# MINUTES

OF THE

# FIRST SESSION

OF THE

# NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE

OF THE

METHODIST CHURCH.

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OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

JABEZ A. ROGERS, President. CRANSWICK JOST, M.A., Secretary.

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HELD IN

Grafton Street Methodist Church, Halifax, N.S.,

Commencing Friday June 20th, 1884, at 2.30 p.m.

On assembling of Conference W. H. Heartz briefly explained the circumstances under which the meeting took place.

On motion W. H. Heartz was unanimously elected temporary Chairman. The Chairman conducted devotional exercises. R. A. Temple and C. Lockhart led the Conference in prayer. On motion D. Allison, LL.D., was elected Secretary, pro tem.

The Chairmen of the Districts proceeded to read the names of the ministers within their respective districts and of the laymen elected to attend this Conference.

The names of the laymen are as follows :-

# HALIFAX DISTRICT.

A. McN. Patterson,
J. W. Caldwell,
F. G. Curry,
H. W. Lydiard,
J. A. Taylor,
N. Mosher,
G. E. Pellow,
S. G. Black,
D. Allison, LL.D.,
C. F. DeWolfe,
Dr. Woodbury,
R. J. Sweet,
W. B. McNutt.

M. B. Huestis,
Jno. W. Webb,
J. L. Sterling,
Jno. Mann,
W. K. Angwin,
A. A. Smarlwood,
George H. McKinlay,
Abner Hart,
S. L. Snannon, D. C. L.,
G. W. Brown,
W. H. Webb,
W. Crowe,
J. W. Smith

# TRURO DISTRICT.

Israel Longworth, Campbell Johnson, W. B. Huestis, H. R. Narraway, Oliver Langille,

George Davidson, David Faulkner, Josiah Custance, William Layton, Isaac Gaetz.

# CUMBERLAND DISTRICT.

A. Davison,
D. Somers,
W. Read,
Silas Fulton,
Dr. Dakin,
J. A. Elliott,

W. Davis, W. Swallow, Charles Smith, Charles Lawrence, W. Hall, W. N. Morris,

R. L. Black.

# GUYSBORO AND C. B. DISTRICT.

James H. Buckley, | W. A. Ferguson, D. W. Henessy.

# Annapolis District.

S. Dakin,	
W. O. Theall,	
W. V. Vroom,	
J. A. Gilliatt,	
S. E. Bent,	
J. Young,	
E. C. Foster,	
S. Sheffield,	
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J. A. Morehouse,
A. Marshall,
P. Bonnett,
G. Murdoch,
F. Willett,
J. Welton,
J. McLean,
E. Porter.

# LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

J. N. Freeman,	
J. N. Mack,	
W. S. Drew,	
Nelson Chesley	
S. Risser,	•

S. A. Chesley, Henry Mader, L. Robinson, J. B. Harlow, Ephraim Power.

# YARMOUTH DISTRICT.

No laymen elected from this district.

Conference proceeded to election of President. W. G. Lane, J. G. Angwin, S. A. Chesley and W. K. Angwin were appointed tellers.

Result of ballot:-

Votes cast 100.

Necessary to choice 51.

J. A. Rogers having received 57 votes was declared elected.

The Conference then proceeded to the election of Secretary.

C. Jost, A. M. was elected, on second ballot, receiving 83 out of 97 votes cast.

On motion, the laymen were welcomed by a rising vote of the ministerial part of the Conference.

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On motion the order of proceedings was suspended in order to allow the members of the Conference and Christian friends present to participate in the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

The order of business was then resumed.

On motion it was ordered that the brethren who composed Committee on Public Worship in connection with the previous Conference be appointed a committee on same subject for present Conference.

Ordered that the order of the day for ten o'clock to-morrow morning be consideration of Educational matters.

On motion Conference adjourned.

# SECOND DAY. June 21st.

The Conference opened at 9 o'clock, the President in the chair. After singing and reading the Scriptures, prayer was offered by J. R. Hart.

Journal of first Session read and approved

Secretary of Conference, nominated as his assistants S. A. Chesley, W. K. Angwin, A. D. Morton, A. M., E. E. England and D. W. Johnson, A. B.

Telegram bringing fraternal greetings from Toronto Conference, was read by Secretary, and Secretary ordered to reply.

Secretary also ordered to convey by telegram the sympathy of the Conference with Dr. Rice, General Superintendent, in his illness, and that the letter writers also address a letter to him.

Report of Committee on Public Worship was confirmed.

On motion it was ordered that a Committee of seven to nominate the Committees of this Conference be elected by ballot and at least three of these to be laymen.

An invitation from the Ladies' Auxiliary Missionary Society was tendered to the members of the Conference to a social tea on Tuesday, at 4 p. m.

Invitation cordially accepted.

On motion of W. C. Brown a Committee was appointed to consider a letter received from Dr. Pickard relative to Jubilee Fund.

On motion of S. F. Huestis a Committee was appointed to prepare rules of order for guidance of the Conference.

On motion, the order of the day was taken up. Dr. Inch was invited to the platform, introduced to the Conference and addressed the Conference relative to the Educational interests of the Church.

A resolution expressing full appreciation of Dr. Inch's remarks and unabated interest in our Educational Institutions, was passed.

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The following were chosen to constitute a Nominating Committee, S. L. Shannon, D. C. L., Dr. Woodbury, W. H. Heartz, J. N. Freeman, T. Rogers, A. M., Joseph Gaetz, John McMurray, D. D.

W. H. Heartz was appointed convenor of the Committee.

On motion of W. C. Brown a short session of Conference was called for the afternoon at  $2\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock to 4.

The President nominated a Committee to prepare a reply to Dr. Inch's address.

On motion D. W. Johnson, A. B, was appointed reporter of Conference proceedings for Wesleyan.

On motion A. D. Morton, A. M., was appointed reporter to the Guardian.

Resolved, that a Committee of three be appointed in conjunction with the Secretary to draft a form for published minutes.

On motion ordered that Five Islands and adjacent places be set off as new mission station.

Dr. Inch addressed the Conference in regard to the intention of trustees of Gilchrist Scholarship to withdraw that scholarship. And suggested a scheme by which that scholarship might be replaced by one provided in these lower provinces.

On motion ordered that Margaree and Baddeck be set off as a separate mission from Port Hood Circuit.

Conference adjourned.

# AFTERNOON SESSION.

The President in the Chair. Conference opened at  $2\frac{1}{2}$  p. m. withdevotional exercises, prayer by W. C. Brown.

Journal read and confirmed.

The nominations for Committee on Memorials were confirmed.

The nominations for Contingent Fund Committee were confirmed.

Also the nominations for the Conference Special Committee, and Sunday School Committee.

W. H. Heartz was elected ministerial Representative to the General Board of Missions.

Nominations to following committees were confirmed: Temperance Committee, Pastoral Address, Educational Fund, Supernumerary Fund, Parsonage Aid and Church Extension Fund, Examination Theological Students, also Visitors to Sackville Institutions.

The recommendation of the Yarmouth District respecting the formation of a new mission at Brenton, was adopted.

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Recommendation of Liverpool District that Bro. Ogden have leave of absence for one year. Adopted.

Conference adjourned.

# THIRD DAY. Monday, June 23.

Conference opened at 9 o'clock. President in the Chair.

Devotional exercises, prayer by brethren Astbury and W. B. McNutt.

The Journal read and confirmed.

On motion the report from Committee on Rules of Order was adopted.

On motion, a small Committee was appointed to suggest some method of providing for the Nova Scotia Conference portion of indebt-edness to the General Conference Fund.

# [For Report See Page 57]

On motion, the Book Steward, Editor and R. A. Temple were associated with the Secretary in the publication of the Minutes.

The Book Steward laid on the table the report of the Eastern section of the Book Committee. On motion the report was received.

A resolution was passed expressing the appreciation of the Conference of the labors of S. F. Huestis as Book Steward.

# THIRD DAY. AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference opened at 21 o'clock. President in the Chair.

Devotional exercises, prayer by B. Hills, M. A.

Journal read and confirmed.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented. The following nominations were approved:

Ast. Missionary Committee.

2nd. Treasurer of General Conference Fund.

3rd. Conference Letter Writers.

4th. Committee on Conference Evangelist.

Report of Committee on Jubilee Fund was adopted.

Conference opened at 9 o'clock. President in the Chair.

Devotional exercises, prayer by T. Rogers, A. M.

Journal read and confirmed.

On motion the Report of the Children's Fund Committee was made the order of the day for this afternoon.

Report of Board of Examiners was adopted.

# [See Page 28]

On motion, two auditors were appointed to audit the statement of the Treasurer of the Educational Fund.

# [See Page 50]

E. Evans, of N. B. and P. E. I. Conference, was introduced to and briefly addressed the Conference.

On motion, a committee was appointed to draft an address for presentation to His Honor, Lieut. Governor Richey.

# [For Address and Reply See Page 68]

On motion the report of the Special Committee in reference to Mount Allison College was adopted.

# [See Page 56.]

The Act of Provincial Legislature respecting Union was laid on the table and read by Secretary of Conference.

A resolution respecting a Model Deed was carried.

On motion it was ordered that a Committee of five be appointed to apportion to the various objects suggested the origination of the Missionary Relief and Extension Fund, the which have been returned to the Conference and are now added.

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The Committee on F ac Work reported. It was resolved that this Confer aving had its attention directed by several districts to the artance of the employment of an Evangelist, records it conviction of the value of such an agency and highly commends the movement and sincerely trusts that in the near future an arrangement will be made for the consummation of this object.

# [See Page .]

Report of Committee on Memorials and Miscellaneous Resolutions was presented and adopted.

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# FOURTH DAY. AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference opened at 21 o'clock. President in the Chair.

Devotional exercises, prayer by J. A. Mosher.

Journal read and confirmed.

The order of the day was taken up and the session occupied with the discussion of the Children's Fund.

Conference adjourned.

# FIFTH DAY. JUNE 25.

Conference opened at 9½ o'clock. President in the Chair.

Devotional exercises, prayer by J. M. Fisher.

By action of special session of ministerial members of Conference,

R. O. B. Johnson was granted a supernumerary relation.

Report of Educational Society was read and adopted.

# [See Page 48.]

J. Lathern, D. D., read draft of address to be presented to Lieut.-Governor Richey which was adopted.

The report of Sunday School Committee was adopted.

W. Ainley was appointed Corresponding Secretary for Sunday School Committee.

# [See Page 54.]

The Spiritual Report of the Church was presented showing net increase of membership for the year to be 338. Adopted.

# [See Page 60.]

Order of the day taken up and the discussion on Children's Fund resumed.

Conference adjourned.

# FIFTH DAY. AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference opened at  $2\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock. President in the chair.

Devotional exercises, prayer by G. W. Tuttle.

Journal read and approved.

The order of the day "Wesleyan affairs" was taken up. After a short discussion the following resolution was passed:

That we hereby express our unqualified approval of the "Wesleyan" as a family paper and our unabated confidence in Bro. Smith as our Editor and pledge ourselves to greater earnestness to bring before our people the claims of the "Wesleyan."

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The discussion on Children's Fund was resumed.

[For Report See Page 51.]

Report of Missionary Relief and Extension Fund Committee was adopted.

[See Page 57.]

Conference adjourned.

# SIXTH DAY. June 26.

Conference opened at 9 o'clock. President in the Chair. Prayer by Paul Prestwood.

Journal read and approved.

Report of Supernumerary Fund Committee adopted.

[See Page 54.]

A recommendation respecting Book Room interests was adopted.

# [See Miscellaneous Resolutions.]

On motion the recommendation of the Stationing Committee respecting ordination for special reasons of J. B. Buttrick was adopted.

The Pastoral address was read by Ralph Brecken, M. A., and adopted.

[See Page 63.]

A resolution in reference to the Camp Meeting at Berwick was submitted and adopted.

[See Page 59.]

Several miscellaneous resolutions were adopted.

# [See Page 69.]

It was ordered that a collection for travelling expenses to Conference be taken up on all Circuits and Missions.

A resolution was passed respecting arrangements for religious services at Conference.

[See Page 70.]

Conference adjourned.

# SIXTH DAY. AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference opened at 3 o'clock. President in the Chair. Prayer by J. W. Shepherdson.

Journal read and confirmed.

Report of Centennial Committee submitted and adopted.

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The report of Committee for assessing the proportion of the N. S. Conference of General Conference indebtedness was adopted.

# [See Page 57.]

On motion it was ordered that the amounts assessed be paid in at the Financial District Meeting and the list published in the Minutes.

J. W. Prestwood, A. B., was allowed one year's leave of absence for the purpose of pursuing his studies.

Conference adjourned.

# SIXTH DAY. EVENING SESSION.

Conference opened at 7½ p. m. President in the Chair.

Prayer by J. R. Borden.

Journal read and confirmed.

Temperance report adopted.

# [See Page 57.]

District Superintendents were elected by ballot. Financial Secretaries were nominated. Nominations confirmed.

On motion it was ordered that a Committee be appointed to act in conjunction with the President and have discretionary powers to procure supply for vacant stations.

Committee, W. H. Heartz and James Strothard.

The letter writers reported several letters which were adopted.

The remainder of the session was occupied in the discussion of the Children's Fund.

Conference adjourned.

# SEVENTH DAY. MORNING SESSION.

Conference opened with singing, reading the Scriptures and prayer by A. F. Weldon.

The Journal of the last session was read and confirmed.

The following Committee was appointed to consider and report at the next Conference, a scheme for a Sustentation Fund:

W. C. Brown, J. Cassidy, Dr. La hern, Dr. McMurray, Hon. S. L. Shannon, J. W. Smith, Dr. Woodbury.

An invitation to an "At Home" at Government House on Saturday evening, was received and referred to the letter writers for reply.

Final action in relation to the Children's Fund was adopted.

# [See Page 52.]

The question was asked "When and where shall our next Conference be held?"

Answer. On the third Wednesday of June, 1885, at 9 a.m., in the Methodist Church, Lunenburg.

The Minutes of Conference were read and confirmed and signed by the President and Secretary.

Conference adjourned with singing and prayer by Dr. Lathern and W. C. Brown.

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# ROUTINE BUSINESS.

Question 1.—Are there any objections to any of our Ministers or Preachers on trial?

Answer.—They were examined one by one.

The Committees of the Nova Scotia Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada of the last year were ordered to continue until the close of the Session of that Conference.

Question 2.—Who compose the several Conference Committees of the Nova Scotia Conference of the Methodist Church?

# 1. COMMITTEES FOR THE SESSION 1884.

# STATIONING COMMITTEE.

Halifax, Truro, Cumberland, Guysboro' and C. B., Annapolis, Liverpool, Yarmouth,	J. Lathern, D. D., Thos. Rogers, M. A., J. Cassidy, W. H. Evans, C. Jost, M. A., J. G. Angwin, W. H. Heartz,	J. J. Teasdale, S. B. Dunn, J. Gaetz, W. Alcorn, W. Ryan, W. Brown.
Yarmouth,	J. G. Angwin.	W. Brown, J. A. Rogers.

# MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

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J. G. Bigney,	J. N. Freeman,	R.J. Sweet,
C. W. Swallow,	Abner Hart, Secretary,	Benjum'n Hills, A. M.

# CONTINGENT FUND.

F. H. W. Pickles,	J. M. Fisher,	Jairus Hart,
Joseph Hale,	A. Hockin,	Abner Hart,
A. D. Morton, M. A.,	W. B. McNutt,	G. H. McKinlay,
F. H. Wright, M. A.,	C. F. DeWolfe,	W. K. Angwin.
		W. M. Angwin.

D. W. Johnson, A. B., Sec'y.-Treas.

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# 2. STANDING COMMITTEES.

# CONFERENCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The President, Secretary of Conference, Superintendents of Districts and W. H. Heartz, James Strothard, J. McMurray, D. D., R. A. Temple and S. F. Huestis.

# SABBATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

### DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.		
Halifax,	T. D. Hart,	Dr. Woodbury,
Truro,	J. A. Mosher,	H. R. Narraway,
Cumberland,	E. E. England,	A. Davison,
Guysboro' and C. B.,	W. A. Outerbridge,	James Buckley,
Annapolis,	W. Ainley,	J. Young,
Liverpool,	James Sharp,	W. T. Drew,
Yarmouth,	P. H. Robinson,	A. F. Stoneman.
,	President of Conf.	

W. AINLEY, Sec'y.-Treas.

# MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

The President, Superintendents of Districts and the Representatives to the General Board of Missions.

J. McMurray, D. D.,	
J. L. Sponagle, A. Davison, J. N. Freeman,	Cumberland District, Liverpool "
G. H. Starr,	Halifax "
J. H. Buckley, George Murdoch,	Guysboro' & C.B. " Annapolis "
Isaac Gaetz,	Truro "
	RALPH. BRECKEN, A. M, Sec'y, S. F. HUESTIS, Treasurer.

# CHILDREN'S FUND COMMITTEE.

J. R. Hart,	John Gee,	J. Wesley Smith,
J. L. Dawson,	J. Gaetz,	Israel Longworth,
Thomas Rogers,	C. F. DeWolfe,	J. W. Read,
	A. D. Mort	ON, A. M., Sect'yTreas

# PASTORAL ADDRESS.

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# EDUCATIONAL FUND.

President of Conf. R. A. Daniel, A. W. Nicolson,

W. Ryan, W. Crowe, G. O. Huestis, A. McN. Patterson, M. B. Huestis, S. A. Chesley,

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E. B. Moore, Secretary, C. Jost, A. M, Treas.

# SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

W. H. Evans, D. W. Johnson, A. B., J. W. Caldwell, Member Gen'l Com.

R. J. Sweet,

S. L. Shannon, D. C. L.

J. R. Borden, Sec'y.-Treas.

# PARSONAGE AID AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

President and Sceretary of Conference,

J. Gaetz, T. Rogers, J. Cassidy,

S. F. Huestis,

J. Wesley Smith,

W. H. Heartz,

G. N. Brown,

W. K. Angwin, W. H. Webb, Dr. Allison, Geo. H. McKinlay,

J. G. Angwin, Sec'y.-Treas.

# EXAMINATION OF THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS.

The President of Conference and Dr. McMurray.

# VISITORS TO SACKVILLE INSTITUTIONS.

R. McArthur, J. Craig,

J. Cassidy, A. D. Morton, A. M.,

Benj'm. Hills, A. M.

# CONFERENCE STATISTICS.

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Financial Secretaries of Districts and Secretaries of the several Connexional Funds.

# TRAVELLING ARRANGEMENTS. The Secretary of Conference.

# TRANSFER COMMITTEE.

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The President of Conference and Joseph Gaetz.

### TREASURER OF GENERAL CONFERENCE FUND.

F. H. W. Pickles.

### LETTER WRITERS.

S. B. Dunn and A. Davison.

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### EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE.

President of Conference,

Dr. Lathern,

R. Brecken, A. M., Dr. Woodbury,

Hon. S. L. Shannon,

G. E. Pellow,

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### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE.

W. G. Lane,

W. H. Heartz,

J. J. Teasdale, David Hickey,

J. Burrell. A. S. Tuttle,

W. Brown,

Dr. Woodbury, J. N. Freeman, J. L. Gilliatt,

J. STROTHARD, Sec'y.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

J. Cassidy, A. Davison, R. J. Sweet, Thos. Rogers, M. A.,

Dr. Allison, C. Jost, A. M.,

BENJ. HILLS, M. A., Sec'y.

Question 3.-What preachers are this year admitted into full connexion and ordained?

## ANSWER.

G. W. F. Glendenning, A. B., J. W. Prestwood, A. B.

Question 4.—What preachers remain on trial?

### ANSWER.

Three Years: G. W. Whitman.

Two Years:

J. B. Buttrick, Alban Daniel,

R. W. Hudgell, Leander Daniel.

One Year:

James L. Batty, Thos. C. Hooper W. Nightingale, Thos. Wooton,

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Question 5.-Who are now received on trial?

Thos. A. Wilson, Wm. Shears,

R. S. Stevens, W. J. Crofts,

William Phillips.

Question 6.-What students are allowed to attend the Institution?

R W. Hudgell, Cumberland District, who has travelled one year.

Question 7.-What ministers have died since last Conference?

Matthew Richey, D. D., John S. Addy, Lamert Stevens.

[See Obituaries Page 44.]

Question 8.—Who are the Supernumerary ministers?

Angwin, Thomas Bent, Jo eph F. Bottere I, Edmund Bird, R chey Buckley, James Day, Geo. F. Hart, J. R.

Hennigar, J. G. Hemmeon, J. B. Johnson, Geo. (A) Johnson, R. O'B. Lickhart, Christopher Weldon, A. F.

Morton, Roland

Nicolson, Alexander Taylor, James Temple, R. A. Tuttle, G. W. McMurray, D. D., John Wasson, Robert

Question 9.—What Supernumeraries return to the full work of the ministry?

T. W. Smith.

Question 10.-Who are deposed from the office of the Ministry ?

ANSWER.

None.

Question 11.-Who have withdrawn from our Ministry? ANSWER.

George O. Robinson.

Question 12.—How are the Ministers and Preachers Stationed for the ensuing year?

### ANSWER.

# JABEZ A. ROGERS, PRESIDENT,

# CRANSWICK JOST, M. A., SECRETARY.

# I. -HALIFAX DISTRICT.

1. Halifax Centre—(Brunswick St.)—Byron C. Borden, A. B., Chaplain to the Wesleyans in the Navy.

Supernumeraries—Edmund Botterell, who has permission to reside in Montreal; R. Alder Temple.

- 2. Halifax South (Grafton St.) Ralph Brecken, A. M., J. L. Batty.
- 3. Halifax West (Charles St.) F. H. W. Pickles, L. Daniel.
- 4. Halifax North (Kaye St.)—John J. Teasdale, Chaplain to Wesleyans in the Army.

Book Room—Stephen F. Huestis, Book Steward. Wesleyan Office—T. Watson Smith, Editor.

- 5. Dartmouth-John L. Sponagle; Supernumerary-Thomas Angwin.
- 6. Lawrencetown-To be supplied, under superintendence of J. L. Sponagle.
- 7. Windsor-J. Lathern, D. D. Supernumeraries-J. McMurray, D.D., Roland Morton, A. W. Nicolson.
- 8. Chester Road—To be supplied.
- 9. Hantsport-William Ainley.
- 10. Horton-William C. Brown, One to be sent; Supernumeraries-George Johnson, (A), J. B. Hemmeon.
- 11. Kentville-W. H. Langille.
- 12. Newport-A. S. Tuttle.
- 13. Avondale-E. B. Moore.
- 14. Burlington-T. D. Hart.
- 15. Walton-Thomas A. Wilson.
- 16. Sambro-To be supplied, under superintendence of B. C. Borden, A. B.
- 17. Hamilton, (Bermuda.)-J. S. Coffin, Chaplain to the Wesleyans in Army.
- 18. Sandys and Southampton(Bermuda)—J. B. Buttrick, Chaplain to Wesleyans in the Navy.
- St. George's and Bailey's Bay (Bermuda.)—Jesse B. Giles, Chaplain to Wesleyans in the Army; F. Friggens.

John Wier has leave of absence for one year.

J. LATHERN, D.D., District Superintendent. F. H. W. PICKLES, Financial Secretary.

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- Onslow-J. Hiram Davis; Supernumerary-R. O'B. Johnson. 21.
- 22. Acadia Mines-John A. Mosher.
- Pictou-Thomas. Rogers, A. M.
- 24. Stellarton-Joseph Hale.
- River John-F. A. Buckley, A.B. 25.
- 26. Maitland-Paul Prestwood.
- Shubenacadie-W. A. Nightingale, under the superintendence of brother 27. Daniel.
- Middle Musquodoboit-H. P. Doane. 28.
- Musquodoboit Harbor-R. B. Mack. 29.
- Sheet Harbor-Alban Daniel, under the superintendence of brother 30. Doane. Supernumerary-G. F. Day.

THOMAS ROGERS, A.M., District Superintendent. JOSEPH HALE, Financial Secretary.

# III.—CUMBERLAND DISTRICT.

- Amherst-Joseph Gaetz, who exchanges once a quarter with the Nappan and Warren Ministers.
- Amherst Head-John Gee,
- Nappan-R. McArthur, Thomas Wootton.
- 34. Wallace-James Tweedy.
- 35. Pugwash-A. D. Morton, A. M. Supernumerary-G. W. Tuttle.
- 36. River Philip-John Craig.
- 37. Oxford-J. Cassidy; Supernumerary-A. F. Weldon.
- Wentworth—G. W. Whitman, under the superintendence of bro. Cassidy; Supernumerary-Richey Bird.
- 39. Parrsboro'—David Hickey.
- 40. Five Islands and Halfway River.—To be supplied, under the superintendence of brother Hickey.
- 41. Southampton-Benj. Hills, A. M.
- Spring Hill Mines-E. E. England.
- Advocate Harbor-John W. Howie.

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- Guysboro-William Purvis; Supernumerary-James Buckley.
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- 46. Manchester-William Alcorn.
- 47. Sydney-W. H. Evans.
- 48. North Sydney-Fred. H. Wright, A. M.
- 49. Gabarus-G. F. Glendenning, A. B.
- 50. Port Hawkesbury-Charles W. Swallow, B. A.
- Port Hood-R. S. Stevens, under the superintendence of C. W. Swallow.
- 52. Magaree and Baddeck-To be supplied, under the superintendence of Bro. Wright.
- Ingonish-W. J. Crofts, under superintendence of Bro. Evans.

W. H. Evans, District Superintendent, F. H. WRIGHT, A. B., Financial Secretary.

# V.—ANNAPOLIS DISTRICT.

- 54. Annapolis-S. B. Dunn.
- Granville Ferry-Joseph M. Fisher.
- Bridgetown-Cranswick Jost, A. M., Secretary of Conference; Supernumeraries-J. F. Bent, J. R. Hart.
- 57. Mountain Mission-One wanted.
- Middleton-G. F. Johnson, A B., William Phillips.
- 59. Aylesford-William Ryan; Supernumerary.-James Taylor.
- 60. Berwick-John Johnson.
- 61. Canning-W. G. Lane; Supernumerary-J. G. Hennigar.
- 62. Hillsburg-D. W. Johnson, A. B.
- 63. Digby-W. H. Heartz.
- 64. Weymouth-William Shears, under superintendence of Bro. Heartz.
- Digby Neck-Thos. C. Hooper, under the superintendence of Bro. Heartz.
  - J. W. Prestwood, A. B., has leave of absence for one year.

CRANSWICK JOST, A. M., District Superintendent. D. W. JOHNSON, A. B., Financial Secretary.

# VI.-LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

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- 66. Liverpool-Jos. G. Angwin; Supernumerary-C. Lockhart.
- 67. Caledonia-J. W. Shepherdson.
- 68. Port Mouton-D. B. Scott.
- 69. Mill Village-Arthur Hockin.
- 70. Petite Riviere-Charles M. Tyler.

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- 71. Lunenburg-William Brown.
- 72. Mahone Bay-To be supplied, under superintendence of Bro. Brown.
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- 74. New Germany-James Sharp.
- 75. Bridgewater-J. R. Borden.
  - J. C. Ogden has leave of absence for one year.

GEORGE O. HUESTIS, District Superintendent, J. R. BORDEN, Financial Secretary.

# VII.—YARMOUTH DISTRICT.

- 76. Yarmouth South-James Strothard.
- 77. Yarmouth North—Jabez A. Rogers, President of the Conference;

  Supernumerary—Robert Wasson who has permission to reside in the United States this year.
- 78. Arcadia-P. H. Robinson.
- 79. Hebron-W. A. Outerbridge.
- 80. Brenton-1. M. Mellish.
- 81. Barrington-Richard Smith.
- 82. Port LaTour-R. Williams.
- 83. N. E. Harbor-J. E. Donkin,
- 84. Shelburne -John G. Bigney.
- 85. Lockeport-John L. Dawson, A. B.

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Question 13.—What are the arrangements for the examination of Candidates for the Ministry in the course of study?

# I.—TIME AND PLACE OF EXAMINATIONS.

The Examinations shall take place on the first Wednesday in May at 9 a.m., and in four Sections as follows, viz:—

SECTION I—The Halifax and Annapolis Districts. In Wolfville, under the charge of W. C. Brown and W. G. Lane.

Section II.—The Truro and Cumberland Districts. In Truro under the charge of R. A. Daniel and Thomas Rogers, A.M.

Section III—The Guysboro' and Cape Breton District. In Port Hawkesbury, under the charge of C. W. Swallow and W. H. Evans.

SECTION IV.—The Liverpool and Yarmouth Districts. In Liverpool under the charge of J. G. Angwin and J. R. Borden.

Note—Superintendents of Circuits are required, immediately after the March Quarterly Meetings, to forward to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners the names of Candidates recommended to be received on trial by their respective Quarterly Boards.

# II.—COURSE OF STUDY.

### PRELIMINARY COURSE

1	-English Branches:-
	English Grammar and CompositionJ. Cassidy.  Arithmetic
2	-History:-
	Ancient History (Schmitz)
3.	-Theology:-
	Wesley's Sermons I. to XX. (Burwash's Edition)J. R. Borden Wesley on Christian PerfectionJ. R. Borden

NOTE 1.—"The Standard of qualification for young men recommended to be received into our Conferences as probationers shall not be lower than 50 per cent of the marks on the preliminary course of study in the aggregate and 30 per cent in each subject."

Revised Catechism of Wesleyan Methodists, Vol. II. .......J. R. Borden.

2—"Any Candidate who may present a Public School Teacher's Certificate of the second class, or a certificate of having passed a matriculation examination at any of our Universities, shall not be required to be examined in the English Branches of the Preliminary Course, but, he shall be required to pass an examination on the subjects of Biblical History and Theology before the Examining Board of his Conference, or, of the College at which he may be pursuing his studies."

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	4—Theology:— R. McArthur.
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	5—Philosophy:— William C. Brown.
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1—Theology:— Pope's Theology, Vol. IIIWilliam C. Brown.
2—Apologetics:— Wright's Logic of Christian Evidences
3—Logic:— Milne's Element. Notions of Logic
4—Metaphysics:  Murray's Hamilton
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# 1 ---: 0:----III.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR GRADUATES.

[See Minutes of First United General Conference p. 199].

Note 1—The Examiners are requested to forward their questions upon the books allotted to them to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners on, or, before the 31st day of December.

Note 2—The Examiners are also requested to transmit to the Secretary the result of their examination of the papers submitted to them, as soon as possible after their reception, so that the Secretary may tabulate and report.

CRANSWICK JOST, Secretary of Board of Examiners.

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ES	Copies Home and School.	245 247 101 132 73 93 129 122 129 122 16 37 66 631
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-	Meeting in Class.	480 39 120 31 31 31 171 171
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-	Adult Classes.	630 269 474 265 375 235 418
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TEACHERS.	Total.	367 118 208 222 179 250 1459
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Dartmouth	19	50	44	70	1. 44	60	1	00	1	00			1	00
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Hantsport	107	20	2	55	13	00	10	12	6	84	2	00	2	00
Horton	52	16	1	53	3	10	1	46				22		85
Kentville	43	02	2	10	3	75	3	00	1	50		50	1	50
Newport	165	19	. 4	28	13	68	9	32	2	60	2	22	. 2	85
Avondale	69	47	1	50	11	47	10	64	2	82		55	1	50
Burlington	17	78	2	64	5	00	2	23	1	82			1	53
Walton	22	09	2	00	3	00	2	00					3	00
Sambro Bermuda—Hamiltou	426	37	12	16	17	03	27	98	4	86				
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Acadia Mines	26	50	1	14	- 3	72	3	43		 1			84
Pictou	35	77	4	00	12	00					50		50
Stellarton	53	65	2	33	4	24	2	50			50	-	50
River John	70	44	1	59	6	00	4	37		 		-	29
Maitland	78	03	3	47	11	90	5	49		 1	0.0		00
Shubenacadie	46	71	1	08	4	20	1	85		 			20
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# V.--ANNAPOLIS DISTRICT.

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Annapolis Granville Ferry Bridgetown Mountain Missiou Middleton Aylesford Berwick Canning Hillsburg Digby	\$49 65 156  112 51 68 99 62 70 53	80 48 26 10 70 00 57 87 87	\$1 3 3  4 4 1 10 2 1	00 85 50 25 00 50 00 52 24 70	\$3 7 9 11 7 12 6 11	50 55 00  00 00 40 98 34 40	\$2 2 5  7 4 3 12 3 1	25 39 34  50 68 50 30 34 56	2	00 30 31 50 50 00 25 50 96		40 32 50  65 50 50 80 92 75		00 10 10 25 50 75 00 51 13 33
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# VI.-LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

Liverpool	\$39	43	\$1	75	\$3	52	1\$	5	70	\$3	85	\$ 1	00	\$ 2	50
Caledonia		09	1	30	_	60	1	1	40		60			1	00
Port Mouton	50	94	1	30	_	00		1	75		40		20	1	15
Mill Village	70	15	2	38	-	00	1	4	00					-	12
Petite Riviere	68	92	2	10	4	78	1	3	35	1	-		50	1	35
Lunenburg	124	61	7	50	12	65	1	8	30	4	19	1		4	00
Chester	63	00	5	51	9	70	1	3	73		• • •		65		07
Ritcey's Cove	94	70	3	00	13		1	4	96	2	00	1		-	25
New Germany	61	79	1	50	4	50	i	2	25		• • •	1	50	1	00
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# VII.—YARMOUTH DISTRICT.

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<sup>\*</sup> The Reports of this Fund are not complete, as the amounts were forwarded in the early part of the year.

### OBITUARY NOTICES.

MATTHEW RICHEY, D. D., during a lengthened course in the Methodist Connexion of these North American Provinces, occupied various spheres of active service, and filled to the satisfaction of his brethren the highest positions in the gift of the Church, being held in great admiration by the many among whom he exercised his brilliant and attractive

ministry.

Toward the close of the second decade of this century, a young man, from the North of Ireland, landed, a stranger in the city of St. John, N. B. There was something of marked manner, fluency of speech, and scholarly culture, not usually looked for in an immigrant to these shores. The main fact of his life, and that which, no doubt, determined his career, can soon be told. Contact with a little company of Irish Methodists, had resulted, especially by their simplicity and fervor in prayer and praise, in an awakening of religious thought. Keen eyes watched his spiritual unrest, and a thoughtful youth put into his hands a copy of "Fletcher's Appeal," through the agency of which he was led from self to Christ for salvation. In the exercise of penitential trust in the Saviour he was brought into an experience of pardon and peace; and now, enabled to rejoice in the sense of personal salvation, a fresh light flooded the words of revealed truth, and new aspects of God's infinite love and mercy dawned upon his soul. Embracing heartily the Methodist testimony of an unconditional atonement, and of the freeness and fullness of grace in Christ Jesus, his soul exulted in a sense of spiritual freedom which he had not previously known. From force of intellectual conviction, under the thrill, and power, and blessedness of spiritual life, he was constrained to sever denominational ties, and to seek union with a lowly, but devoted band of worshippers. Such a step must have caused grief and disappointment to relations and friends; and not without much of feeling could he have wrenched himself from earlier religious associations. such a crisis it would be a relief to seek a home in a new land; but there cannot be a doubt, as he embarked for this Western Continent, that a beneficent Providence was watching over his life, and directing his course to a sphere of usefulness and distinction.

In 1821, while the pioneers of Methodism in these Provinces were still in the field, Matthew Richey was accepted as a candidate for our ministry; and soon the pulpit became to him a throne of power. His earliest published discourse was probably one preached on a Missionary Anniversary in Halifax, February 1827, in which he expatiated, to a large and delighted audience, upon the necessity and efficiency of the Gospel. That and other sermons of his, as contained in a published volume, apart from all the advantages of finished elocution, place him among the masters of pulpit eloquence. But even his extemporaneous addresses, in luminousness of exegesis, and the glow of unstudied address were worthy of being ranked amongst his best efforts. Nor were his discourses distinguished more by their splendor of diction and rhetorical beauty, than by their evangelical

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The Wesleyan University of Middleton, Connecticut, conferred upon our gifted brother, in 1836, the degree of M. A., followed in 1847 by that of D. D. from the same source, and of these marks of distinction he was preeminently worthy. He was in charge of the Wesleyan Institution at Coburg from 1836 to 1839, and was President of the Canada Conference in 1849 and 1850. At the formation of the Conference of Eastern British America in 1855 he was appointed co-delegate, and for the next succeeding five years was chosen President, and in 1867 was once more elected to that office. To a minister of Dr. Richey's eminence there were not wanting inducements of emolument and exalted position beyond what his own donomination might offer. But these could not cause him to swerve from loyalty to the Church of his early choice; and with that Church, in its wonderful and divinely-honored mission, he was glad to stand identified.

The ministry of our beloved brother, at various points during his course, received divine attestation by its results in the converting power attending it, and the gracious fruit it bore. This was the case, more or less, from the commencement, and in his various fields of labor. His youthful efforts in his native land in calling sinners to repentance resulted in the conversion of souls; and so also in several circuits in these Provinces he was gladdened by witnessing the prosperity of the cause of God in connection with his labors viz., Charlottetown, Shelburne, Barrington, Cumberland, Halifax, in Montreal, and in other portions of the wide field which he occupied. The testimony of some who were permitted to sit under his later ministry, is to the effect that they carcely everlistened to appeals from the pulpit more heart-searching and faithful than were made by him in some of his latest discourses.

Serious injury sustained in 1849, by being thrown from a carriage in pursuance of his official duties, was followed by results which were increasingly developed as years advanced. During the last few months of life there were evident indications of growing weakness of body, and the certainty that soon the earthly tabernacle would be dissolved. But in age and feebleness extreme God was felt to be the strength of his heart and an abiding portion, and at evening time it was light. That which had been to him in earlier years, and along during his protracted life, an unfailing ground of holy joy, as the end approached grew upon his vision of faith, and filled the-prospect with glory—the all sufficiency of the Saviour's atonement. A few hours before his departure, when death was rapidly prevailing over nature, and when the power of utterance was no more, a slight motion of the head gave an affirmative answer to an inquiry as to the light and presence of God.

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Thus peacefully passed away this distinguished minister of Christ. He died at Government House, Halifax, where he was residing with his eldest on, Lieut. Governor of Nova Scotia, October 30th, 1883 in the 80th year of his age, and the sixty-third of his ministry.

THE REV. JOHN S. ADDY was born in Sheffield, England, the 14th November, 1808, and died at Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, 6th January, 1884.

In early life he sought and found a personal interest in the Saviour, and by the possession of the grace of God in the heart, and in the diligent use of the intellectual helps at his disposal he became fitted for the office and work of the Christian ministry.

In 1836, Mr. Addy was received by the British Conference, ordained and sent to Newfoundland. Twenty-one years of effective service for the Church and souls were spent in that colony. In 1857 he removed to Liverpool in this Province, and on that circuit, as well as Petite Riviere, Halifax, St. John South, Bridgetown, Woodstock, Berwick, Aylesford and Mill Village, he made full proof of his ministry. In 1878 he became a Supernumerary; but was ever ready in all possible ways to advance the cause that was dear to his heart.

As a Christian he lived very near to God. He was a man of prayer. His life preached Christ. His profession of the perfect love of God harmon ized with the experience of those who are cleansed from sin.

As a husband his devotion to his first wife during her lengthened and severe illness is beyond praise. One who had opportunity to judge has well stated. "I never saw the like." Sometimes for weeks on a stretch, he would take his place at the bedside of his sick wife, every other night; and that after the hard duties of the day, and without a semblance of complaint, and all done with evident delight and pleasure.

As a minister of the gospel he commended himself by the methods he employed in the presentation of truth, by his earnest and impressive manner, and his kind and affectionate spirit. In his pastoral work he was untiring and eminently successful. God gave his servant many seals to his ministry, souls who shall be as stars in the crown of his rejoicing forever.

Little can be said with regard to his last days on earth. When the stongue loses its cunning through paralysis, the lessons of the life and not the language of the lips must furnish the ground for those inferences we can scarcely fail to draw.

The last Sabbath of the old year in Providence Church, Yarmouth, he was engaged in the holy exercises of worship; the first Sabbath of the new year his happy spirit passed to the God who gave it. He was ready for the change, his work on earth was done. He has left the heritage of an untarnished name and the record of a useful and Gol-honored life. He served his generation by the will of God, and now awaits the resurrection of the just.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, even so saith the Spirit for they rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

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LAMERT STEVENS was born at Wallace N.S., in the year 1854, and was converted to God in the eighteenth year of his age, under the ministry of Robert Wasson, and united with the Methodist Church. At once he began to work for the Master, and was accepted as a candidate in the Nova Scotia Connference in 1879. He labored on the Aylesford and Oxford circuits with acceptance and success. In 1883 he was appointed assistant minister on the Middleton circuit. He entered upon the duties of his new charge animated with a holy ambition to accomplish good. But in four weeks his work was done. Falling a victim to typhoid fever he peacefully passed away in the twenty-ninth year of his age, and fourth year of his ministry. His last audible utterances gave blessed assurance that all was well. During his brief ministry he won a large circle of friends and admirers. His preaching telepts were of a high order. Gifted with a pleasing voice, large intellect and warm heart, he was adapted to render good service to He was fond of preaching, always ready, always in earnest. Faithful as a preacher—he was none the less so as a pastor. and amiable disposition secured for him ready access to the homes and hearts of the people. His power in the pulpit and Tiety, in the pastorate, will long be cherished by those among whom he labored.

### REPORTS.

### MISSIONARY REPORT.

The grant by the General Board of Missions to aid the Domestic Missions of the Nova Scotia Conference for the last year was \$8442.80.

This sum was divided among the Districts as follows:—

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S. F. Huestis, Secretary.

### EDUCATIONAL REPORT.

Your committee in presenting their annual report, present at the same time their annual regrets that the matter of education has not obtained that position in the sympathy and liberality of our people which its importance demands. Other matters have been brought before the public during the sessions of this Conference which have stirred our thought to a greater depth and excited an intenser interest than that which brings us together this evening, but none can be more vitally connected with our well-being, as families or as a church.

The necessity for an educated ministry, as well as a ministry of intense piety and good common sense, is everywhere acknowledged. The pulpit of the present day is burdened with responsibilities of which our forefathers never dreamed. While it has always stood in the front rank of civilization

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to-day it stands in the very focus of hostile criticism—criticism from science, from philosophy, from learning, and from the whole spirit of the age. On every side questions are rained down upon the Christian ministry—questions that will not be evaded, that challenge both Christian faith and teaching, and insist upon being answered. And the success with which the pulpit has met the conditions required of it may be seen both in the universal respect which it commands and the enormous influence which it exerts in purifying the family and the state, and in elevating individual life.

But when the church has directed its attention to the ministry, but a small part of its duty is performed. In these days when the diffusion of knowledge is greater than ever before in the world's history, and every available agency is pressed into service for this purpose, if we would advance in our work we must maintain our hold upon the education and training of the young. Recognizing this responsibility, the Methodist Church has always been the friend and advocate of popular education, and wisely insists on placing it under religious patronage. The conviction that education must be based on Christian principles prompted our fathers to start the institutions at Sackville. Through difficulties which would have discouraged them had not their faith been invincible, they persevered in their noble enterprise, and had we carried forward their work in the noble spirit in which it was begun we might to-day have facilities for education second to none in the Eastern Provinces of the Dominion.

Entering upon our new career as a united church, we deem it an auspicious event that the new college building is ready for formal opening. This graceful edifice, with its light and spacious class-rooms, well-furnished library, musuem, and laboratory, will mark a long step in advance in our educational institutions belonging to the different branches of Methodism in the Dominion. If division has weakened us, and union is now to give us strength, surely the consolidation now in progress in the west must impart new vigor to this department of our work. And though no direct benefit may be secured to us by this movement, yet the fresh impetus thus given to those portions of our church immediately concerned cannot fail to be felt by us who dwell nearer to the rising sun.

We again commend our educational enterprises to the sympathy and generosity of our people. The progress of our Institutions, thus far, has been achieved amid continued financial embarrassments from which the church is abundantly able to relieve them. There is good reason for the belief that this department of our work was never more efficient or influential than it is at present; but a more liberal spirit on the part of our people would, by increasing the resources, add very largely to its practical efficiency, the number of its students, and the sphere of its usefulness. Other denominations are thoroughly awake to this matter, and are following it up with a spirited enthusiasm worthy of emulation. In truth they are leading us in a race in which we cannot afford to be left behind. To an extent which we dare not ignore, the future of Methodism in these Provinces depends upon this movement. Education and culture our families must have, and it remains for us to say whether this shall be given by our-

selves or entrusted to those who will turn our children from the faith of their fathers. This, we repeat, is a matter of vital importance with us, and the manner in which we deal with it will commend us to the gratitude of

our successors for wisdom, or expose us to their righteous indignation for miserable shortsightedness and wilful neglect.

We are glad to report an increase to the funds of this society during the year of about \$70.

E. B. MOORE, Secretary.

# DISTRICT DEPUTATIONS TO ATTEND EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS.

Halifax, \	B. C. Borden, A. B., and E. B. Moore.  Joseph Coffin.  R. A. Daniel and F. A. Buckley.
Bermuda, J	R. A. Daniel and F. A. Buckley.
Cumberland,	F. H. Wright, A. M., C. Swallow, A. B.
Guysboro' and C. B.,	S. B. Dunn and G. F. Johnson, A. B.  I. R. Borden and William Brown.
Deputation appointed for Con	nference Anniversary—David Hickey, F.
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## TREASURER'S STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR.

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Truro	64 68.64
Cumberland	45 70
Guysboro' and Cape Breton	11 45.11
Annapolis	34 40.34
Liverpool	42 52.42
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# SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF CHILDREN'S FUND.

Your Committee met in Truro in March and gave the whole question of the Children's Fund careful and prolonged study, but owing to constitutional and other difficulties find it difficult to formulate a definite recommendation. The Committee, however, instructed the Secretary to prepare a statement that may help the members of Conference generally to understand the working of the Fund, which has been done.

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# Certain resolutions respecting the Children's Fund :--

1.—The claimants on this Fund shall be the children of supernumerary and deceased ministers not otherwise provided for and the children of ministers in the active work, providing no minister receiving from this Fund shall have an income of more than \$800.00 including his children's claims.

2.—All claims shall cease at the age of 18 or sooner if the child cease to be dependent on the father.

3.—That for the present year the revenue shall be derived by a pro rata assessment on the circuit receipts of last year.

4.—That for the present year the claim for each child shall be \$5.00 excepting the children of deceased supernumerary ministers and those over five in number of the ministers in the active work, who shall receive in every case \$30.

5.—The Secretary shall acquaint the Recording Steward of the several circuits with the change made in this Fund and the amounts of their assessments respectfully.

A. D. Morton, Secretary.

## CONTINGENT FUND.

# STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR 1883-4.

The Treasurer in Account with the Contingent Fund.

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### Receipts from Districts :-

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Halifax		Distri	ct	26	67
Truro		66		32	67
Cumberland		66			
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# CHURCH EXTENSION AND PARSONAGE AID FUND.

Memorandum of Assets and Liabilities of Church Extension and Parsonage Aid Fund of Nova Scotia Conference made up to July 1st, 1884.

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J. G. Angwin, Sec'y.-Treas.

## SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

While your Committee notices with sorrow a falling off in some items in last year's returns from the various Districts, the principal figures show an encouraging advance.

There is an increase in the number of Officers, Teachers, and Scholars, also in the amounts raised for school purposes and in other items, which shows that we have good reason for rejoicing over the past, while the future is full of hope for this important department of work in our Church.

We would urge upon our congregations the importance of encouraging the establishment and growth of Sabbath-schools on their different circuits, and upon our officers and teachers the importance of introducing more largely our own papers in their respective schools and purchasing their libraries through our own Book-Room.

We also recommend our ministers and Sabbath-school officers and teachers to give greater attention to the use of the Catechisms in which our Standard Doctrines are so clearly defined and so admirably supported by Scripture and to the holding of Sabbath-school Anniversaries in connection with their several schools, wherever practicable, believing that these steps will materially assist in the identification of our schools with our Church.

W. AINLEY, Sec'y.

### :0: SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

Your Committee are glad to be able to announce an increase of \$68.17 in the income from the circuits. This although not so large as desirable indicates a deepening interest in this very important Fund of our Church.

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Your Committee desire to impress upon the minds of Superintendents of circuits and our friends generally the necessity of increased attention to this Fund if it is to meet fully the heavy demands now made upon it. They direct particular attention to paragraphs 467, 468 and 469 of the Discipline, viz:

"Each circuit shall be considered as responsible for a yearly sum, equal at least on an average to ten cents per member, including persons on trial, the number of members in all cases being taken from the published Minutes of the preceeding Conference.

"Every minister shall at the first quarterly visitation of the classes after Conference explain the nature and reasonableness of the claims of this Fund

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upon the justice and liberality of our Church. He shall then enquire of each member what sum he or she is willing to subscribe and shall enter the respective sums in the class-book, and it shall be the duty of the classleader to collect these and also subscriptions from the members absent at the time of visitation and to pay the amount to the Superintendent of the

METHODIST CONFERENCE.

"An annual collection in aid of this Fund shall be made in all the Churches and other preaching places in the month of December and private application shall be made by the minister to freinds on each Circuit for subscriptions and donations."

"Subscriptions of two dollars and upwards shall be published in the printed Minutes."

J. R. Borden, Sec'y.-Treas.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OR EXHIBIT OF THE SUPERNUMERARY MINIS-TER'S AND MINISTER'S WIDOWS' FUND OF THE EASTERN SECTION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA, JULY, 1883.

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### REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE IN RELATION TO MOUNT ALLISON COLLEGE.

The Committee after consideration of matters referred to them recom mend the following resolutions for adoption by the Conference.

I. That the Conference still adheres to the principle or policy of Educational administration avowed in the resolutions of 1864 and 1881 and especially reaffirms the following clauses.

1. That whereas Mount Allison has been committed to our Connexion by the Provider 6: of God, we should be recreant to our trust, did we not maintain it in full efficiency, or did we countenance any change that would deprive our people of the guarantee that the higher education of their children should be conducted on strictly Christian principles.

That the Conference believes in the necessity of granting equal justice to all denominations in the distribution of State patronage and approves of the action of the Board of Governors for the authorization of concerted arrangements with the representatives of other colleges appointed for that purpose.

II. The Conference approves of and would cordially support the scheme proposed and outlined by Dr. Inch for the establishing of a Maritime Scholarship in lieu of the Gilchrist, or in addition to it.

J. LATHERN, Secretary.

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# REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AMOUNT DUE BY THIS CONFERENCE. TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE FUND.

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W. C. Brown, Secretary.

# RELIEF AND EXTENSION FUND.

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\$2,464 00. J. G. Angwin, Secretary.

Halifax, June 25, 1884.

### TEMPERANCE REPORT.

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1. Your Committee gratefully recognizes the measure of success accorded to our efforts as a church in the great work of Temperance reform. Yet in view of the importance of the present position of the United Methodist Church, in view of the multiplied evils already resulting from intemperance, and of the united and resolute attitude assumed by the "Licensed Victuallers Association" of the Dominion, we deem it imperative

that as a Conference of the Methodist Church, we give a plain and forcible deliverance of our convictions on this, one of the most vital questions of

the age. 2. We do urge, that this determined opposition of those ergaged in the liquor traffic, be met by the united efforts of all our people, that increased diligence be given to moulding public opinion on this burning question, that our youth be carefully instructed in temperance principles, both in the home and in the church, and that efforts be made to introduce into every school in the province, the excellent text book prepared by Dr. Richardson.

3. In harmony with the action of our General Conference, we concur in the general policy of the Dominion Alliance in relation to the traffic in

intoxicating drink.

4. The present policy of the Dominion Alliance is, to procure the adoption of the Canada Temperance Act, where not at present in force, and also to "flood the floors of Parliament" with petitions in favor of Prohibition, just as soon as the general adoption of the Canada Temperance We do therefore emphatically endorse Act will justify such a measure. the said policy, and recommend our people throughout the bounds of the Conference, to put forth strenuous efforts to introduce the said Act into all those counties which have not yet availed themselves of its wise provisions; and that when the time arrives for concerted and decisive action, they and we petition Parliament in favor of Prohibition, until our voice is heard, our combined influence is felt, our prayer is granted, and our country delivered from this deadly fee of domestic happiness, social progress, and spiritual prosperity.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. STROTHARD,

Sect'y.

### - :0:-REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Committee appointed in compliance with request of Cumberland District report as follows:

I. We recommend the plan of weekly or monthly payments under the following general directions.

#### FINANCIAL ECONOMY.

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

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

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

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

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4. If the total amount of these sums does not equal the amount needed, then let the stewards apportion the deficiency among such as are willing, for Christ's sake, to assume such deficiency, setting down to each person, with his or her consent, the additional amount which they think he or she ought weekly or monthly to pay.

5. Let the stewards then adopt and carry out a plan by which every one shall have the opportunity of regularly contributing each week or month, by envelope or otherwise, not grudgingly or of necessity, the sum which has been pledged by him or her. Let these contributions be paid regularly to the steward appointed to receive them, and be brought up by him to the quarterly meeting. The steward shall keep an individual account of all the pledges and contributions, and shall pay over the same, under the direction of the quarterly meeting, to the preacher or preachers authorized to receive them.

6. That quarterly meetings adopting the envelope system be recommended not to include in their estimates the claims of connectional funds, but to provide for these funds as in times past, by special collections and subscriptions.

We further recommend that these directions be published in the Wesleyan and in the Minutes of Conference.

II. That the Financial District Meetings be directed to make such arrangements as they may consider best for the purpose of presenting the above methods to the circuit in such a way as that it may be carried out in an efficient manner.

BENJ. HILLS,

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#### CAMP MEETING.

The Committe appointed to make arrangements for the coming Camp Meeting at Berwick submit the following, viz: That the Brethren Pickles, John Johnson, Ainley, Ryan, be appointed to take charge of the meeting. And that the Brethren, Dr. Lathern, R. Brecken, W. C. Brown, A. S. Tuttle, B. C. Borden, W. H. Langille and all the ministers of the Annapolis District be appointed to attend, preach and otherwise help to make the meeting a success.

WM. AINLEY, Sec'y.

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### CENTENNIAL FUND.

1. It was found upon inquiry that the contributions from most of the Districts had been paid to the Treasurers or to Dr. Inch.

2. It is recommended that the balance still due from Halifax and Cumberland Districts, be obtained, if possible, in time to close the account at the time of the opening of the Memorial Hall.

3. The Committee recommends that the amounts contributed at the Windsor Conference Centennial meeting, and still due be paid as soon as possible to the Treasurers of the fund.

## SPIRITUAL REPORT.

Halifax District.—On the weaker circuits especially, the ministers and members with self-denying zeal are enduring hardness as good soldiers and are worthy of the sympathy of those who love Zion. Throughout the District generally, the blessing of God has rested on our work. Congregations are enlarged and church accommodations increased. Souls have been converted to God—fellowship enjoyed and liberality manifested. Especially in some circuits class and prayer meetings are well sustained, and the people of the Lord speaking often one to another rejoice that God is in their midst. Overcoming the powers of evil they are marching to glorious conquest by the saving power of Christ and the gifts of His Holy Spirit. The Sabbath schools show grand results. The children are not only learning Bible truth, but many of them out of heart felt experience are praising God. We rejoice that, "the promise is unto you and your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

Truro District.—We have reason to bless God that we find in this field many evidences that the God of our father is still with His laborers. The people receive gladly the preached word and in many places show prominently their appreciation of the doctrines of the Bible. The Holy Spirit has rested upon the congregations and manifested His presence by His convincing and converting power. The work in the Sabbath Schools is particularly encouraging. The growing interest manifested by the ministers and people in this department gives hope of blessed results soon to be realized. After making up the reduction by death and removals there is an increase of membership.

Cumberland District.—We record our thankfulness to Almighty Godfor the success with which He has been pleased to bless this District during the past year. His servants have not labored in vain, nor spent their strength for naught. They have gone forth weeping bearing precious seed, and have come again with rejoicing bringing their sheaves with them. Many of the circuits report a gracious outpouring of the Spirit of God, resulting in the quickening of believers and conversion of sinners. Devout attention to the preaching of the word and a growing interest in social means of grace are hopeful signs. Though there has been a large draft made on our membership by removals and deaths we are able to report an increase over last year.

GUYSBORO AND CAPE BRETON DISTRICT.—The work is in a very encouraging condition. Many of the fields have been visited by special manifestations of the Divine presence, and the Spiritual life of whole communities has been quickened and considerable numbers added to the church. Increased demand for the preaching of the word of God makes it imperatively necessary that more laborers shall be sent into the field, and further developments will mark the coming years. The membership has been considerably increased.

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Annapolis District.—On all the circuits the congregations have been large and attentive. Our people show an eager desire for the word of life, and this fact, together with the clear and forcible exhibition of Divine truth characterizing our ministry argues well for the future. On several circuits especially Middleton, Aylesford and Berwick, there have been gracious outpourings of the Divine Spirit and many souls have been converted to God. Our Sabbath School work is continuously progressive. Yet with profound regret we note that as in past years many of our people fail to appreciate the class-meetings and other distinctive Methodist services.

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.—The success of the work in this District this year is marked generally by increased congregations and increased appreciation of the word preached On some circuits and especially Lunenburg there have been enjoyed seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord and the laborers are permitted to record large Spiritual results. The membership for the District is increased.

YARMOUTH DISTRICT .- This District reports much that is encouraging. The happy triumph over death of souls that have gained the victory gives hope to those who struggle to day in life's conflict. congregations, loyalty to Christ, and liberality in sustaining the enterprises of the church, stimulate the herald of the cross The voice of praise from the lips of children rejoicing in God's converting grace are the heralding notes of the triumphal song yet to be sung to Christ our King. glad testimony of the very aged who have experienced regenerating grace is increased evidence that our High Priest is "able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." Yet we are humble when we reflect that some who support the temporalities of the church, withhold their hearts from God, forgetting that to obey is better than sacrifice, and when we note that it some places the Lord's day is not observed as a reverential regard for the command of God requires. The year has been one of success. The servants of the Lord have carried the words of life to the isolated lumbermen. Have met the hardy fisherman returning from his nets that they might catch him for Christ. Have gathered the scattered settlers of country sides and formed them in battalion marching under the orders of our King. Have gone to the busy centers of commerce, to the increasing population of manufacturing towns, to the exciting centers of speculation, and in tones to be heard above the voice of the world have asked, "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his soul;" nor asked in vain. From these scenes, and from the scenes of folly and the haunts of vice, souls have been gathered for Christ. In some cases the aged have at last yielded to the love of God, but in many cases children have proved the words of Scripture "Those who seek Me early shall find Me." We look out on the coming year with hope. God who is making us more particularly one in heart and one in action, is with us. To Him we thankfully consecrate

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## PASTORAL ADDRESS.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF THE NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE.

Dearly Beloved Brethren,-

Your ministers desire again to send you greetings from the Annual Conference now assembled in the city of Halifax. We who are your brethren and companions in the Kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ feel toward you a most tender solicitude as well as satisfactory joy because of the intimate relation which we sustain to you by the call and appointment of the great Head of the church. As Ambassadors for Christ, every sinner reconciled to God, and every act of love and loyalty to our common Lord within our charge becomes our crown and our rejoicing. Made overseer. by the Holy Ghost we seek daily wisdom in watching for your souls as those who must give an account. We therefore follow the foot-prints of an apostle in saying sincerely, "Now we live if ye stand fast in the Lord."

Our present Conference Session, while it brings close application to the combined secular and Spiritual interest of the Connexion, in review and tabulation of the year's workand the devising of plans for another year of toil and faith, brings also many opportunities for mutual fellowship and for mutual confirmation in the hopes of the Gospel. Our Anniversary services, and social and public worship have been seasons of grace and sweet delight and at the same time have brought fresh views of our reponsibilities, and have led to renewed consecration and more complete trust in the all sufficiency of the power and grace of our ever living Lord.

We are in session amidst the Sacred memories of the past. The dust of William Black, the venerable pioneer of Methodism in these Maritime Provinces, lies in God's acre outside these hallowed walls. Since his day of labors more abundant when this Halifax seemed barren soil, and all these Eastern Provinces were his parish, what hath God wrought! We can only explain the growth of our connexion to its present dimensions by saying "This is the Lord's doing and it is marvellous in our eyes. present forms an especially auspicious occasion on which to review the mercies of the past and thank God and take courage. We are making a fresh departure. This is the first assembling of our Nova Scotia Conference under the new policy instituted by the legal consummation of the union of all Methodist bodies in Canada. At this starting point we erect the memorial stone "Ebenezer-Hitherto the Lord hath helped us."

While impossible that we should all have held the same precedent opinion as to the basis of union we cannot but praise the Providence who has thus far guided the imperiled scheme through the shoals and rocks and rapids of human fallibility safely to the consummation we all so devoutly wished to see. past year were not without their benefit in inspiring greater timely caution and by the possible difficulties and burdens and incompleteness which they emphasised they now more clearly manifest the superintending wisdom of God in accomplished history. is now evident that the Union Committee builded better than they knew, for the hand of God was with them. The uniting churches have not yet, however, reached the solution of all difficulties in accomplishing the readjustment of the work and of the burdens. We therefore ask that you will continue to unite with us in prayer that an increasing measure of the Spirit of brotherly kindness and liberality may be poured upon the uniting sections of our church and that the Pentecostal fire may so melt and fuse with one common zeal for the common Master that their hearts may become as the heart of one man and not so much as a scar remain to tell where the parts were brought

The practical working of union affects us but little in Nova Scotia, except in so far as we are a connexion and one part of the body must suffer or rejoice with the pain or pleasure of the rest. The new burdens or difficulties will fall lightly on us as we were always one, but already we share equally in the advantages and pleasures. Foremost among these is the presence in our deliberations of an equal number of laymen to prove that in the multitude of counsellors there is wisdom. The benefit will doubtless ..

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be mutual. Our lay members will bring in light and help to us and will carry out a better knowledge of our work to you, "To the end that we may be comforted together by the mutual faith" both of you and us.

We pause in our retrospect of the past and outlook upon the future to reverently bow before the will of the Almighty who is ever burying his workmen while carrying on his work. One young brother Lamert Stevens at the opening of a promising ministry Two most reverend fathers who bound us to the past when we were but a missionary district of English Methodism have during this memorable year has been called away. finished their course with joy and the ministry which they obtained of the Lord Jesus. The venerable Dr. Richey, whose rich eloquence seemed peculiar to himself, one of those rare representative men who belong not only to one Conference, but to all Methodism, nor yet to one Christian body, but to all. Father Addy, whose pioneer toils have won trophies for Christ in these provinces, a most successful, loving minister of the New Testament whose faith we would follow.

We are again encouraged by signs that the word preached has come in demonstration of the Spirit and that your faith has not stood in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. We are gladdened by the reports, of numerous conversions in many circuits. So that after suffering many losses by death and removal our membership increases by 339 persons. Our Sabbath schools and other branches of church work

also show signs of life and growth.

While devoutly thankful that the past year has not been without its increase to the labors of the sower, there remains very much in our failure to overtake the work that is given us to do that causes sorrow and humiliation of Spirit. What are the results in comparison with the demands and with the exceeding greatness of Christ's power toward them that believe! Fields unreaped are waving white unto the harvest. Souls for whom Christ died perish from out the shadows of our sanctuaries. Iniquity abounds, unbelief deadens, false teaching poisons, and worldliness lurrs to an enchanted destruction. In confronting these facts we wish to enlist your earnest prayerfulness and hearty co-operation.

To meet in part the demands far more extended revival work the Conference has entertained the conviction that it ought to set apart one of its members as an evangelist. to visit those circuits from which might come the Macedonian cry. A similar impressive power in many minds without consultation points to the leaving of the Divine Spirit, to make provision for this work so soon as Providence has placed within our reach the man and means. Meanwhile a large Committee has been appointed to hold

the matter in deliberation. But we wish to remind you, brethren, that for the success or failure of a preached Gospel the church at large shares the responsibility with its ministers. Ye are testifiers before the world of what Christ has done and is able to do as surely as ver are preachers thereof. It is becoming that both the witness and proclamation be equally true and that there be no uncertain sound. Ye are the salt, ye are the light, ye are the bride, ye are the body of Christ. Ye are the members who serve the head and carry into operation the will and wisdom, and loving thought of the head. What is the advantage of an arm or a foot or a finger if it do not obey the thinking of the head which is sent in thrilling in pulses to every extremity of the muscular fibre? Does not the Spirit of Christ dwell in all His members and make their pulse to throb with His love and work in them both, to will and to do of His good pleasure.

Suffer us then, dear brethren, to stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance. It behooves all those who constitute any part of the visible church to consider what Christ and His apostles meant by the church of which such glorious things are spoken. What could the church mean to the mind of the apostles but the ecclesia or called out of Christ-those who hear His voice and forsake all to follow Him; those who find a magnetism in His person; those whose hearts under the pleading Spirit answer to Christ's great heart, and who enter His service and rally round His cross. They are the called of Christ. They have come out of the world. They are fully on the Lord's side. They are His peculiar people i.e., His own specials, somewhat in the sense in which a body guard is the King's own. They are zealous of good works. In this sense only can any

people claim to be the church.

This is a great honor to which any presume to aspire. In order that they may attain thereunto should they not jealously guard against counter influences and zealously employ every means that can promote piety or usefulness. Examine yourselves, dear

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brethren, and see whether you are taking heed to the teachings of God's word and the warnings presented by the failure of many that did run well. Is the word of God always more precious to you than gold and sweeter than honey or the honeycomb? Do you not merely read it as a form of duty, but mark, learn and inwardly digest it? Do you hide it in your heart, and make it the man of your counsel, and dig into it as for hidden treasure? Do you abide by it in all things as a final appeal and trust its plain spoken sayings whether in joy or sorrow, in prosperity or adversity? Do you likewise set aside sufficient time daily for communion with God, and allow neither business nor pleasure to to set aside the engagement you have made with your Lord. If ye do these things happy are ye. Coming from that bright presence your heart will warm and your face will shine, and as you mingle with busy care-encumbered men they will take knowledge of you that you have been with Jesus.

We affectionately urge you, beloved brethren, to a diligent use of all the ordinances of the Christian religion, and all our means of grace. attention to the importance of regularly partaking of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. We would especially call your There Christ is evidently set forth as crucified and slain; a public profession of faith in His blood is made and the seal of grace is imparted by the Spirit to every humble and believing partaker. Let no superstitious dread on the one hand or lax indifference on the other rob you of these rich privileges. Also we would remind you of the inestimable benefits to be derived from regular attendance upon class meetings, which together with our love-feasts form the nearest approach we have to meetings of the early Christians for fellowship. The test of years does not diminish but only intensify the evidence of the providential wisdom of this social service as a means of mutual edification and a

Study to understand and then to experience the possibilities of the Christian in being saved to the uttermost. As creation was accomplished in successive stages, taking such progressive leaps as to mark each period of development from its predecessor, so God is consistent with himself in accomplishing the new creation of a human soul by successive stages. There is progress and growth in the sanctified plane of the new life after conversion, and there is more rapid progress and fuller growth in an entirely sanctified plane of Christian life. A purified heart gives all the room to Christ and presents no obstacle to the progress of His grace and does not thwart the full intention of His atonment. Emptied of inbred sin is it possible to have fulfilled in us the prayer of Paul for the Ephesians, "That Christ may dwell inyour heart by faith, that ye being rooted and grounded in love may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the length and breadth and depth and height, and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge that ye might be filled with all the 'ulness of God." Covet earnesly this best gift of the Christian perfection of love. Since it is the gift of God it can be received

Methodism is the child of Providence, raised up to spread Scriptural holiness through the land. Only in fulfilling this mission does our Church find a sufficient reason for her separate existence, otherwise she might plead quietly to the oft repeated charge of schism. The Methodist revival under the leadership of Wesley was simply Christianity in earnest, revivifying and electrifying embalmed doctrines that lay like mummies in the classic creeds of historic churches. Discarding their grave-clothes and walking forth from their sepulchre, no longer dead ideals but living realities, their ancient guardians failed to recognize their own words and mistook them for new strange and fanatical doctrines. The necessity for conviction of sin and repentance, before saving faith in Christ can be exercised, the doctrine of the Spirit to the acceptance of all who believe because they are made children of God, the doctrine that the God of peace will sanctify as wholly in this life because "Christ loved the church andgave himself for it that He might present it to Himself a glorious church not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing;" these were peculiarities of Methodism because made peculiarly powerful and viv. d by her preaching and revivals.

Ever maintain these peculiarities of our fathers as living verities. This can only be done by maintaining the revival spirit. The revival spirit will not only lead to the sound conversion of your families and friends but will be the surest and speediest way to lift many local burdens and rift many gathering clouds. worship with anxious enquirers. It will add to their godliness brotherly kindness and It will fill your places of to their brotherly kindness charity. It will make them more economical and generous for Christ's sake. It will save you from many strained efforts in raising money to meet

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Cultivate the heart religion of which we have been speaking and you will find that it is a practical religion. The man who is the best citizen of Heaven is now the best citizen of earth, the man who is best prepared to die and enter the unseen holy is best prepared to live and act his part without fear or favor. Brethren, we need not best prepared to live and act his part without fear or favor. Brethren, we need not exhort you as to your duty in worldly commerce, as to your duty toward your families, as to your duty toward the great moral reforms and benevolent enterprises of the day, if you are being filled with all the fulness of God. In that case your are becoming a law unto yourselves.

But we would pause a moment to remind you of at least two pressing calls to faithfulness. First:—the temperance cause. The triumphs of this cause during the past decade are marked, yet sleepless watchfulness, eternal vigilance, is the price of the liberty so dearly won. Nay, more, the time is not far distant when on all this North American Continent moral suasion and defence must give place to forward movements along the whole line in order to carry prohibition of this evil business into every town and county. Be strong and quit you like men. Be not simply the silent friends of temperance, but give your voice and vote and influence ever in its support. Let no monied influence, or political influence, or social influence make you show the white feather. Stronger is He that is for you than all that can be against you.

The other subject to which we specially refer is the children, your own at home and others in the Sunday School. If you do not hold the honored privilege yourself of working in the Sabbath School, co-operate with those that do in every way that lies open. Give the work your support, your interest, your prayers, and your occasional presence. The men and women of a few years hence are to be made or marred in their childhood. But do not, we beseech you, imagine that the Sabbath School can supplant the most careful training in piety at home. Let family worship be adapted to the children. See that they become acquainted with our evangelical views of Scripture so that they may not afterward be carried about with every wind of doctrine. Act for these precious souls in God's stead till they are of age. Carefully watch their reading, their companionships, their amusements, as those that must give an account. Above all, never import into your homes as attractions for your boys and girls any of those amusements which are in any form associated with the world's crying sins. By so doing you are only warming a serpent at your heart. Provoke not your children to wrath. Be patient, be cheerful, be sympathetic, but be firm and home will be forever the

brightest oasis on earth. From this subject we naturally glide into the presentation of the claims of our Educational Institutions at Sackville to your fullest confidence and patronage. It is very important for you that the Institutions of learning that teach your sons and daughters the branches of higher thought at the most impressible period of their life should be able to guarantee their Christian nurture and guardianship as well. It is more important than ought else that a college for boys or seminary for girls should be to them a true "Alma Mater," or, foster mother, nourishing them when away from home with something approaching to a mother's tender solicitude. On the other hand so far as a secular education is desirable we are quite willing that our Sackville Institutions. should stand upon their own merits side by side with any in the land. Judged by their fruits ye may know them. Judged by the success of their Alumni at home and abroad their true excelleuce may be measured. The completion of the fine new college building and Memorial Hall on this the first year of our second Century and the first year of United Methodism marks the dawn of a new era of broad and liberal sympathy and support for this vital part of our Church work. Already an earnest of the future has been given by the generous donations of many. No equal amount of money can make its influence felt down such an ever deepening and widening stream as that which supports and advances a higher Christian education.

We desire also that our own literature should be more widely circulated. We would that all our people were better informed concerning our past and present history and the biographies of eminently-devoted men and women. We trust that you will supply your Sabbath schools, and when possible, your homes from the carefully selected supplies of our Book Room. This institution gives the lowest possible rates. The Rev. Stephen F. Huestis continues to give to this department his business tact and godly discernment.

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In conclusion, dear brethren, we ask you to pray for us that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified. Pray for Zion. They shall prosper that love her. There is much done, but remember the promises and the faithfulness of the Promiser. See how full are the provisions. "I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground; I will pour My Spirit upon thy seed and my blessing upon thine offspring." See also what is required of us. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse and prove me now herewith saith the Lord of Hosts if I will not pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." And now we would commend you to God and to the word of His grace. "And may the very God of peace sanctify you wholly and we pray your whole spirit and soul and body may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

JABEZ A. ROGERS, President. CRANSWICK JOST, Secretary,

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### ADDRESS,

To HIS HONOR MATTHEW H. RICHEY, Esq., D. C. L. ETC., LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF NOVA SCOTIA.

The members of the Nova Scotia Conference, ministers and laymen, assembled in May it please your Honor :their new relation, as part of the recently organized Methodism of the Dominion, comprising over three quarters of a million of people, take the earliest opportunity afforded by this Conferential gathering, of offering to you as Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, the expression of cordial congratulation and esteem.

In character and varied accomplishments, we believe that you are possessed of eminent qualifications for the discharge of high official duties; but our satisfaction is very much intensified from the fact that your honored father, the late Rev. Dr. Richey, was for a long period one of the most gifted and brilliant ministers of our Church, and we rejoice that the influence of his name is being perpetuated along new lines of useful-

For the person and government of our august and revered Sovereign, Queen Victoria, ness and distinction. we cherish a profound veneration; the advantages of the constitution, under which it is our pride and privilege to live, are ever borne in mind; we can therefore assure you of a deep, traditional, and patriotic loyalty to the established institutions of our country. It is our hope and fervent prayer that your administration may be signalized by the Divine blessing and that it may contribute greatly to the advancement of national, educational, and religious interests of this our beloved land.

We have also to assure Mrs. Richey and other members of your family of our

sincerest esteem, and of our best wishes for their highest welfare.

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference,

J. A. Rogers, President, CRANSWICK JOST, Secretary.

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OF HIS HONOR, THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF NOVA SCOTIA.

TO THE REVEREND JABEZ A. ROGERS, PRESIDENT, AND MEMBERS OF THE METHODIST ·CONFEBENCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Mr. President, Reverend Gentlemen, and Gentlemen :-

It is, I assure you, a high gratification to me as Lieutenant Governor, as it would be to any one eccupying the position which I have been called to fill, to receive a testimony of regard and good will from the representative assembly in Nova Scotia of so large and influential a body as the Methodists of Canada, but as the son of one long eminent and useful among you, and whose memory, I feel, I cannot too greatly revere, I experience a peculiar satisfaction in this evidence and assurance of your esteem and

In expressing profound veneration for the person and government of our august and support. beloved sovereign, Queen Victoria, and a glad recognition of the advantages of our position as her subjects, you but reiterate the sentiment of loyalty which I know has ever been cherished among you, and that attachment to the British Constitution so fervently expressed by your own Adam Clarke when he said, "God alone can overthrow it, and

He will not destroy the work of his own hands." I join with you sincerely in the prayer that God's blessing may continue to be vouchsafed to us as a people, and I regard it as a happy augury of the Divine favor that long disunited sections of Methodism have been wrought into complete and harmonious

I ask you to accept the cordial thanks of Mrs. Richey and the other members of my family, as well as my own, for your expressions of esteem towards them, and to believe that they with me are earnest in the hope that the richest blessings of heaven may rest upon you as a Church and as individuals.

M. H. RICHEY, Lieut.-Governor.

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1. Public Collection.....October or November. 2. Collection in classses...........November and December.

Educational Fund:

Public Collection......February or April.

Conference collection......May.

### UNLICENSED MINISTERS.

Whereas, from time to time, persons who are strangers to our Conference come amongst us, requesting access to our pulpits and soliciting letters of recommendation Resolved,

That this Conference hereby urges upon the several circuits, that all such applications be refused, except to those who produce unmistakeable credentials.

### HALIFAX FRIENDS.

Resolved,

That this Conference desires to acknowledge the very great kindness of the Halifax friends who have so hospitably entertained the members of the Conference during its present session, and directs that this resolution of thanks shall be published in the daily papers, and that the Superintendents of the Halifax circuits be requested to read the

## SUPEERINTENDENTS OF HALIFAX CIRCUITS.

Resolved.

That the thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby presented to the Supertendents of the Halifax circuits, for the very excellent and satisfactory arrangements made by them for the meeting of this Conference.

### RAILWAYS AND STEAMBOATS.

Resolved,

That the thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby presented to the Superintendent of the I. C. Railway; to the Windsor and Annapolis and Western Counties Railways, the Nova Scotia Railway and to the Steamboat Companies, for their kindness in granting reduced rates of travel to Ministers and lay delegates attending

### THE NEXT CONFERENCE.

Resolved,

That every Minister who shall be unable to attend Conference is peremptorily required to give information of the fact to the Superintendent of the circuit in which the Conference shall be held, not later than three weeks before the Conference is

### MISSIONARY LISTS.

Each Superintendent is required to present at the Annual District Meeting, prepared on foolscap paper and made up in Canadian currency a perfect list of all subscribers of one dollar and upwards; all amounts under one dollar to be entered under small sums; and each Chairman is required to present such list to the Missionary Secretary in a state ready for publication—on the day previous to the Meeting of the Missionary

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Each Superintendent is required to present at the District Meeting, in a form for publication, a perfect list of the benefactors and subscribers to this Society, and the Chairmen of the Districts shall present such lists to the Secretary of the Educational Fund Committee on the day previous to the meeting of said Committee.

# CONTINGENT AND SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS' FUNDS.

Superintendents are requested to see that the annual public collections are takenfor these funds at the time appointed. For the latter fund subscriptions and donation shall be taken in the classes and among the lay friends of the church, and the names of all annual subscribers of five dollars or more shall be forwarded to the Treasurer for publication in the Minutes of Conference.

### CHILDREN'S FUND.

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

### RELIGIOUS STATE.

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

BOOK ROOM ACCOUNTS.

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

### THE WESLEYAN.

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

#### DISTRICT MINUTES

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

## WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Resolved: That the best thanks of this Conference be presented to the ladies of the Woman's Missionary Society for the generous manner in which they entertained the Conference on Tuesday afternoon last, and expresses its confidence in the important work in which they are engaged and cherishes the hope that a branch of this society will soon he formed on every circuit.

### TO THE HALIFAX DAILY PAPERS.

That the thanks of the Conference are due and are hereby tendered to the Press of the city for the full and fair reports which have been furnished during the Conference Session.

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### CONFERENCE SACRAMENTAL SERVICE.

Resolved: That the Superintendent of the Lunenburg Circuit be instructed to provide, in the Conference Plan for religious services at next Conference, for a Sacramental service to follow the election of officers of the Conference, and that the Conference Prayer Meeting commence after the conclusion of the Sacramental Service.

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