

# MINUTES

OF THE

## NEWFOUNDLAND CONFERENCE

OF THE

## METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA.

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(EIGHTH SESSION.)

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1881:

CONFERENCE OFFICE, 141 GRANVILLE STREET,  
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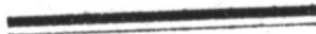
OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE,

1881.



PRESIDENT.

Rev. CHARLES LADNER.



SECRETARY.

Rev. GEORGE BOYD.



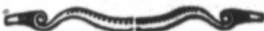
The Newfoundland Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada was organized in George Street Church, St. John's, on Wednesday, August 5th, 1874.

### SESSIONS OF CONFERENCE.

YEAR	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.
1874 . . .	St. John's . . .	Geo S. Milligan, MA	Thomas Harris
1875 . . .	St. John's . . .	Thomas Harris . . .	James Dove
1876 . . .	St. John's . . .	James Dove . . .	John Goodison
1877 . . .	Carbonear . . .	John Goodison . . .	Joseph Pascoe
1878 . . .	St. John's . . .	Geo S. Milligan, MA	James Dove
1879 . . .	St. John's . . .	James Dove . . .	Charles Ladner
1880 . . .	Carbonear . . .	Thomas Harris . . .	Charles Ladner
1881 . . .	St. John's . . .	Charles Ladner . . .	George Boyd



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OF THE  
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**JUNE 22nd., 1881.**



Begun in Gower Street Church, St. John's, Wednesday, June 22nd, at 9.30 a.m. The Rev. Thomas Harris, Retiring President, occupied the chair.

After singing the 478th Hymn, the Secretary of the Conference read the 145th Psalm, and prayer was offered by the Revs. J. S. Peach and Thomas Fox.

The roll was called and thirty-one members answered to their names.

The Conference proceeded to the election of its President, which resulted in the choice of the Rev. Charles Ladner, who immediately took the chair.

The President briefly addressed the Conference, and directed it to proceed to the election of a Secretary. The ballot resulted in the election of the Rev. G. Boyd to that office.

The Rev. F. G. Willey was elected Journal Secretary.

The Revs. William Swann and George P. Story were appointed Assistant Secretaries, and the Rev. James Nurse, Assistant Journal Secretary.

The Conference Prayer-meeting was held, as usual, from 12 to 1 o'clock, p.m.

**Question I. Are there any objections to any of our Ministers and Probationers ?**

*Answer.*

They were examined one by one.

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**Question II. Who are now suspended from the office of the Ministry, and expelled from the Church ?**

*Answer.*—None.

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**Question III.—Who are now deposed from the office of the Ministry ?**

*Answer.*—None.

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**Question VI.—Who have withdrawn from the work of the Ministry ?**

*Answer.*—None.

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**Question V—Who have been transferred, and to what Conference ?**

*Answer.*

Rev. Job Shenton, to the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference.

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**Question VI—Who now enter this Conference by transfer, and from what Conference ?**

*Answer.*

Rev. W. W. Percival, from the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference.

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**Question VII. Who compose the several Conference Committees ?**

*Stationing Committee.*

ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.—The President of Conference and Rev. Thomas Harris.



CARBONEAR DISTRICT.—Rev. James Dove and Rev. William Swann.

BONAVISTA DISTRICT.—Rev. Jeremiah Embree and Rev. James Nurse.

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*Pastoral Address.*

Revs. F. G. Willey and Edgar Taylor.

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*Memorials.*

Revs. Joseph Parkins and John Pratt.

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*Letter Writers.*

Revs. T. W. Atkinson and William Kendall.

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*Statistical Returns.*

The Financial Secretaries and Secretaries of Connexional Funds.

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*Sabbath Schools.*

Revs William Kendall, F. G. Willey and Joseph Lister.

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*Contingent Fund.*

The President, Ex-President and Secretary of Conference.

Rev. James Dove,  
 “ John Goodison,  
 “ Jeremiah Embree,  
 “ Solomon Matthews,  
 Mr. J. E. P. Peters, Treas.  
 “ J. A. Whiteford,

Hon. E. White,  
 Mr. James Angell,  
 Mr. A. F. Shirran,  
 “ A. A. Thomson,  
 I. L. McNeil, Esqr., J. P.

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*Educational Fund.*

The President of the Conference.

Rev. G. S. Milligan, M. A., Treas.  
 “ G. Boyd,  
 “ W. W. Percival,  
 “ T. W. Atkinson,

J. L. McNeil, Esq., J. P.,  
 Sheriff Bemister,  
 Hon. C. R. Ayre,  
 R. E. Holloway, Esq, B. A.



*Missionary Society.*

## The President of Conference.

Rev. W. W. Percival,	Hon. C. R. Ayre, Lay-Treas.
" T. H. James,	" J. J. Rogerson,
" J. Dove, Treasurer,	" E. White,
" J. S. Peach,	J. Steer, Esqr.,
" G. S. Milligan, M. A.,	Sheriff Bemister.
" J. Embree,	J. L. McNeil, Esqr., J.P.
" S. Matthews,	T. C. Duder, Esqr.,
" J. Parkins,	J. Woods, Esq.,
	G. W. Mews, Esqr.

*Supernumerary Fund.*

Rev. James Dove, Treasurer.	I. L. McNeil, Esq. J.P.,
" T. H. James,	Lay-Treasurer
" J. Embree,	Mr. G. W. Mews,
" John Reay,	Sheriff Bemister.

*Committee for Examination of Candidates.*

Rev. J. Embree,	Rev. J. Lister,
" J. Parkins,	" T. W. Atkinson,
" J. Dove,	" J. Nurse,
" F. G. Willey,	" G. Boyd,
" W. Swann,	" T. H. James,
" J. Pascoe,	" J. Goodison.
" J. Hill,	" S. Matthews,
" R. W. Freeman,	" J. B. Heal,
" G. P. Story,	" T. Harris,
" E. Taylor,	" H. Lewis,
" G. Bond, A. B.	" C. Ladner.

*Parsonage Aid Committee.*

The President and Ex-President of Conference ; Rev. J. S. Peach, Secretary-Treasurer ; Rev. George Boyd, Assistant Secretary ; John Steer, Esq., Treasurer.	
Rev. John Goodison,	Hon. J. Rorke,
" J. Reay,	John Woods, Esqr.,
" S. Matthews,	James Hippisley, Esq., J.P.,
" J. Embree,	J. Saint, Esq., M.H.A.
" C. Myers,	Mr. G. W. Mews,
" J. Hill,	" J. B. Ayre,
" J. Pratt,	" S. R. March,
Hon. E. White,	" J. Maddock,
" J. J. Rogerson,	" J. Bartlett.
" C. R. Ayre,	

*Conference Special-Committee.*

The President and Secretary of Conference, and Chairmen of Districts :—

Rev. J. Dove,  
 “ J. S. Peach,  
 “ J. Goodison,

Rev. W. W. Percival,  
 “ S. Matthews.

*Members of General Conference Committee.*

## I—CENTRAL MISSIONARY BOARD.

Rev. C. Ladner,                      Hon. C. R. Ayre, Lay-Representative.

## II—BOOK-ROOM COMMITTEE.

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

## III—TRANSFER COMMITTEE.

Rev. C. Ladner.

## IV—CORRESPONDING MEMBER OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL BOARD.

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

## PASTORAL ADDRESS FOR 1882.

Revs. J. Embree and G. J. Bond, A.B.

## GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES TO BE APPOINTED AT THE DISTRICT MEETING :

St. John's District 1;              Carbonear District 2;  
 Bonavista District 1.

## ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE

Rev. J. Dove, Rev. J. Shenton, alternate.

Question VIII. What Probationers are this year received into full connection with the Conference and ordained?

*Answer,*

Joseph A. Jackson,              William R. Tratt.

Question IX.—What Probationers remain on trial?

*Answer.*

George Vater who has travelled three years.

## STUDENTS ALLOWED TO ATTEND SACKVILLE.

John E. Peters, who has travelled four years.

James Wilson, who has travelled three years.

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**Question X.—What Candidates for our ministry are now received on Trial?**

*Answer.*

Robert Bruce Hemlaw.

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**Question XI.—Who have died since the last Conference ?**

*Answer.*

**WILLIAM EWEN SHENSTONE,**

who was born at Wisbeach, Cambridgeshire, England on the 14th August 1803. From youth he was the subject of serious impressions, and when about twenty years of age was led to decide for God.

Soon after his conversion, he began to exercise those gifts which so well fitted him for the office of the Christian ministry. In the year 1828 he became a candidate for our work, and by direction of the Missionary Committee was sent to Lower Canada, where he laboured with becoming zeal and fidelity for several years. He was afterwards removed to Nova Scotia, where he also faithfully discharged the duties of his high and holy calling, and where his name is still fragrant in the memory of many of our people. Truly "The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance," and "The memory of the just is blessed." His next field of labour was the Bermudas, where his gentlemanly demeanour and Christian character won for him the esteem and affection of all who knew him.

Leaving the Bermudas in 1848 he came to Newfoundland. For twenty years he laboured with assiduity and becoming zeal, and when, in 1868, he became a supernumerary he received from his brethren a proof of their esteem and brotherly love in the form of an address presented to him by the members of the District. Again, at the Conference of 1878, in commemoration of the Jubilee of his ministry, his brethren and friends expressed their sincere respect, veneration and love for him, whom God had so highly honored and blessed during a long and well spent life of consecration to His service. Our beloved brother and venerated father in the gospel, was a man of sterling integrity and unblemished reputation. He was greatly blessed of God, in witnessing the conversion of many of those



to whom he ministered the Word of Life. He was not a stranger to sorrow. Like many of the Lord's chosen ones, he knew what it was to drink from the cup of affliction. But amidst all, he enjoyed the favour of Him whose he was and whom he served. Both in his life and death there was a beautiful illustration of the divine promise. "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end."

He died at Brigus on Saturday morning, December the 11th, 1880.

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**Question XII.—Who are the Superannuated Ministers?**

*Answer.*—None.

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**Question XIII.—Who are the Supernumerary Ministers?**

*Answer.*

John S. Peach, Thomas Fox, Thomas Harris, Joseph Pascoe.

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

REV. CHARLES LADNER, PRESIDENT.  
 REV. GEORGE BOYD, SECRETARY.

*I.—ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.*

1. Saint John's—William W. Percival, Thomas H. James, J. A. Jackson; G. S. Milligan, M. A., Superintendent of Day-schools, (by permission of Conference); Thomas Fox, Thomas Harris and Joseph Pascoe, Supernumeraries.
2. Pouch Cove—Robert Bramfitt.
3. Burin—William Kendall.
4. Grand Bank—James Nurse.
5. Fortune—Robert W. Freeman.
6. Burgeo—One to be sent.
7. Petites—John F. Bowell.
8. Channel—Jesse Heyfield.
9. St. Pierre—One wanted.
10. Flat Island, } Samuel Snowden.
11. Sound Island, }
12. Flower Cove—An Agent.
13. St. Anthony—William R. Tratt.
14. Bonne Bay and Bay of Islands.—William B. Seccombe.
15. Labrador—Henry C. Hatcher.

GEORGE S. MILLIGAN, M. A., *Chairman,*  
 WILLIAM W. PERCIVAL, *Fin. Sec'y.*

## II.—CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

16. Carbonear—George Boyd, Secretary of Conference, George Vater ; John S. Peach. Supy.
17. Harbor Grace—J. Goodison.
18. Brigus—C. Ladner, President of Conference.
19. Cupids—John Reay. (The brethren of Brigus and Cupids to exchange once in six weeks.)
20. Bay Roberts—Edgar Taylor, who is to visit Spanish Bay on one Sabbath in each month.
21. Port de Grave—Francis G. Willey, who is to visit Bay Roberts on one Sabbath in each month.
22. Blackhead—James Dove.
23. Western Bay—John Pratt.
24. Island Cove—William Jennings.
25. Old Perlican—William Swann.
26. Hants Harbor—G. Philiskirk Story.
27. Hearts Content—George Paine.
28. Trinity—George Bond, B. A.
29. Random, North—Henry Lewis.
30. Random, South—One to be sent.
31. Green's Harbor—An Agent, under the superintendence of the minister at Port de Grave.

CHARLES LADNER, *Chairman*,  
JOHN GOODISON, *Fin. Secretary*.



## III.—BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

32. Bonavista—Jeremiah Embree, George Bullen.
33. Catalina—Jabez Hill.
34. Greenspond—Solomon Matthews.
35. Twillingate—Thomas W. Atkinson.
36. Exploits—Joseph Parkins.
37. Musgrave Town—Robert B. Hemlaw.
38. Musgrave Harbor—James B. Heal.
39. Fogo—Anthony Hill.
40. Herring Neck—William H. Edyvean.
41. Moreton's Harbor—James Pincock.
42. Little Bay Islands—Joseph Lister.
43. Bett's Cove and Tilt Cove—Charles Myers.

JEREMIAH EMBREE, *Chairman*,  
THOMAS W. ATKINSON, *Fin. Sec'y*.

Students appointed to Sackville—John Peters, James Wilson.

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

ANSWER.

**ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.**

CIRCUITS.	MEMBERSHIP		Preaching Places.	Attendance on Public Worship	Baptisms.	Marriages.
	Members.	On trial.				
St. John's.....	655	38	4	2160	180	59
Pouch Cove.....	113	36	4	500	21	3
Burin.....	300	12	7	1400	67	15
Grand Bank.....	85		2	800	32	8
Fortune.....	80	35	1	500	28	10
Burgeo.....			18		8	2
Petites.....	44	5	10	550	39	9
Channel.....	51	11	5	260	19	3
St. Pierre.....						
Flat Island.....	206	20	16	700	34	3
Flower Cove.....	34		7	290	13	
St. Anthony.....	110		17	500	26	5
Bonne Bay.....	72	56	5	200	9	3
Labrador.....	40	13				
	1790	226	91	7770	425	120

**CARBONEAR DISTRICT.**

Carbonear.....	769	300	6	2400	144	30
Harbor Grace.....	119	3	3	800	56	16
Brigus.....	148		3	802	51	12
Cupids.....	148	10	4	700	52	12
Bay Roberts.....	75	4	5	500	20	12
Port de Grave.....	38	14	3	350	8	2
Blackhead.....	485	50	3	1100	52	7
Western Bay.....	316	9	3	800	40	6
Island Cove.....	350	12	5	950	52	10
Old Perlican.....	250	6	2	750	36	6
Hants Harbor.....	158	18	4	900	53	6
Heart's Content.....	37	3	4	300	10	1
Trinity.....	74	47	6	500	23	2
Random, North.....	100	3	15	500	35	8
Kandom, South.....	114	26	15	450	18	1
Green's Harbor.....	24	0	7	280	8	2
	3205	505	88	12082	658	133

## BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	MEMBERSHIP		Preaching Places.	Attendance on Public Worship	Baptisms.	Marriages.
	Members.	On Trial.				
Bonavista.....	546	30	3	2300	95	16
Catalina.....	82	10	2	600	35	8
Green's Pond.....	363	7	18	1750	95	23
Twillingate.....	200	400	6	1600	67	25
Exploits.....	283	10	10	800	36	7
Musgrave Town.....	69	18	5	500	21	2
Musgrave Harbor.....	125	22	5	650	27	10
Fogo.....	165		4	450	19	5
Herring Neck.....	88	62	4	500	19	5
Moreton's Harbor.....	96	17	5	820	17	9
Little Bay Island.....	200	30	12	800	33	15
Betts Cove and Tilt Cove.....	108	173	16	600	47	14
	2325	779	90	11370	511	139

## RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.						
St. John's.....	1790	226	91	7770	425	120
Carbonear.....	3205	505	88	12082	658	133
Bonavista.....	2325	779	90	11370	511	139
	7320	1510	269	31222	1594	392

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

ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	QUARTERLY MEETING.		Local Preachers.	Sabbath Schools.	CONNEXIONAL PROPERTY.			Value including Lands.
	Ministers and Probationers.	Laymen.			Churches.	Schools.	Parsonages.	
St. John's .....	5	25	3	3	3		1	\$75000 00
Pouch Cove .....	1	12		3	2		1	2820 00
Burin.....	1	12	1	2	1		1	4000 00
Grand Bank .....	1	6		1	1	1	1	10000 00
Fortune.....	1	11		1	1		1	10000 00
Burgeo .....	1							
Petites.....	1	3		3	1		1	2250 00
Channel.....	1			1	2			1100 00
St Pierre.....								
Flat Island .....	1	10		3	1		1	2000 00
Flower Cove .....				2	2			
St Anthony .....	1		6	4	1			950 00
Bonne Bay.....	1			1		1		1250 00
Labrador .....	1							
	16	79	13	24	15	2	7	\$109370 00

CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

Carbonear .....	3	20	4	6	3	4	1	\$22000 00
Harbor Grace. ....	1	14	1	3	2	3	1	16080 00
Brigus .....	1			1	1		1	8000 00
Cupids .....	1	3	1	2	2	1	1	6000 00
Bay Roberts .....	1			2	3			2600 00
Port de Grave. ....	1			1	1	1		1600 00
Blackhead .....	1	24		2	1		1	8000 00
Western Bay.....	1	14		2	2		1	8000 00
Island Cove .....	1	15	3	2	2		1	3600 00
Old Perlican .....	1	12		2	2		1	5600 00
Hants Harbor .....	1	7		2	4		1	5400 00
Hearts' Content .....	1	2		2	2			1600 00
Trinity .....	1	4	2	5	2			4000 00
Random, North .....	1	5		4	5		1	1500 00
Random, South.....	1	10	1	3	3	3		1500 00
Green's Harbor.....	1	4		1		1	1	800 00
	18	134	12	40	35	13	11	\$96280 00

Marriages.

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**BONAVISTA DISTRICT.**

CIRCUITS.	QUARTERLY MEETINGS.		Local Preachers.	Sabbath Schools.	CONNEXIONAL PROPERTY.			Value including Lands.
	Ministers and Probationers.	Laymen.			Churches.	Schools.	Parsonages.	
Bonavista .....	1	41	5	4	3	1	1	\$15000 00
Catalina.....	1	2		2	1	1	1	4800 00
Greens' Pond ..	2	32	5	7	3		1	5000 00
Twillingate..	1	18		3	2	1	1	8500 00
Exploits.....	1	10		2	2		1	1720 00
Musgrave Town.....	1	7	2	2	3			3000 00
Musgrave Harbor....	1	7	1	3	1			3200 00
Fogo.....	1	12	1	3	3		1	3600 00
Herring Neck ..	1	5	1	3	2		1	1000 00
Moreton's Harbor....	1	2		3	2		1	2800 00
Little Bay Island....	1	13	4	5	2		1	1600 00
Betts Cove & Tilt C've	2	13	4	7	3			3500 00
	14	162	23	44	27	3	9	\$58720 00

**RECAPITULATION.**

DISTRICTS.	Ministers and Probationers.	Laymen.	Local Preachers.	Sabbath Schools.	Churches.	Schools.	Parsonages.	Value including Lands.
St John's.....	16	79	13	24	15	2	7	\$109370 00
Carbonear .....	18	134	12	40	35	13	11	96280 00
Bonavista.....	14	162	23	44	27	3	9	53720 00
	48	375	48	108	77	18	27	\$259370 00

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

ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Missionary Fund.	Contingent Fund.	Superannuery Fund.	Educational Fund.	Sabbath S. Fund.
St John's.....	\$1319 27	\$60 00	\$80 00	\$109 00	\$10 00
Pouch Cove.....	19 20	1 00	1 50	1 00	
Burin.....	60 00	3 20	3 50	3 10	1 00
Grand Bank.....	137 30	6 00	5 00	4 20	1 00
Fortune.....	94 00	5 40	4 40	2 10	1 05
Burgeo.....	13 00				
Petites.....	31 88	1 50	2 00	1 20	1 10
Channel.....	27 28	2 50	3 00	1 00	1 00
Flat Island.....	35 55	1 00	1 30	1 00	1 00
Flower Cove.....	3 00			1 00	
St Anthony.....	44 50	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Bonne Bay.....	11 10	2 35	2 25	1 00	1 20
Labrador.....			*		
	\$1796 08	\$83 95	\$103 95	\$126 16	\$18 35

\* \$2 50 for 1880. No returns this year.

CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

Carbonear.....	\$354 39	\$22 00	\$28 20	\$14 05	\$4 00
Harbor Grace.....	233 43	15 50	15 80	8 50	1 00
Brigus.....	64 64	7 10	14 40	8 30	1 00
Cupids.....	49 00	3 00	3 00	1 20	1 00
Bay Roberts.....	88 42	1 25	1 10	1 00	1 00
Port de Grave.....	15 31	1 00	1 75	1 00	
Blackhead.....	82 80	2 30	4 00	1 25	1 00
Western Bay.....	66 00	2 30	3 19	1 00	1 00
Island Cove.....	57 38	1 00	3 21	1 40	1 00
Old Perlican.....	70 00	2 00	3 00	2 70	1 00
Hant's Harbor.....	57 35	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Hearts Content.....	38 24	1 00	1 50	1 00	0 50
Trinity.....	53 17	1 10	2 00	5 00	1 00
Random, North.....	51 20	1 50	1 00	1 00	0 50
Random, South.....	26 60				
Green's Harbor.....	9 50	1 00	1 00	1 00	0 50
	\$1317 38	\$63 05	\$84 45	\$49 40	\$15 00



### BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Missionary Fund.	Contingent Fund.	Supernumery Fund.	Educational Fund.	Sabbath S Fund.
Bonavista.....	\$116 65	\$16 62	\$ 9 96	\$2 14	\$2 00
Catalina.....	20 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	1 00
Greenspond.....	126 44	12 46	6 48	7 47	2 00
Twillingate.....	100 50	6 60	10 50	6 10	1 30
Exploits.....	55 36	8 10	7 00	1 60	1 08
Musgrave Town.....	34 49	1 45	1 45	1 00	1 00
Musgrave Harbor.....	32 76	1 00	2 20	1 00	1 00
Fogo.....	72 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00
Herring Neck.....	17 40	1 00	1 00	1 00	
Moreton's Harbor.....	67 12	4 00	5 80	1 00	1 00
Little Bay Islands.....	61 57	3 00	6 00	3 00	1 00
Betts Cove & Tilt Cove,..	93 05	2 50	7 00	1 50	1 00
	\$797 34	\$62 73	\$63 39	\$28 81	\$13 38

### RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.					
St John's.....	\$1796 08	\$83 95	\$103 95	\$126 16	\$18 35
Carbonear.....	1317 38	63 05	84 15	49 40	15 50
Bonavista.....	797 34	62 73	63 39	28 81	13 38
	3910 80	\$209 73	\$251 49	\$204 37	\$47 23
Less expenses.....	111 12				
Minister's Subscriptions..			454 56		
	\$3799 68	\$209 73	\$706 05	\$204 37	\$47 23

ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Parsonage Aid Fund.	Newfoundland Methodist School Society.	General Conference Collections.
St John's.....		\$80 00	\$10 00
Pouch Cove.....	\$1 70		
Burin.....	2 00	4 00	
Grand Bank.....	1 00	2 00	
Fortne.....	4 00	2 00	0 50
Burgeo.....			
Petites.....	2 50	1 10	
Channel.....	2 00	1 60	1 00
Flat Island.....	1 10	1 00	0 60
Flower Cove.....		1 10	
St Anthony.....			
Bonne Bay.....	1 00		
Labrador.....			
	\$15 30	\$92 80	\$12 10

CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

Carbonear.....	\$1 24	\$20 00	\$1 00
Harbor Grace.....	8 50	8 20	4 00
Brigus.....	6 20	8 20	4 10
Cupids.....	1 60	1 30	1 05
Bay Roberts.....	1 00	1 00	1 00
Port de Grave.....	1 00	1 00	1 00
Blackhead.....	1 15	1 15	1 10
Western Bay.....	2 50	1 00	
Island Cove.....	1 00	1 00	1 00
Old Perlican.....	1 70	1 10	2 00
Hants Harbor.....	1 00	1 00	
Heart's Content.....	2 00	1 00	0 75
Trinity.....	1 00	1 00	
Random, North.....	1 00	1 00	1 00
Random, South.....			
Green's Harbor.....	1 00	35	0 50
	\$45 89	\$48 30	\$21 50

### BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Parsonage Aid	Newfoundland Me-	General Conference
	Fund.	thodist School	Collection.
		Society.	
Bonavista.....	\$15 00	\$5 25	\$1 00
Catalina.....	3 00	2 00	1 00
Green's Pond.....	7 20	3 12	1 00
Twillingate.....	6 00	4 00	1 50
Exploits.....	8 10	1 90	1 00
Musgrave Town.....	1 85	1 00	0 50
Musgrave Harbor.....	1 61	1 00	1 00
Fogo.....	1 50	1 50	1 00
Herring Neck.....	1 00		
Moreton's Harbor.....	2 00	1 00	1 00
Little Bay Island.....	2 00	1 20	1 00
Betts Cove and Tilt Cove.....	2 50	1 00	1 00
	<u>\$51 76</u>	<u>\$22 97</u>	<u>\$11 00</u>

### RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.			
St. John.....	\$15 30	\$92 80	\$12 10
Carbonear.....	45 89	48 30	21 50
Bonavista.....	51 76	22 97	11 00
	<u>112 95</u>	<u>164 07</u>	<u>44 60</u>



**Question XVIII.**—What are the reports of the several Committees?

*Answer.*

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

*See Appendix A.*

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

*Answer.*

The greater part of an afternoon's session was occupied in the serious consideration of this important question, during which pleasing and encouraging reference was made to the blessed revivals which have taken place on many circuits during the year. The brethren are more fully convinced that the building up of the Church of God can only be accomplished by human instrumentality permeated with the energy of the Divine Spirit, which is blessedly promised to all that believe; and whilst reconsecrating themselves to God, would affectionately invite the co-operation of the membership of the Church in her spiritual work;—the conversion of souls, and the edification of believers, feeling assured that such labour will not be in vain in the Lord.

**Question XX.**—When and where shall our next Conference be held?

*Answer.*

St. John's, on the fourth Wednesday in June 1882.

**Question XXI.**—What shall be the order of business for the Conference of 1882?

*Answer.*

*Monday, June 26th, Preparatory Day.*

Colportage Committee, }  
Temperance Committee, } 7.30 P. M.

*Tuesday 27th.*

Stationing Committee—9.30 A. M.  
 Parsonage Aid Committee—2.30 P. M.  
 Supernumerary Fund Committee—4 P. M.  
 Missionary Committee—7 P. M.

Conference to open on Wednesday June 28th, at 9.30 A. M.

The second evening of Conference to be devoted to the consideration of the work of God, when the lay friends are urged to join with the ministers in the review of the state of the work of God

The service to close with the administration of the Lord's Supper.

At our Conference Sabbath School Meeting the Conference desires the presence and aid of the teachers and children of our Sabbath Schools.

CHARLES LADNER, President.  
 GEORGE BOYD, Secretary.

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### PASTORAL ADDRESS

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

*Dearly beloved Brethren,—*

After another year of sacred toil, we are happy again to greet you in the name of our common Lord. During our temporary absence from you, in our mutual deliberations for the welfare of Zion, we remember you as doubtless you also remember us, at the throne of grace. "We have you in our hearts to die and live with you." "Grace be unto you and peace from Him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven spirits which are before the throne; and from Jesus Christ who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth." When we were about to renew our Heaven appointed toil, in leading the Lord's redeemed host another year in the wilderness, our burdened souls prayed, "If thy presence go not with us, carry us not up hence." Our general experience has been, "The best of all is, God is with us." Having obtained help of God, the greater part of us "remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep." With chastened feelings we have again to record the death of several, some of whom were old and honored members of our Church. The solemn appeal has come both to us, and to you. Our venerable father Shensstone, too, is gone. He fought long and well, 'till gentle death



ungirded his armour." His body, with those of his sainted children, sleeps in Brigus cemetery, awaiting the resurrection morn. The saints die, but their virtues live. The world may boast its

"Great of old  
Those dead, but sceptered sovereigns, who rule men's spirits  
From their urns."

But, from its grave of moral indifference, of sensuality and sin, the spiritual remains of our sainted Elishas are among the world's true uplifting forces.

Some of us have recently witnessed the impressive sight of several children, convinced by the living, and converted through the dying testimony of a godly sire, close by his mortal remains testifying for their father's God. May we all feel the salutary effect of that ever increasing weight of privilege and responsibility which departed worth entails upon us. God has raised up two more young men to fill our ranks. In all fidelity to their ordination vows, and panoplied with divine power, may they "endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ." We are sorry to part with three honoured brethren, who having laboured with much acceptance and success, and greatly endeared themselves to us all, are about to leave us, two of them to take a little needed rest, the other for a distant field of toil. May their past be prophetic of a still brighter future, and upon them and their families may Heaven's richest blessings continue to descend.

An Ecumenical Council of Methodism will be held in London, England, a few weeks hence. The mutual greetings and devout deliberations of some four hundred delegates from all the various Conferences, representing twenty five millions of the great Methodist family, cannot fail greatly to strengthen that bond of love which links universal Methodism, thus making its influence the more potent in hastening the federation of the world. And now, dear brethren, while as Methodists we are essentially worldwide in our sympathy and aims, let us not forget that Newfoundland is our special charge. We would not press you beyond measure, for we study your circumstances, appreciate every mark of your liberality, and sympathize in all your privations. But for our mutual interests we would wish you to intelligently understand our present financial position. Your country is to be saved by the gospel. But if your ministers cannot live by the gospel, how can they preach? And if they do not preach how can the people hear? And if they do not hear, how can they be saved? By all means remember the heathen, and fully maintain your proverbial Missionary spirit, for thus Heaven's richest blessings will surely redound and enlarge your hearts. But as the Missionary income of our Church is now becoming largely devoted to the pressing claims of the Heathen world, thus making us more fully dependent upon you for support, is it not essential to your highest interests, and to our continuance as ministers with you that, to the extent of your ability, you enlarge your sympathy to us who labour among you, not counting our lives dear, that we may testify to you of the gospel of the grace of God.

For your physical, intellectual, and moral well being we have deep solicitude and constant care.

Are not your bodies the temple of the Holy Ghost? Does intemperance defile the temple of God? Then let not its demon touch defile you nor its shadow darken the happiness of your homes. Does alcohol possess the "peculiar and terrible property of destroying and preventing that full and harmonious development of body, soul and spirit" which is the perfection of our humanity? Does its use and abuse entail incalculable evils upon the Church and the world, apparently destroying more souls than the gospel saves? Does its insidious and cruel power defy the impotency of legislation and of sermons? Is it not, then, imperative that we deny ourselves a liberty that may become a stumbling block to others, and that against the disreputable traffic in strong drink, as a crime against God and man, we make a consistent, united and most determined stand. As ministers of Jesus Christ, and as examples to you, in pledged fidelity to ourselves, to God and his Church, unless in case of extreme necessity neither "tobacco nor drams" can have any place among us. "We beseech you, therefore, brethren by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." By gospel temperance then, reduce the chaos of your nature to order. Sage philosophy could never realize its grand ideal of a beautiful, symmetrical, and perfect manhood. But Jesus Christ is the embodiment and perfection of all philosophy. Behold the man! The wise, the temperate, the harmonious, the perfect, the ideal man! Shall the servant be as his master? And did he not constantly bear about with him a veritable evidence of the indwelling of the ever blessed Trinity? Has God said, "I will dwell in them," Then must the temple be holy. Has he promised to beautify the house of his glory? Then should not our very persons become intellectually and spiritually beautified by his presence? To be as your great Exemplar, like him you must often be found alone with God. In the solitude of your closet, in deep and hallowed communion, your indubitable seal of sonship, and assurance of divine favour should be daily renewed. This will dispose and fit you for all other duties. You will not then "forsake the assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some is." You will maintain and exemplify your communion with God in your fellowship with his saints. "If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us." You will often "show forth the Lord's death, till He come." You will "confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another. Remember then the Holy Sacrament and your Class. Do they not both wear the seal of God? In the performance of these essential duties we watch over you with a godly jealousy. Your least omission gives pain. Can you really enjoy the one, while you neglect the other? Can you be consistent members of our Church if you slight either? Would you not thus expose yourselves to an unhappy suspicion and loss, for which the strictest performance of no other religious duty could



scarce possibly atone. Is our prestige to be in numbers, or in saintliness of character? If our society decline will not our Church, however great her proportions, be shorn of her strength, and shall not we "become weak as other men?" Ye yourselves are witnesses that we have not ceased to preach Him "who came not by water only, but by water and blood." Has not every year witnessed some gracious ingathering? Has the glory of our beloved Methodism departed? During the past year have not her temples been beautified, not by the attractions of a godless ceremonial, but by the glory of the Divine presence in the sanctification of believers, and in the conversion of many hundreds of souls? and yet is not the net average of our church membership, now numbering about seven thousand, but a slowly increasing one, and have we not, in addition to the many who seldom or never enter the house of God, thousands of unconverted souls still in our congregations?

By incessant and fervent prayer for a constant baptism of the Holy Ghost; by a consistent life; by unswerving fidelity to every means of grace; by the constant devotion of souls working for eternity, and working in the strength and love of God, let us by all means endeavour to win these for Christ and his Church. Your own family must be your first and chief concern. We would affectionately remind you that upon you as parents mostly devolves the preparation of your children for that "stern and deadly struggle with sin" which must decide their eternal destiny. Your hearty co-operation in the education of your children is ever highly appreciated by us, and cannot fail greatly to cheer the heart and strengthen the hands of our esteemed superintendent, the Rev. G. S. Milligan, M. A., by whose untiring effort and sagacious counsel our Day Schools are gradually attaining a standard of efficiency and true excellency. Is ignorance a prolific source of physical and moral evil? Then how much must the future condition of our country and people depend upon our institutions of learning, and the character of our youth. An education that inculcates sober views of life, thus fitting the youth rightly to improve their position in the world, and which develops, refines, and strengthens their mind, cannot fail greatly to facilitate their study in the attainment of higher and holier things.

To this sanctified culture our Sabbath schools have ever been a great auxiliary. Here with your help, we constantly study the best available means to teach your children Christianity and to make them Christians; from the rugged quarry of nature to smooth, polish, and beautify them for the great and glorious temple of our God. It is our mutual glory and joy that so many of your children with you are an honour to society and to the Church, and that some of them are useful ministers among us. To this great and glorious work, may you consecrate many more. But the question why, out of your seven thousand families, only about seven thousand children attend our Sabbath schools; you will do well to ponder. Are not these noble institutions, an essential part, are they not the hope of our Church? And can we afford through



some neglect to have thousands of our Methodist youth, almost entirely lost to those gracious influences which might so largely restrain them from those evil associations which corrupt and from that Sabbath desecration on the streets and in other resorts which leads so many to the vortex of destruction.

If you bring your children early to the temple, and there dedicate them to God in holy baptism; remembering that your divinely imposed duty as parents cannot possibly be relegated to another; if you daily reconsecrate them at the family altar, if you make your Christian homes attractive; if you teach them to improve their minds by studying the Bible, and by reading such good books as our Book Room, or our Colporteur may supply you; if you keep holy the Sabbath Day and, whenever practicable, bring your family to the house of God with you; if you cherish a large hearted love to your children, and an all pervading love to God, walking within your house with a perfect heart, may not your children resemble you? May not your sons develop a true and beautiful manhood, and your daughters exemplify all that "chastity of feeling, modesty of manner and incorruptibleness of virtue which are the charm and glory of their sex."

From the hallowed and joyous associations of our Conference, which has kept the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, we are now about to part. We hope soon again to come unto you "in the fulness of the blessing of Christ." In our several spheres of labour let us each be found faithful. "Yet a little while, and he that shall come, will come, and will not tarry. Even so, come, Lord Jesus." The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all. Amen.

CHARLES LADNER, *President.*  
GEORGE BOYD, *Secretary.*

## APPENDIX A,

## SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT

No department of Church labour (save and except the preaching of the Gospel) has been so productive of moral and spiritual fruitage, as has the work of Sabbath School instruction. Too much importance cannot be attached to this part of the work of God, especially when we remember the responsibility and accountability of each young immortal, committed to the care of the officers and Teachers of the Sabbath School.

It is with devout gratitude to Almighty God, the giver of all grace, that your Committee are in a position to report continued progress, and to record that the past year has been one of blessed prosperity.

Last year there were 777 officers and teachers: this year 820, an increase of 43. Last year 6430 scholars were found in our schools, this year 6866, increase 436.

The tidal wave of Gospel blessing which has passed over the Church, making glad so many of the people of God, has left its influence upon the young, and with unfeigned thankfulness we find that over 400 have been converted to God. It is to be hoped this will stimulate all connected with our schools to put forth still greater exertions, that a much larger number may be added to the Church during the coming year.

Your Committee are pleased to note the continued increase of Sabbath School Literature, and they cannot speak too highly of the Berean leaves, and other helps, issued from the press of our own Church, the study of which will not only inform the mind, and give an acquaintance with the word of God, but act as a barrier against error and infidelity. Raised for Missions \$890.32, or an increase of \$200, over last year. For School purposes \$570, or a decrease of \$90,00.

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## SABBATH SCHOOL SCHEDULE.

Statistical Report of Methodist Sabbath Schools in the Newfoundland Conference for year ending April 30th, 1881.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	Officers and Teachers.			Scholars.			S. S. Libraries and Papers.			Moneys Raised by Schools.																	
	No. of Preaching Appointments	No. of Schools.	Members of Meth. Church.	Non-Members.	Total.	Average Attendance	In Primary Classes.	Intermediate Classes.	Adult Classes.	Total.	Average Attendance.	Conversions during year.	Meeting in Class.	Learning Catechisms.	Total Volumes in Libraries	Copies of S. S. Guardian	Copies of Berean Leaves.	Copies of Banner.	Copies of Other Papers.	For Missions.	For School Purposes.	For General S. S. Fund.	Schools using Uniform Lessons	Teachers Meet. for study of Less	No. Schools open whole year.		
St. John's -	90	25	188	46	234	169	698	837	355	2007	1376	87	173	951	1493	601	183	11	85	\$540	62	\$267	70	\$30	4	2	3
Carbonet -	87	40	271	61	332	274	974	1065	603	2604	1973	155	302	1512	1212	235	106	60	237	81	\$257	10	\$15	2	2	2	
Bonavista -	90	44	181	73	254	192	789	834	652	2275	1535	163	349	844	722	836	209	11	60	\$111	89	\$47	19	\$13	9	9	2
	267	109	640	180	820	732	2441	2736	1910	6886	4884	405	824	3307	3127	836	209	11	145	\$890	\$32	\$569	\$99	\$59	15	5	10

R. W. FREEMAN, Secretary.



## CONTINGENT FUND.

Whereas the claims on this Fund are yearly increasing it is resolved that the Brethren be requested to carry out the Discipline in taking up collections for the Contingent Fund.

## INCOME.

By balance from last year.....	\$ 3 01
" St. John's District.....	83 95
" Carbonear District.....	63 05
" Bonavista District.....	62 73
Special from Carbonear District.....	144 57
	<u>          </u>
	\$857 31

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Conference Stationary and Ordination } \$ 9 65	
Bibles.....	
President's Expenses.....	30 00
Printing Conference Minutes.....	80 00
Society Tickets.....	27 18
Journal of General Conference.....	75
Circuit Account Books.....	3 30
Funeral expenses of late Bro. Shenstone	22 00
Bro. Reay for Personal and Family } 6 00	
affliction.....	
Bro. Taylor for Family affliction.....	18 00
Bro. James " ".....	8 00
Balance.....	2 48
Grant to aid Circuit Deficiencies.....	150 00
	<u>          </u>
	\$ 857 31

## CHILDREN'S FUND COMMITTEE.

Rev. J. S. Peach, Secretary and Treasurer; W. W. Percival, and the Financial Secretaries of Districts.

## EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

In view of meeting the ordinary requirements of our itinerancy in Newfoundland, the Conference is impressed with the desirability and indeed, necessity of having from year to year, one or more young men at Sackville, preparing for our ministry in this island, in the use of the important facilities for culture in connection with our Educational Institution.

EDUCATIONAL FUND INCOME.

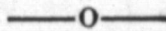
St. John's District.....	\$ 124 06
Carbonar.....	49 40
Bonavista.....	28 41
Collection at Conference Meeting.....	23 25
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	\$225 52
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Expenditure.....	\$151 26
Balance.....	74 26
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	\$225 52

Each student to receive the sum of \$100 per year, and expenses beside.

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

Hon. C. R. Ayre.....	\$ 20 00	Mr. J. B. Ayre.....	2 00
Jno. Steer, Esq.....	20 00	" H. J. B. Woods.....	2 00
A. Marshall, Esq.....	10 00	" J. Pippy.....	1 00
Hon J. J. Rogerson ....	5 00	" A. Shirran.....	1 00
Dr. Burns.....	5 00		<hr/>
Rev. G. S. Milligan M. A.,..	3 00		\$ 69 00
N. B.—Labrador and Flower Cove for } 1880.....	\$3 00		
J. Rooney.....	1 00		
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	\$ 4 00		

GEORGE BOYD, Secretary.



COLPORTAGE REPORT.

The visits of your Colporteur, during the year, were made to 66 localities and 2460 families. Books to the value of \$609,00 were sold, a decrease of \$315,00 as compared with the sales of the year preceding. This has arisen not from a want of diligent effort on the part of the Agent, but in some cases the inability of the people to purchase, and in others from the presence of a Colporteur of another Society, operating in the same settlements visited.

Thirteen religious services were conducted: a number of tracts distributed: and 400 copies of the New Testament sold, some of which were disposed of, for the small sum of three cents.

Though unable to tabulate all the happy results that may have with the Divine blessing, attended the reading of the books and tracts put in circulation by the Colporteur, yet evidence has been furnished that the truth on the printed page is an agency blessed by our Lord in the salvation of men. The publications disseminated have spoken of the Saviour's love,

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in the humble dwellings of our fishermen; and instructed and encouraged penitent sinners in the exercise of saving trust in Jesus.

So long as there are homes in our country where a destitution of saving literature is found, and the minds of young and old are exposed to floods of corrupt and unholy reading matter, it is imperative on the Christian church to supply particularly the youthful portions of our congregations with the purest and best spiritual productions of sanctified culture.

THOS. HARRIS, Chairman.  
CHARLES LADNER, Secretary.

## COLPORTAGE COMMITTEE.

Rev. W. W. Percival,	Hon. J. J. Rogerson,
“ T. H. James,	“ C. R. Ayre,
“ S. Matthews,	“ J. Steer, Esq.
“ T. W. Atkinson,	“ Sheriff Bemister,
“ J. Embree,	“ I. L. McNeil Esq., J. P.,
“ J. S. Peach,	Mr. G. W. Mews,
“ H. Lewis,	“ J. E. P. Peters,
“ J. Pincock,	“ H. J. B. Woods,
“ J. Parkins,	“ B. Parsons,
“ G. P. Story,	“ C. McPherson,
“ G. J. Bond, A. B.,	“ J. Angell,
“ C. Ladner,	“ R. Bishop,
“ G. Boyd,	“ W. Withycombe,
	“ A. F. Shirran.

## MANAGING COMMITTEE.

Rev. W. W. Percival,	T. H. James, and G. J. Bond, A. B.,
Messrs. Ayer,	Shirran, and Withycombe.
	REV. G. J. BOND, A. B., Convener.

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 PARSONAGE AID SOCIETY.

The Conference respectfully reminds the Members of our Society and congregations that the great need for new parsonages reported last year, is still pressing on the Conference, and in the hope that the need may soon be met by the Conference, we trust our people will during the present year remember this Fund and endeavour to help us as far as possible.



## TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee feels the importance of the work entrusted to its care, and in order to carry out the wishes of the last Conference begs to present the following Report for adoption.

*Resolved.* (1) That your Committee earnestly recommends to Conference the desirability of introducing the organization of Temperance Societies and Bands of Hope in connection with our Church in this Colony on every circuit and mission where practicable and that the said organizations report to the Temperance Committee.

(2) That the basis of these organizations be that of Total Abstinence from all intoxicating drinks, also tobacco, and profanity in case of Bands of Hope.

(3) That the Superintendent of the circuit shall be ex-officio Chairman of the Committee of Management, but may, if he shall see fit, delegate his authority for this purpose to one his Colleagues. The Committee shall be elected at an annual meeting of the members from among members of the Methodist Church, or regular attendants on the Methodist ministry, who shall have become members of the Temperance organization. The Committee shall at its first meeting elect a deputy Chairman (who shall preside in the absence of the circuit minister) a Treasurer and a Secretary and shall meet as frequently as circumstances may require.

(4) That we recommend to Conference the wisdom of setting apart one evening during the sitting of each Annual Conference for a Public Temperance Meeting and that one evening be set apart for such purpose this year, if possible.

(5) That we recommend to Conference the adoption of unfermented wines in the celebration of the Lord's Supper, where practicable.

(6) That where it is found impracticable to work Societies on the Connexional basis, temperance progress may be reported to this Committee by the Supt. of the circuit.

(7) The Conference pledges its hearty co-operation with the combined Temperance Organizations of this Colony in securing the passing of a Local Option Bill, and urges upon each circuit the importance of forwarding largely signed petitions to the Legislature, next session, through its Representative.

## COMMITTEE.

Rev. R. W. Freeman,  
 " J. Heyfield,  
 " C. Myers,  
 " J. Pratt,  
 " J. Lister,  
 " A. Hill,  
 " G. Paine.  
 " S. Snowden,  
 " G. Bullen,  
 " J. A. Jackson,

A. Penny, Esq., M. H. A  
 Mr. R. Penny,  
 " E. Brace,  
 " B. Parsons,  
 " H. M. Gibb,  
 " A. Martin,  
 " T. Simpson,  
 Dr. Burns,  
 Mr. J. Frapnell

JOHN PRATT, Chairman.

JESSE HEYFIELD, Secy. and Convener.

SUSTENTATION FUND.

Whereas, at the Annual Meeting of the Missionary Society, it was felt that the Grant from the Central Board was painfully inadequate to meet the lawful claims of the Ministers on the Dependent Circuits and Missions of the Conference: and whereas the help which might have been obtained from the Home Mission Fund has been cut off, that fund having been merged into the General Mission Fund.

*Resolved*, therefore, that it is absolutely necessary that the Conference take immediate steps to inaugurate a Sustentation Fund in order to relieve the pressing necessities of the Brethren in their embarrassed condition.

The Conference appoints a Public Meeting to be held in all circuits, at what may be considered the most suitable time, to enlist the sympathy and secure the contributions of our people, that we may sustain and extend the work of God in this land.

The management of this Fund to be placed in the hands of a committee of two ministers and two laymen from each District to be chosen at the Annual District Meetings.

BOOK ROOM.

That this Conference has learned with satisfaction the hopeful condition of the Book Room during the past year, and hereby expresses its confidence in the Book Steward and Editor, and pledges itself to do what is in its power to sustain them in the onerous and responsible position to which they have been appointed by the Church.

SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

The earnest attention of the Members of our Church, and of the Superintendents of circuits is called to the importance of sustaining and largely increasing the receipts of the Supernumerary Fund on the circuits.

The Committee has pleasure in recording its continued confidence in the Rev. H. Pickard D. D as the Administrator of the Fund, and General Ministerial Treasurer.

St. John's District.....	\$103 95
Carbonear " .....	84 15
Bonavista " .....	63 39
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	\$251 49



## MINISTERIAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Job Shenton.....	\$10 00	William Swann.....	10 00
Charles Ladner.....	10 00	George P. Story.....	10 00
James Wilson.....	10 00	George Paine.....	10 00
Geo. S. Milligan.....	10 00	George J. Bond.....	10 00
William Kendall.....	10 00	Henry Lewis.....	10 00
Sol. Matthews.....	10 00	Henry C. Hatcher.....	10 00
Robt. W. Freeman.....	10 00	Jeremiah Embree.....	10 00
James Pincock.....	10 00	Thos. W. Atkinson.....	10 00
Charles Myers.....	10 00	James Nurse.....	10 00
Jesse Heyfield.....	10 00	Joseph Parkins.....	10 00
Samuel Snowden.....	10 00	Jabez Hill.....	10 00
William R. Tratt.....	34 56	Joseph Lister.....	10 00
William B. Seccombe.....	10 00	James B. Heal.....	10 00
John P. Bowell.....	10 00	Anthony Hill.....	10 00
George Boyd.....	10 00	William Jennings.....	10 00
Joseph A. Jackson.....	10 00	George Bullen.....	10 00
John Goodison.....	10 00	Robert Bramfitt.....	10 00
John Reay.....	10 00	William H. Edyvean.....	10 00
F. George Willey.....	10 00	John Peters.....	10 00
Edgar Taylor.....	10 00	George Vater.....	10 00
James Dove.....	10 00		
John Pratt.....	10 00		
Thos. H. James.....	10 00		
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## APPENDIX A.

## MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

1—That the best thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby presented to the Rev. Thomas Harris for the faithful and efficient discharge of his duties as President of the Conference, during the past year.

2—That the thanks of the Conference are hereby tendered to the Rev. Charles Ladner, for the faithful and efficient discharge of the duties of Secretary of Conference, during the past year.

3—That the best thanks of this Conference be presented to the Journal Secretary and Sub-secretaries of the Conference for the very faithful and efficient discharge of their duties, during the past year.

4—That the Conference expresses its very great gratification at the unexpected visit; en route to England, of the Rev. Ralph Brecken A. M. of the Nova Scotia Conference, who in a brief and comprehensive address informed the brethren of the prosperity of the cause of God within the bounds of his Conference.



5—*Whereas*, the Rev. J. Shenton is removing to the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference, and whereas during his three years of membership with this Conference, we have been made acquainted with his rare gifts as a preacher, his unqualified loyalty to the doctrines and polity of our Church, and his earnest zeal in the work of the Christian Ministry.

*Resolved*, That in his departure to another portion of the Lord's vineyard, he will still hold a prominent place in the affection of his brethren in Newfoundland, and that we pray for his continued success in preaching Christ Jesus and Him Crucified, wherever he may be called of God to labour.

6—The Conference has been highly gratified in welcoming to its midst Rev. C. Stewart D. D., our esteemed Theological Professor, and begs to assure him that the presence and counsel of one holding so important a position in our Church, and deservedly so highly respected among us because of the deep interest he has taken in the welfare of the young men whom we have committed to his tutorship, as also in the maintenance and progress of the work of God in Newfoundland will be always hailed by us as furnishing cause for gratitude and delight.

I—The Conference has learned from him with regret that the Mount Allison College and Academies have been unexpectedly deprived by the Nova Scotia Legislature of grants amounting to \$2400 per annum, and while expressing its sympathy with the Board of Governors on whom the responsibility of action has devolved in the premises, desires to convey to them its assurance both of confidence and respect while endeavouring to carry out their avowed purpose of maintaining in their entirety Institutions of learning devoted to the Higher Education on Christian principles which have been established and heretofore largely supported by the beneficence of Methodists in all the Maritime Provinces.

II—The Conference deeply regrets that this calamity should have overtaken our College and Academies at Sackville N. B. at a crisis in the history of our Church in N. F. in which many of the ministers are obliged to endure well nigh intolerable burdens in circuit deficiencies, and in which our laity, usually among the foremost to contribute for connectional objects are required to make special efforts to sustain our denominational existence and influence in this colony, whereby schemes for educational and church progress in other departments in Newfoundland are meantime kept in abeyance; nevertheless remembering our obligation to, and need of the Mount Allison Institutions, especially for the training of our rising ministry, and desirous of maintaining the connectional princi-

ple that when one suffered all should suffer : we cordially commend to our people the object of the mission of Dr. Stewart, in reference to the sustentation of the above Institutions, and trust that even in our necessities such expressions of liberality will be afforded as will justify the sincerity of our sympathy and encourage the Board of Governors to go forward with their good work.

7—That this Conference recognises with pleasure the presence on its platform of the Hon. the Acting Attorney General, and Judge Prowse, as delegates from the Temperance organization, and begs to assure them of its hearty sympathy with the views they have expressed and with the object which they have in view.

8—That the hearty thanks of this Conference be presented to the kind friends of St. John's, who have so generously provided for the ministers during their stay in St. John's.

9—That the thanks of this Conference be presented to the Superintendent of the St. John's Circuit and his colleagues for the comfortable provision they have made for the Conference.

10—That the thanks of this Conference be presented to the Ex-President for the able and instructive charge delivered by him, and that he be requested to consent to its publication.

11—At the request of our honoured and highly esteemed brother, the Rev. Thomas Harris, to become a supernumerary for the year with a view of recuperating his strength, this Conference, though deeply regretting the loss of his valuable labours in its Connexion, cordially and unanimously agreed by a standing vote to accede to such request. Our brother Harris, who has been unremittingly engaged in the work of the Ministry during the past twenty seven years, enters upon this temporary retirement under the strongest sympathies and affections of his brethren, and with their heartiest wishes and prayers that his useful life may yet be spared to work in the vineyard of the Lord.

12—This Conference unanimously expresses its deep sympathy and love for Bro. Joseph Paseoe, who has faithfully laboured in the Methodist Church as a Minister of the Gospel for the last 20 years, but whose health through incessant toil in the service of his great Master, has so far broken down as to absolutely require a year's rest.

It is with feelings of sorrow that we see this brother beloved laid aside from the active work in the prime of life, but the Conference earnestly prays that God's blessing may be abundantly given him, and that by a little rest his health may be so invigorated as to enable him soon to resume his work,



in which he may continue for many happy and useful years.

13—That the hearty thanks of this Conference be presented to Rev. J. S. Peach, for his invaluable services in connexion with the financial department of our Church work.

14—That the Conference has great pleasure in expressing its thanks to Joseph Lawrence Esq. of East Keswick, Yorkshire, England, for the deep interest he has taken and still manifests in the welfare of the work of God in this colony.

15—That the Conference, having examined the Report of the Superintendent of Education, hereby tenders its thanks to the Rev. G. S. Milligan M.A., for his diligent, persevering, and successful efforts to improve the youth of this colony, and begs to assure him of its sympathy and co-operation in his arduous labour.

16—That the thanks of the Conference be presented to all those who have contributed toward the purchase of the Labrador Mission Boat.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TOWARD ITS PURCHASE.

Jno. Macdonald Esq.....	\$ 50 00
Grafton St. Church Collection per Rev. T. Harris.....	} 17 30
Children's Bazaar, St. George's Bermuda..	
A friend in Halifax, per Rev. S. B. Dunn..	10 00
Mrs. J. Northup, Halifax.....	4 00
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APPENDIX C.

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EXAMINING BOARD, FOR CANDIDATES AND PROBATIONERS, 1882.

CANDIDATES.

English Grammar.....	J. Embree
Arithmetic.....	J. Parkins
Geography.....	" "
Ancient History (Schmitz).....	J. Dove
Modern History (Collier's).....	F. G. Willey
New Testament History.....	W. Swann
Wesley's Sermon's (1-52).....	Jno. Goodison
Wesley on Christian Perfection.....	T. H. James



## FIRST YEAR.

Angus's Hand Book, Part I .....	Edgar Taylor
Old Testament History (Smith's).....	Jos. Lister
Fletcher's Checks (Chps. 1 to V).....	T. W. Atkinson

## FOURTH YEAR.

Watson's Institutes, Part III to IV.....	R. W. Freeman
Hopkins' Evidences.....	G. Boyd
Garbutt's Dogmatic Faith.....	H. Lewis
Logic (Whateley) .....	J. Embree
Metaphysics (Hamilton).....	G. P. Story
Stewart's Active and Moral Powers.....	G. J. Bond
Discipline of Methodist Church.....	C. Ladner

P. S.—Papers are to be marked according to an estimate of the value of the answers required, but the aggregate must reach 1000, the valuation to be placed by the examiner upon his question. Three copies of questions are to be prepared and sent to the Rev. G. Boyd, Secretary of the Committee, by the 1st of April 1882.

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## CONFERENCE MISSIONARY MEETING.

The Conference Missionary Meeting was held in Gower Street Church, June 22nd, 1881, at 7.30 p. m.

The President of the Conference in the chair.

After singing, the Rev Jno. Goodison offered prayer.

The report was read by the Rev. John S. Peach.

I. TOPIC—REV. JAMES DOVE. The good already effected through the preaching of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, a call for gratitude to God, the Giver of all Good.

II. TOPIC—REV. JOSEPH PASCOE. The promise that a King shall reign in righteousness, and that the kingdoms of this world shall be given to Christ and all nations shall serve him, an incentive to the Church to continued and renewed effort to spread the truth, and to help on the latter day glory.

III. TOPIC—REV. T. W. ATKINSON. This Auxiliary is greatly encouraged by the goodness of God to so many of the circuits and missions of this Conference during the past year.

IV. TOPIC—HON. C. R. AYRE, AND REV. C. STEWART, D. D. While abundant blessing has attended Missionary effort all around, the millions of heathen in the North West and Japan demand increased prayer and liberality by the Church.

### THE TEMPERANCE MEETING

Was held in Gower Street Church, June 23rd, at 7.30 p. m.  
The President of the Conference in the chair.

After singing, the Rev. J. A. Jackson offered prayer.

The report was read by the Rev. Jesse Heyfield.

I. TOPIC—"Intemperance and its Remedy." Rev. Charles Myers.

II. TOPIC—"The duty of the Christian Church in relation to the Temperance Movement." Hon. J. J. Rogers.

III. TOPIC—"The design and importance of Bands of Hope, Rev. Joseph Lister.

IV. TOPIC—"The prohibition of the Liquor Traffic, Rev John Pratt

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### THE EDUCATIONAL MEETING

Was held in George Street Church, June 24th, at 7.30 p. m.

The President occupied the chair.

After singing, the Rev. James Dove offered prayer.

The Report was read by the Secretary, the Rev George Boyd.

I. TOPIC—REV. JOSEPH PARKINS. The past and present attitude of Methodists toward an educated ministry.

II. TOPIC—REV. GEORGE P. STORY. The increased demand for an educated ministry as shown in the advance made by the press, platform and school.

III. TOPIC—REV. CHARLES STEWART, D. D. The responsibility of the Church in providing means for preserving an efficient ministry.

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### MEETING FOR THE PROMOTION OF HOLINESS.

A meeting for the above object was held in the basement of Gower St. Church, June 25th, at 7.30 p. m., which was conducted by Rev G. Boyd, and addressed by several of the Brethren.

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### THE SABBATH SCHOOL MEETING

Was held in George Street Church, June 28th at 7.30.

The Rev. John Goodison occupied the chair.

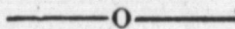


Prayer was offered by the Rev. R. Bramfitt, and the report read by the Rev. R. W. Freeman, Secretary.

I. TOPIC—Rev H. Lewis. The best means of promoting order in the Sabbath School.

II. TOPIC—Rev, H. C. Hatcher. Youthful piety, and how to promote it.

The Revds. Blakesley and Macarthy, from the United States, also addressed this meeting.



#### ORDINATION SERVICE.

The Ordination Service was held on Monday evening, June 27th when the following brethren were publicly set apart for the Work of the Ministry; viz., Joseph A. Jackson, and William R. Tratt.

An excellent charge to the young brethren was delivered on the occasion by the Ex-President, based on the 2nd verse of the 13th chap. of the Acts of the Apostles.



**DECEASED MINISTERS**  
OF THE  
**Newfoundland Conference, 1876--1881.**

Entered Ministry.	Names.	Time of Decease.	Age.	Years in Ministry
1873	John Dixon	August 4th, 1876.	26	4
1871	John G. Currie	May 8th, 1878.	27	7
1873	George H. Bryant	Sept. 17th, 1879.	37	7
1828	Wm. E. Shenstone	Decr. 11th, 1880.	77	52

AN ALPHABETICAL LIST  
OF THE  
MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS  
OF THE  
METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA.

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

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1872 Atkinson, Thomas W.	Twillingate	3
1872 Bond, George J, A.B.	Trinity	2
1874 Bowell, John P.	Petites	1
1872 Boyd, George	Carbonear	3
1875 Bramfitt, Robert	Pouch Cove	1
1875 Bulen, George	Bonavista	1
1855 Dove, James	Blackhead	3
1875 Edyvean, William H.	Herring Neck	3
1871 Embree, Jeremiah	Bonavista	3
1856 Fox, James (Sup'y)	St. John's	6
1-73 Freeman, Robert	Fortune	2
1-60 Goodison, John	Harbor Grace	3
1874 Hatcher, Henry C.	Labrador, Red Bay	3
1854 Harris, Thomas (Sup'y)	St. John's	1
1874 Heal, James B.	Musgrave Harbor	2
1871 Heyfield, Jesse	Channel	3
1874 Hill, Anthony	Fogo	2
1873 Hill, Jabez	Catalina	2
1877 Jackson, Joseph A.	St. John's	1
1871 James, Thomas H.	St. John's	1
1874 Jennings, William	Island Cove	1
1875 Kendall, William	Burin	1
1861 Ladner, Charles	Brigus	1
1874 Lewis, Henry	Random South	2
1874 Lister, Joseph	Little Bay Islands	1
1870 Matthews, Solomon	Greenspond	1
1854 Milligan, Rev. G. S. M. A.	St. John's	7
1872 Myers, Charles	Bett's Cove	1
1872 Nurse, James	Grand Bank	1
1874 Paine, George	Hearts Content	3
1873 Parkins, Joseph	Exploits	2
1861 Pascoc, Joseph (Sup'y.)	St. John's	1
1840 Peach, John S. (Sup'y.)	Carbonear	6

## NEWFOUNDLAND METHODIST CONFERENCE.

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1877 Peters, John		
1874 Pincock, James	Moreton's Harbor	1
1873 Pratt, John	Western Bay	2
1862 Percival, W. W.	St. John's	1
1866 Reay, John	Cupids	3
1874 Seccomb Wm. B.	Bonne Bay and Bay of Islands	2
1873 Snowden, Samuel	Flat Island and Sound Islands	2
1876 Story George P.	Hants Harbor	2
1871 Swann, William	Old Perlican	3
1875 Taylor Edgar	Bay Roberts	1
1877 Tratt, William	St. Anthony	2
1878 Vater, George	Carbonear	1
1872 Willey, Francis G.	Port de Grace	1
1878 Wilson, James		