in Newfoundland.

IV TOPIC:-REV. GEO. F. STORY.

Gratitude for past success and prayer for the continuance of the Divine blessing upon the entire work of this Society.

V TOPIC :- REV. CHARLES LADNER.

Liberality in its relation to the Missionary enterprise.

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THE FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Newfoundland Auxiliary Missionary Society

OF THE

METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA.

The first herald of a coming Christ was a voice: "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness." And just as John the Baptist was the voice of the Personal Word, so also is the Christian Church the voice of the Impersonal Word. Having "the oracles of God" in "the truth as it is in Jesus," together with "the tongue of fire," which is the spirit of utterance, the Church, in her missionary enterprise as also in her ordinary ministry, becomes a living articulate voice, perpetuating the heraldry of our Lord's forerunner, and hastening the consummation of prophecy, which contemplates the universal diffusion of gospel blesings: "Their sound went into, all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world."

The Missionary Society of the Methodist Church of Canada is lending its aid to this good work, and by its multiplying agencies contributes to the volume of the general voice, which is already "as the sound of many waters." The Missions of this society now number four hundred and sixteen; these are occupied by four hundred and thirty-six missionaries, while the total membership amounts to nearly thirty-nine thousand souls. Surely we may thank God and take courage."

It is gratifying to report that our missions in Japan are steadily progressing. Our four missionaries have already enlisted a noble band of native helpers, to assist them in reaping the ripe and teeming harvest of souls in that distant land. It is a remarkable feature of our work there that the majority of our one hundred and twenty-two members are of the student class; and being men of culture as well as of grace, their usefulness will, it is hoped, be all the more extensive. One is, at the present time, a probationer in our ministry; three more are local preachers in tull standing, and eight others are on trial for that important office. Among these hopeful signs for the future is the fact that united and vigorous measures are being adopted to translate the Word of God on an extensive scale, and to send it broadcast over the islands of Japan. All things considered, it is the opinion of our missionaries that our success in Japan will be limited only by the amount of means provided for carrying on the work.

A review of our *Indian Missions* in the far west, scattered over the Dominion of Canada, is unusually gratifying. Our sixty-seven stations, occu-

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pied by sixty-three missionaries, contain a membership of nearly four thousand souls. In British Columbia alone "thirteen missionaries are employed on thirteen different stations, preaching to an aggregate of five thousand two hundred and twenty hearers, in twenty-five churches and twenty-five other preaching places. The present total membership of Indians and whites is nine hundred and ninety-six—a net increase for the past year of two hundred and twenty five." The most striking feature of our Indian work is its expansiveness. New openings for missionary efforts are continually presenting themselves. At Naas, beyond Fort Simpson, more than a thousand Indians have declared their determination to renounce heathenism, and are asking for a missionary, towards whose support the Methodists in Víctoria have generously agreed to contribute for two years a sum of \$400. In the same District there is a very promising opening among the 75,000 Chinese who are settled along the Northern Coast, where already we have a Chinese Day School, with 90 scholars in attendance, conducted by a Miss C. E. Williams, and also a flourishing Sunday School, which is proving a great blessing as a means of making known the gospel of Christ. Recently "a Missionary Meeting was held-the first of the kind-when the nature and object of Missions were explained, and the result was the noble response of \$62 to the general fund." Similar openings for the expansion of our Indian work are found in the Red River and Algoma Districts, from which our Missionaries report "beautiful illustrations of the saving power of the gospel, and its wonderful adaptation to the wants of suffering humanity." With so many encouragements one would hardly deign to mention the obstacles that harrass our work, or reference might be made to the ravages of disease in the North West Territory where our membership has been reduced by nearly fifty per cent., and to the menaces of persecution, especially at Oka, Lake of Two Mountains. But we will not murmur, we will rather hope and toil and pray that the Divine blessing may continue to rest upon our Indian Missions.

From our French and our German Missions there is little that is new to report. The same difficulties as before still exist. "National and social ties, strongly felt by the French people, are greatly antagonistic to success in our work among them, and especially so when operated upon, as is commonly the case, by skilful and zealous agents of Rome." Nevertheless, our Missions are progressive. Our membership on the 14 Stations, which are occupied by 10 Missionaries, now number 483, being an increase upon last year of 135. It is pleasing, further, to observe that continued effort and hope are stimulated by the following promising indications: 1. The conversion of young men. 2. A good attendance upon the services of our agents; and 3. A ready and almost universal access to the families of those whom we wish to save.

But while your Society would cheerfully respond to the many and

pressing calls coming from the heathen world, it is only natural that its main interest should centre in our *Domestic Missions*. Of this class there are three hundred and thirty-two, with three hundred and fifty-nine Missionaries, and a membership of thirty-four thousand, two hundred and thirty-seven.

The Domestic Missions of our own Conference have been visited by refreshing "showers of blessing," and many have been "added to the Lord." Your Missionaries have been "in labours more abundant," "in journeyings often" "in perils of waters," "in weariness," "in watchings often." "beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon them daily, the care of all the churches." The year now closing has been one of special trial, in consequence of financial embarrassment. But our chief sorrow has been the great loss sustained in the death of our good and gifted fellow labourer, Rev. John Gibson Currie, of Island Cove. Scarcely seven years ago, our dear lamented brother entered upon his work in the Island with earnestness and promise, and now his happy sainted spirit is at rest. A standard bearer has fallen, but he has fallen at his post. The sword has dropped from his grasp, but only that his hand might hold the victor's palm. Thus "Gcd buries His workmen but He carries on His work."

The financial statement of the Society shows that the income amounts this year to \$145,998.92, being some \$16,640.81, below the income of the previous year; while the excess of expenditure over income amounts to about \$28,000.00. making the debt of the Society reach a total of \$53,595.
70. It is pleasing, however, to learn that the falling off in the receipts, during the past year of general and peculiar financial depression, is mainly owing to the serious decrease in donations on annuities, and legacies and other extraordinary sources.

The receipts of this auxiliary during the year now closing, show a decrease of nearly \$1,000.00. Instead of \$5711.45, as last year your Committee can only report \$4607.60. Of course, this large falling off in our Missionary receipts is not at all surprising when it is remembered that the fishery last summer, and the sealing voyage, last spring, were partial failures, and have resulted in commercial depression. Your Missionaries have experienced an unusually trying year, sustaining a total deficiency of about \$6.000. Yet their labours have been owned of God in the conversion of many souls; increasing our membership by more than 300, making a total membership on the Circuits and Missions of this Conference of 6133, with 1807 on trial.

What is wanting is increased devotedness to God, together with continued and ever-increasing liberality in supporting His cause.

S. B. DUNN, Secretary.

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