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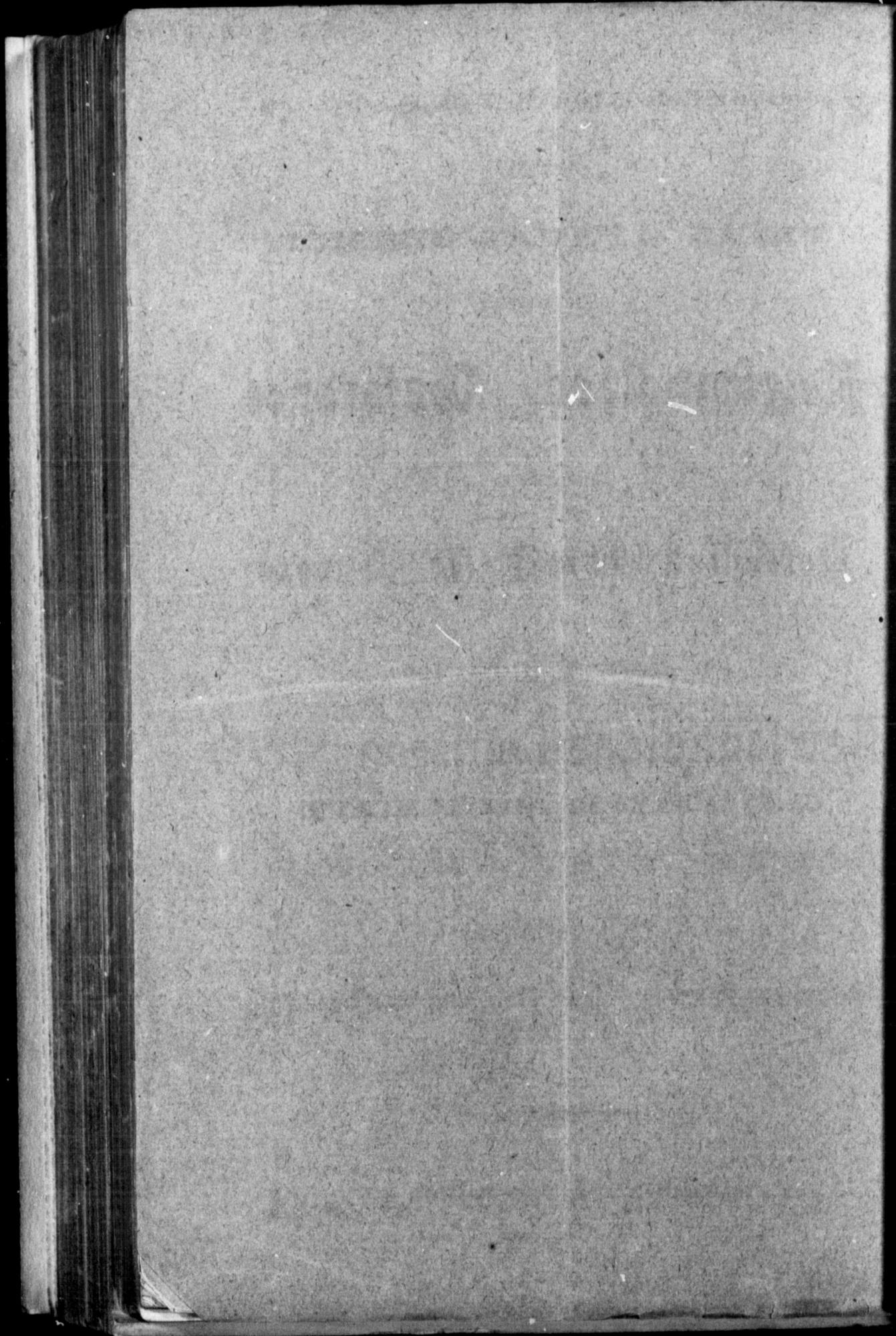
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MINUTES

OF THE

Newfoundland Conference.

1876.



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OF THE

THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

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OF THE

Methodist Church of Canada,



HELD IN THE

GEORGE STREET

METHODIST CHURCH,

ST. JOHN'S.

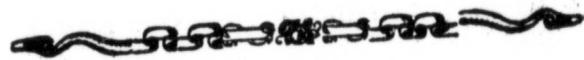
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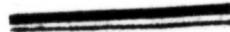
METHODIST BOOK ROOM, HALIFAX, N.S.

**OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.**

**1876.**



**PRESIDENT.**  
**REV. JAMES DOVE.**



**SECRETARY.**  
**REV. JOHN GOODISON.**

## THE THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

of the Newfoundland Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, held in the George Street Methodist Church, St. John's, begun on Thursday, June 22nd, and concluded on Saturday, July 1st, 1876.

The Rev. Thomas Harris, President of the Conference, took the chair at 9.30 a. m.

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

The Conference proceeded to elect by ballot its chief officers, when Rev. Jas. Dove was elected President, and the Rev. John Goodison, Secretary.

Rev. Joseph Pascoe was elected Journal Secretary.

The Revs. J. H. Bryant and F. G. Willey were appointed Assistant Secretaries, and the Rev. George J. Bond, A. B., Assistant Journal Secretary.

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### MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE PRESENT,

Rev. James Dove, <i>President.</i>	Rev. Thos. Harris, <i>Ex-Pres.</i>
“ John Goodison, <i>Secy.,</i>	“ Charles Ladner,
“ G. S. Milligan, <i>M.A.,</i>	“ Thomas H. James,
“ John S. Peach,	“ Jerh. Embree,
“ Thomas Fox,	“ John G. Currie,
“ Joseph Pascoe,	“ Solomon Matthews,
“ John Reay,	“ Simeon Dunn.

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### QUESTION II.

Are there any objections to any of our Ministers and Preachers?

### ANSWER.

They were examined one by one.

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### QUESTION III.

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

## ANSWER.

## STATIONING COMMITTEE.

St. John's District—Rev. Thos. Harris, Rev. John Goodison.  
 Carbonear District—Rev. James Dove, Rev. Charles Ladner.

## PASTORAL ADDRESS.

Revs. Charles Ladner, and John Reay.

## MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

Revs. Solomon Matthews and John G. Currie.

## STATISTICAL RETURNS.

The Sub-Secretaries of the Conference.

## SABBATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The President of Conference,	Rev. John Goodison, <i>Secy.</i> ,
Rev. G. S. Milligan, M. A.	Rev. George J. Bond, A. B.,
Rev. Chas. Ladner.	<i>Assistant Secy.</i>

## CONTINGENT FUND COMMITTEE.

The President, the Ex-President and Secretary of Conference.	
Rev. John S. Peach,	Rev. G. S. Milligan, M.A.,
Rev. Joseph Pascoe,	Rev. Charles Ladner, <i>Secy.</i>
C. R. Ayre, Esq., M. H. A.	Hon. E. White, Treasurer,
John Woods, Esq.,	John Steer, Esq., M. H. A.,
Israel McNeil, Esq.,	John Bemister, Esq.,
	Mr. Ebenezer Brace.

## EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY COMMITTEE.

The President of the Conference.	
Rev. G. S. Milligan, M.A.,	} Members of the Central Board.
Chas. R. Ayre, Esq. M.H.A.	
Rev. George J. Bond, A. B., <i>Secy.</i>	
The Ex-President,	R. E. Holloway, Esq., B. A.,
Rev. Simeon Dunn,	Jno. Bemister,
“ F. Geo. Willey,	Israel McNeil, Esq.

## MISSIONARY COMMITTEE,

President, the Ex-President and Secretary of Conference,	
Rev. Simeon, Dunn, <i>Secy.</i> ,	Hon. J. J. Rogerson,
C. R. Ayre, M. H. A., <i>Treas.</i> ,	Hon. E. White,
Rev. G. S. Milligan, M A	J. Steer, Esq., M.H.A.,
Rev. John S. Peach,	J. Rorke, Esq., M.H. A.,
Rev. Joseph Pascoe,	J. Bemister, Esq.
Rev. Chas. Ladner,	I. L. McNeil, Esq.,
J. Woods, Esq.,	

## SUPERNUMERARY COMMITTEE.

The President of Conference, I. L. McNeil, Esq., Treasurers, and members of the Central Missionary Board, Rev. John Goodison, Hon. J. J. Rogerson.

## PARSONAGE AID SOCIETY COMMITTEE.

The President, the Ex-President and Secretary of Conference.  
 Rev. J. S. Peach, Secy, John Woods, Esq,  
 Jno. Steer, Esq, M H A., Treas, Hon. J. J. Rogerson,  
 Rev. C. Ladner, C. R. Ayre, M H A.,  
 " Joseph Pascoe, John, Rorke, Esq, M H A,  
 " John Reay, J. Maddock, Esq,  
 " Jeremiah Embree, Mr. James Hipplesey.  
 " John G. Currie,

## COMMITTEE FOR EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES.

The President, Ex-President and Secretary of Conference.  
 Rev. G. S. Milligan, M A, Rev. Joseph Pascoe,  
 Rev. J. S. Peach, Secy, Rev. Thomas H. James.  
 Rev. Charles Ladner,

## SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

The President, Ex-President, and Secretary of Conference and Chairmen of Districts  
 Rev. J S Peach, Rev. Simeon Dunn,  
 " G S Milligan, M A, " Charles Ladner.  
 " Joseph Pascoe,

## MEMBERS OF GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

## 1.—CENTRAL MISSIONARY BOARD.

President of Conference, Hon J J Rogerson,  
 Rev John Goodison, Hon Ed. White.

## 2.—EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

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

## 3.—BOOK COMMITTEE.

Rev. G. S. Milligan, M A.

## 4.—TRANSFER COMMITTEE.

Rev James Dove, Pres. of Con. Rev Charles Ladner.

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

Rev. John Goodison.

## QUESTION IV.

What Preachers are this year admitted into full connexion with the Conference and to be ordained?

## ANSWER.

Thomas Whitfield Atkinson,	James Nurse,
George John Bond, A B,	Francis George Willey.
Charles Myers,	

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## QUESTION V.

What Preachers remain on trial?

## ANSWER.

1. George Henry Bryant,	Alexander McGregor,
John Dixon,	Joseph Parkins,
Robert W Freeman,	John Pratt,
Jabez Hill,	Samuel Snowden.

Who have travelled three years.

2. James B Heal,	Henry Lewis,
Henry C. Hatcher,	Joseph Lister,
Anthony Hill,	James Pincock,
Jesse Heyfield,	George Paine.
William Jennings,	

Who have travelled two years.

3. James Alexander.  
Who has travelled one year.

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## QUESTION VI.

What Preachers are now on the list of reserve?

## ANSWER.

None.

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## QUESTION VII.

What Preachers are now received on trial?

## ANSWER.

Robert Bramfitt,	David Gwilym,
William Hy. Edyrear,	William Kendall.

Who have travelled one year.

George Bullen,

William R Trott.

Students allowed to attend the Institution :

George Boyd, who has travelled three years,  
John Perry Bowell who has travelled three years,  
Edgar Taylor, who has travelled one year.

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QUESTION VIII.

Who have died since last Conference.

ANSWER.

None.

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QUESTION IX.

Who are the Superannuated Ministers?

ANSWER.

None.

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QUESTION X.

Who are the Supernumerary ministers.

ANSWER.

W E Shenstone,  
Thomas Fox,

John S. Peach.

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QUESTION XI.

What persons who were in full connexion with the Conference,  
now cease to be recognised as ministers among us?

ANSWER.

None.

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QUESTION XII.

Who are deposed from the office of the Ministry.

ANSWER.

None.

## QUESTION XIII.

Who are now deposed from the office of the ministry and expelled from the Church?

## ANSWER.

None.

## QUESTION XIV.

How are the ministers and preachers stationed for the ensuing year?

## ANSWER.

As follows, viz.:

## 1.—SAINT JOHN'S DISTRICT.

1. *St. John's*.—Thomas Harris, Simeon Dunn, George J. Bond, A.B., John Pratt, Thomas Fox, Supernumerary. George S. Milligan, M. A. By permission of Conference, Superintendent of Methodist Day Schools.
2. *Bonavista*.—John Reay.
3. *Twillingate*.—William Swann.
4. *Burin*.—Joseph Pascoe.
5. *Grand Bay & Fortune*.—Solomon Matthews, Wm. Kendall.
6. *Petites*.—Joseph Parkins.
7. *Channel*.—Jabez Hill.
8. *Exploits*.—James Alexander.
9. *Greenspond*.—Charles Myers. One to be sent.

## HOME MISSIONS.

10. *Musgrave Town*.—Alexander McGregor.
11. *Musgrave Harbor*.—Wm. R. Tratt.
12. *Fogo & Change Islands*.—Thomas W. Atkinson.
13. *Herring Neck*.—Wm. Jennings.
14. *Moreton's Harbor*.—Anthony Hill.
15. *Little Bay Islands*.—Robert Bramfitt.
16. *Tilt Cove*.—John Dixon. One wanted.
17. *St. Anthony (French Shore)*.—Wm. B. Seccombe.
18. *Flower Cove*.—Henry Lewis.
19. *Bonne Bay and Bay of Islands*.—James Pincock—one to be sent.

20. *Fortune Bay*.—One wanted.  
 21. *Flat Islands*.—One to be sent.  
 22. *Sound Island*.—Henry C. Hatcher.

THOMAS HARRIS, *Chairman*.  
 JOSEPH PASCOE, *Financial Secy.*

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## II. CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

23. *Carbonear*.—John Goodison, George Paine; John S. Peach, *Supernumerary*.  
 24. *Harbor Grace*.—James Dove, *President of Conference*;  
 25. *Brigus*.—Charles Ladner, James B. Heal, W. E. Shenstone, *Supernumerary*.  
 26. *Bay Roberts*.—Joseph Lister.  
 27. *Black Head*.—Jeremiah Embree, R. W. Freeman.  
 28. *Island Cove*.—John Gibson Currie.  
 29. *Perlican*.—George H. Bryant.  
 30. *Hants Harbor*.—Thomas H. James, D. Gwilym.  
 31. *Catalina*.—F. George Willey.

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## HOME MISSIONS.

32. *Port DeGrave*.—George Bullen.  
 33. *Trinity*.—Jesse Heyfield.  
 34. *Shoal Harbor* } Samuel Snowdon, William H. Eddyrean—  
     *Northern Bight,* } one to be sent.  
     *Britania Cove.* }  
 35. *Greens Harbor*.—James Nurse.  
 36. *Labrador*.—George Paine.

JAMES DOVE, *Chairman*.  
 CHARLES LADNER, *Fin. Secretary*.

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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 of marriages solemnized by each minister?

## ANSWER.

See Conference Schedule No. 1., Appendix A.

## QUESTION XVI.

What is the number of Ministers, Preachers and Laymen in the Quarterly official meetings? Of Sabbath Schools? and what Connexional property?

ANSWER.

See Conference Schedule No. 2., Appendix A.

## QUESTION XVII.

What has been collected on each District for the various Connexional Funds?

ANSWER.

See Conference Schedule No. 3. Appendix A.

## 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 B.

## QUESTION XIX.

What further measures can be adopted for the promotion of the work of God, within or beyond the bounds of the Conference; and what are the recommendations of District Meetings on this important subject?

ANSWER.

See Journal.

## QUESTION XX.

Where and when shall our next Conference be held?

ANSWER.

At Carbonear, on Wednesday, June 13th, 1877.

## APPENDIX A.

## Conference Statistics and Connexional Funds. Schedule 1.

## ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	MEMBERSHIP		PREACHING PLACES.	ATTENDANCE ON PUB WORP	BAPTISMS.	MARRIAGES
	MEMBERS.	ON TRIAL.				
St. John's	493	60	7	2100	92	35
Bonavista	346	23	3	2300	111	19
Twillingate	201	8	4	1500	70	15
Burin	336		7	1322	65	5
Grand Bank, Etc	202	53	2	1800	62	13
Petites	44	10	10	450	30	6
Channel						
Exploits	74	16	5	765	48	12
Greenspond	315	46	14	1560	86	15
HOME MISSIONS.						
Musgrave Town	70	17	9	600	26	13
Musgrave Harbor	44	20	2	630	22	4
Fogo and Change Islands	128	5	6	691	33	1
Herring Neck		28	3	120	18	2
Moreton's Harbor	80		3	600	23	6
Little Bay Islands	152	27	10	773	34	7
Tilt Cove	152	44	18	850	55	6
St. Anthony	99	126	13	458	31	2
Flower Cove	36	25	8	220	23	9
Bonne Bay and Bay of Islands	54	14	7	600	35	
St. Pierre						
Fortune Bay						
Flat Islands	207	47	6	470	26	2
Sound Island	96	17	10	300	13	3
	3131	576	147	18109	898	175

## CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

Carbonear	462		6	2260	80	21
Harbor Grace	120	20	3	1000	36	10
Brigus	166	31	5	1750	61	26
Bay Roberts	70	23	4	400	23	5
Black Head	590	2	5	2350	84	19
Island Cove	172	4	6	1000	52	4
Perlican	280	10	4	1000	36	9
Hants Harbor	156	155	4	1000	58	7
Catalina	62	27	3	500	30	3
HOME MISSIONS.						
Port De Grave	41	42	2	300	11	4
Trinity	80	7	7	500	11	2
Shoal Harbor	120	125	26	900	37	3
Green's Harbor	73	29	6	500	15	2
Labrador					12	3
	2342	475	80	13460	546	118
Total for Conference	5473	1054	227	31569	1444	29

**SCHEDULE No. 2.**  
**ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.**

CIRCUITS.	QUARTERLY MEETINGS.				Sabbath Scho's	CONNEXIONAL PROPERTY.			
	Ministers.	Preachers.	Laymen.	Total.		Churches.	Schools.	Pars'nages	Cemeteries.
St. John's . . . . .	3	2	27	32	6	6	2	1	3
Bonavista . . . . .	1	0	20	21	3	3	2	1	3
Twillingate . . . . .	1	0	12	13	2	2	1	1	1
Burin . . . . .	1	0	25	26	1	1	5	1	2
Grand Bank . . . . .	1	1	8	10	2	2	2	1	2
Petites . . . . .		1	2	3	3	1	4	1	4
Channel . . . . .		1	7	8	1	2	2	0	1
Exploits . . . . .	1	0	10	11	9	2	4	0	2
Green's Pond . . . . .									
<b>HOME MISSIONS.</b>									
Musgrave Town . . . . .		1	4	5	2	2	2	0	2
Musgrave Harbor . . . . .		1	6	7	2	1	1	0	3
Fogo and Change Islands . . . . .		0	8	9	4	3	0	1	4
Herring Neck . . . . .		1	1	2	0	0	2	0	2
Moreton's Harbor . . . . .		1	6	7	2	2	0	0	1
Little Bay Islands . . . . .		1	14	15	4	1	2	0	4
Tilt Cove . . . . .		1	18	16	6	4	0	0	0
St. Anthony . . . . .		1	11	12	7	1	0	0	1
Flower Cove . . . . .		1	4	5	3	1	0	0	0
Bonne Bay and Bay of Islands . . . . .		1	8	9	4	2	2	0	2
Flat Islands . . . . .		1	8	9	3	0	1	1	1
Sound Islands . . . . .		1	5	6	1	1	2	0	1
Fortune Bay . . . . .									
	9	16	204	229	65	37	35	8	39

**CARBONEAR DISTRICT.**

Carbonear . . . . .	1	1	15	17	6	5	2	1	4
Harbor Grace . . . . .	0	1	9	10	3	2	1	1	1
Brigus . . . . .	2	1	4	7	3	3	4	1	2
Bay Roberts . . . . .	0	1	0	1	2	3	0	0	1
Black Head . . . . .	1	1	10	12	4	3	1	1	3
Island Cove . . . . .	1	0	14	15	3	2	0	1	3
Perlican . . . . .	1	0	9	10	3	2	1	1	2
Hants Harbor . . . . .	1	1	9	11	3	3	0	0	2
Catalina . . . . .	0	1	4	5	1	1	0	0	1
<b>HOME MISSIONS.</b>									
Port De Grave . . . . .	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	1
Trinity . . . . .	0	1	7	8	2	2	0	0	3
Shoal Harbor . . . . .	0	2	16	18	8	5	2	0	2
Green's Harbor . . . . .	0	1	2	3	1	0	1	1	1
Labrador . . . . .									
	7	12	100	119	40	32	12	8	36
<b>Total for Conference . . . . .</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>75</b>

## St. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Mission Fund.	Contingent Fd.	Supernu- mary Fd	Educa- tion F'd	Sabbath S. Fund.
St. John's .....	1855 11	60 00	160 00	100 00	7 30
Bonavista.....	179 00	11 10	19 10	8 40	2 00
Twillingate.....	99 80	6 40	9 30	5 50	2 00
Burin .....	129 12	9 30	10 50	7 20	2 00
Grand Bank, Etc .....	368 76	8 50	12 19	5 85	4 20
Petites.....	13 80	3 30	3 80	1 00	50
Channel.....	82 00	4 00	6 00	6 00	
Exploits.....	48 90	3 00	8 00	8 00	1 00
Greenspond.....	74 10	6 25	10 50	6 20	1 00
<b>HOME MISSIONS.</b>					
Musgrave Town .....	61 60	2 00	2 10	1 20	50
Musgrave Harbor.....	20 75	1 20	2 10	1 00	1 00
Fogo and Change Islands ....	148 15	5 60	6 30	4 00	
Herring Neck.....	52 93				
Moreton's Harbor.....	52 93	5 00	8 00	3 00	1 00
Little Bay Islands.....	27 19	4 00	6 35	3 00	1 00
Tilt Cove.....	27 73	2 50	8 50	3 00	1 00
St. Anthony.....	20 70	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00
Flower Cove.. ..	24 80	1 80	2 60	1 60	1 20
Bonne Bay and Bay of Islands	26 00	6 00	4 00	2 60	5 60
Flat Islands.....	31 32	3 26	1 65	2 01	
Sound Island.....	19 34	2 06	1 26	2 06	1 00
	3311 10	145 97	284 25	172 62	33 30
Less Expenses.....	26 50				
Minister's Subscriptions ..			230 00		
Collected at Con. Ed. Meeting and Member's Subscript'ns				53 40	
	3284 60		514 25	226 02	

## CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

Carbonear.....	246 10	14 50	24 50	15 70	5 60
Harbor Grace.....	325 00	16 00	20 00	15 00	2 00
Brigus.....	223 05	10 00	20 00	8 50	
Bay Roberts.....	75 50	2 00	3 00	2 00	
Black Head.....	167 00	4 00	15 00	3 50	
Island Cove.....	73 98	6 00	8 00	2 20	
Perlican.....	51 10	3 00	2 10	1 05	
Hants Harbor.....	55 27	2 00	2 10	1 50	
Catalina.....	52 64	6 00	6 00	3 15	1 55
<b>HOME MISSIONS.</b>					
Port De Grave.....	42 10	1 42	3 50	2 25	3 31
Trinity.....	26 40	3 00	3 00	2 50	1 00
Shoal Harbor.....	268 47	1 00	2 00	1 00	
Green's Harbor.. ..	22 73	3 00	1 50	1 50	
	1628 34				
Less Expenses .....	51 40				
	1576 94	71 92	111 20 160 00	59 85	13 46

## RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	Miss. Fund.	Con. Fund.	Sup. Fund.	Ed. Fund.	S. S. Fund.
St. John's Carbonear.	\$3311.10 1628.34	\$145.87 71.92	\$284.25 111.20	\$226.02 59.85	\$33.30 13.46
Less Expenses Min. Subscript'n	4939.44 77.90	217.89	395.45 390.00	285.87	46.76
	4961.54	217.89	785.45	285.87	46.76

### ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR 1877.

1. *First Preparatory Day.*—Stationing Committee at 3 p.m.
2. *Second Preparatory Day.*—Committee for Examination of Candidates. Committee on Conference Statistics. Contingent Fund Committee. Missionary Committee.
3. *Opening of Conference.*—June 13, 9.30 a.m.
4. *First Day Conference Session.*—Educational Society Committee. Supernumerary Fund Committee,
5. *Second Day. Conference Session.*—Sabbath School Committee.
6. *Third Day. Conference Session.*—Parsonage Aid Society Committee.
7. *Fourth Day. Conference Session.*—Stationing Committee.
8. *Fifth Day. Conference Session.*

N.B.—All these Committees to be arranged by the Conference.

*Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference.*

JAMES DOVE, *President.*

JOHN GOODISON, *Secretary.*

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

Contingent Fund. Public Collections. September.  
Supernumerary Ministers and Minister's Widows.

1. Collections in Classes. September.

2. Public Collections. December.

Contingent Fund Yearly Collection in Classes.

Educational Fund Public Collection. April.

The Conference Collection. May.

Special Collection for General Conference Contingencies. March.

August.

## APPENDIX B.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

## I. BOOK ROOM.

The Conference has heard with pleasure the Report of the Eastern Section of the Book Room Committee, and expresses the hope that this interest of our Church may enjoy continued prosperity.

## PASTORAL ADDRESS

Of the Newfoundland Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada to the members of the Church under its care.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,—We greet you in the name of the Holy Trinity. As the united pastorate of the Methodist Church in this colony, we again avail ourselves of the privilege of addressing you as our spiritual charge. We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers. You will rejoice with us in the fact that during the past year, God has most graciously poured out his Spirit upon the Methodist and other Churches of Britain and America, which has resulted in the “building up of believers in their most holy faith,” the restoration of the fallen to the favour of God, and the conversion of thousands hitherto “having no hope and without God in the world.” While our joy is great for the prosperity of Zion in other lands, it is much greater for the success with which God has crowned the holy toil of his servants, on the new Missions, as well as on the older circuits, within the bounds of our Conference.

The rain from heaven has caused the barren soil to become fruitful; the “Sword of the Spirit” has pierced many hard hearts, and wounded consciences have been healed by “Gilead’s balm.” The gospel of Christ has again to many proved itself the “power of God unto Salvation.”

Death has claimed an unusually large number of victims on some of our circuits, many of whom were consistent members of our Church, and devout followers of the Saviour. That same Jesus whom they had lovingly served in health, forsook them not in death; supported by him they were enabled to tread “the valley and shadow of death” fearlessly, and to enter joyously into the heavenly rest.

Four young men, having completed their usual term of probation, to the entire satisfaction of the Conference, were solemnly set apart

for the full work of the ministry by the imposition of hands; and another, not having arrived from his distant circuit, was recommended to be ordained during the course of the year. Twenty one remain on trial, while six have been received as candidates for the ministry. After filling up the vacancies, occasioned by death, we record a membership of 5473, being an increase for the year of 387 with 1051 on trial.

Our Sabbath School work has been vigorously prosecuted with cheering results; the attendance has considerably improved; progress has been very marked, and the whole succeeded by several teachers and many scholars giving their hearts to God and joining the church. The value of this department of the Church's effort cannot be over estimated. Brethren! enter heartily into it, co-operating with those who are endeavoring to feed the lambs of Christ's flock. Labour here will bring its own reward—the church's gratitude and heaven's approval.

With this directly spiritual success, we have also had a fair share of material prosperity; during the year several neat and commodious churches have been erected. The dedication of these to the service of God was attended with blessed, hallowing influences. With better accommodation for the people, our congregations have considerably improved.

The increase in our ministerial staff from year to year, necessitates the erection on all our stations, of suitable parsonages, which should be suitably furnished, so as to lessen the removal expenses which have been hitherto considerably augmented by the transmission of furniture.

As by recent legislative enactments, we occupy a different position from that previously filled by our church on educational matters, we have watched with much attention and anxiety the first year's operation of the new system. The Rev. G. S. Milligan, M.A., Superintendent of our schools, has been indefatigable in the discharge of his most important duties, and under his able direction, our educational interests are shaping themselves into a condition, both gratifying and hopeful. The various boards have devoted themselves earnestly to their arduous task; old buildings have in some places been superseded by new and better adapted ones; while other settlements have for the first time been provided with schools. We urge upon you the duty of availing yourselves of these privileges: as far as possible educate the youth. "Knowledge is power." Your children's usefulness and success in life will largely depend upon their early educational advantages. On behalf of the rising race, we press upon you the importance of the divine precept: "take hold of instruction, let her not go, keep her, for she is thy life."

We rejoice that your approval of our recent formation into a separate Conference has manifested itself by your continued support of all our connexional funds. We would here remind you that the first pecuniary concern of each circuit should be to provide for its own ministerial support. In some of our circuits where our population is largely on the increase we are of opinion that by a united and determined effort, this desirable end might be attained; and on other stations, where at present this could not be effected, a resolution to advance as nearly as possible to it, would be of great advantage to the work of God, by releasing funds which might then be appropriated for extending our missions, in heathen and idolatrous countries.

We commend to all our people the necessity of promoting in every legitimate way the cause of total abstinence. There is no vice so ruinous to the temporal and eternal well being of humanity as intemperance. We recall to your remembrance, the rule of prohibition, laid down for the guidance of the members of our Church by the honoured Wesley, viz. :—not only in abstaining from the purchase and sale of intoxicating liquors, but in drinking them, except in cases of extreme necessity. Let this important rule have your cheerful support; we urge upon you the duty of lending your example and influence to aid the temperance reformation on the apostolic principle;—

“Wherefore if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.”

Remember the obligations and sanctity of the Sabbath. Avoid on the holy day everything which would mar your peace or rob you of its blessings.

We remind you dear brethren of the Christian duty to leave “the principles of the doctrine of Christ” and “go on to perfection.” Compliance with this injunction is in itself a most exalted and ennobling privilege, and the source of richest blessings. The attainment of this state of grace is not beyond your reach; for the apostle, in his prayer for the Church at Thessalonica, pleads—“And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit, and soul, and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” God commands: “Be ye holy, for I am holy.” This blessing is your only meetness for eternity, because it is written: “Holiness without which no man shall see the Lord.” May you be able with humble joy to exclaim, “The blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanseth us from all sin.” A church with this rich experience will be eminently successful, it must have “power with God and with men. Then shall our Zion be an eternal excellency, a joy of many genera-

tions." "Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us."

As we go to our different spheres of labour, we are resolved by divine grace, to devote ourself with renewed zeal to your spiritual interests and the extension of our Lord's kingdom. We invite your zealous co-operation in all departments of the master's work. Unite with us in unceasing and importunate supplications at the mercy seat, that the Lord may visit all our congregations with converting and sanctifying grace. From every family altar and closet, from all our private and public means of grace, from ministers and people, let the cry go up to the Lord of Sabaoth:—"O Lord I beseech thee send now prosperity," "Oh Lord revive thy work," "For Zion's sake I will not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth." Work in faith and expect great things from the Lord. "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

Work for Jesus, strive to win it;  
He hath bought for thee a crown,  
Thine to place bright stars within it,  
At His feet to lay it down.

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might, for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave whither thou goest."

Signed on behalf of the Conference

JAMES DOVE, *President*,  
JOHN GOODISON, *Secretary*

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## MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

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### I. TEMPERANCE.

The Conference, deeply impressed with a conviction of the enormous evils resulting from the drinking customs of the age, would most earnestly urge upon all our people to co-operate in every scriptural and legitimate manner to promote the cause of Temperance in this colony.

### II.—THANKS, &C.

That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the

Ex-President, the Rev. Thomas Harris, for the very kind, efficient, and impartial manner in which he has discharged the onerous duties as President during the past year.

That the cordial and hearty thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. James Dove, Secretary; and to the Rev. John Goodison, Journal Secretary; and also to the Sub-Secretaries for the very efficient manner in which they have discharged their duties during the past year.

That the Conference desires to acknowledge its indebtedness to Joseph Lawrence, Esq., of East Keswick, Yorkshire, England, for the continued interest he manifests in the welfare of the work of God in this Colony, and especially, by procuring and training suitable persons as candidates for our ministry.

The Conference also desires to express its deep sympathy with Mr. Lawrence in the severe personal affliction through which he has been called to pass, and sincerely hopes, now that he has been graciously restored, that he may long be spared to the Church of Christ and become even more eminently useful in the promotion of God's cause in this Island.

That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Ministers of St. John's Circuit for their considerate regard for the comfort and accommodation of the Ministers attending this Conference.

That the Conference gratefully appreciates the kindness and hospitality of the friends in St. John's in entertaining the Ministers during the Session, and that the same be appropriately expressed from the Pulpits of our Churches in this city on next Sabbath.

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#### SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

It is with gratitude to the great Head of the Church, that the annual Report of Sabbath School Work within the bounds of the Newfoundland Conference is now presented.

The Sabbath School is an Institution which commends itself not only to Christian philanthropy, but to Christian philosophy as well. It is an outcome of the practical wisdom and foresight of our fathers. It is based upon the direct command of Christ, and supplies, certainly, the most perfect method of obeying it. Nowhere else can Christ's Lambs be so well fed, by no other means can their spiritual growth be so efficiently fostered.

The ideal Sabbath School, with its live Superintendent, its corps of well trained and devoted Teachers, its well selected library, its

array of black-boards, maps, wall sheets, &c., and its pleasant, sunny, airy Session room, is an ideal of perhaps the most powerful engine of the Church. Here the influence of all that is noblest and brightest, and most joyous in Christian life and experience, is brought to bear upon human minds and hearts, at their most receptive periods. Before the world has had time to warp the affections, or its false pleasures to ensnare and deprave the soul, the pure and holy affections of the Gospel of Love are presented. If, as the poet says,—

“The child is father to the man,”

what must be the tendency? What, indeed, in the nature of things, must be the inevitable result? Must it not be that the children, trained up in the way they should go in the Sabbath School, will continue to keep to the good path, when the toys and trifles of childhood are laid aside for the weighty cares and responsibilities of mature life? Assuredly it must. The Church then, in providing for the development of Sabbath School work, provides for its own development, and ensures its own success. Although it is impossible to hope for more than approximation to the ideal of excellence in agents and agencies, it is none the less our duty and interest to make that approximation as close as we can. Too much attention cannot be paid to this matter. It demands all our sympathy and all our effort. Nowhere, perhaps, is the Sabbath-school likely to be more indirectly useful than in this Island. Not only does it provide for the training of the children in spiritual things, but, in the outlying parts especially, where educational facilities are few, it supplies, in a measure, the place of these. The past year has been one of progress. Some new Schools have been established and old ones increased in efficiency. The reports from the various circuits show that a growing interest is being taken in the work, and that good has been done.

St. John's District reports 59 Schools with 425 officers and teachers, and 3,491 scholars; Carbonear District, 42 schools, with 308 officers and teachers and 2,240 scholars, making a total of 101 schools, 733 officers and teachers, and 5,731 scholars.

The outlook is hopeful. If the present ratio of increase in number and influence is maintained, and surely there is no reason why it should not, a glorious return will be shown in time and in eternity, for the labour, the liberality, and the prayers that have been expended upon Methodist Sabbath Schools in Newfoundland.

# SABBATH SCHOOL SCHEDULE.

Statistical Report of Methodist Sab Schools. Newfoundland Conference.  
For the year ending 30th April, 1876.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS:	OFFICERS and TEACHERS.		SCHOLARS.		LIBRARIES and S. S. PAPERS.		MONEY'S RAISED BY SCHOOLS.		No. of Schools using Uniform Lessons.		Do having regular Teachers meeting for study of Lessons.		No. of Schools open whole year.														
	No of Preaching Appointments.	No of Schools.	Members of Methodist Church.	Non Members.	Total.	Average Attendance.	In Infants Classes.	Intermediate Classes.	Adult Classes.	Total.	Average Attendance.	No. of Conversions during year.	Meeting in Class.	Learning Catechisms.	Total Volumes in Library.	Do other Papers.	For Missions.	For School Purposes.	For General Sabbath School Fund.	Total.	No. of Schools using Uniform Lessons.	Do having regular Teachers meeting for study of Lessons.	No. of Schools open whole year.				
St. John's	26	59	299	79	425	308	708	1638	817	3491	2280	157	266	1155	991	70	72	00	359	40	33	32	440	72	6	1	31
Carbonar	82	42	184	121	305	258	552	1105	481	2240	1799	53	120	1205	765	70	120	32	171	00	11	91	303	23	15	3	15
<b>Totals.</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>1260</b>	<b>1763</b>	<b>1208</b>	<b>5731</b>	<b>4079</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>2360</b>	<b>1756</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>46</b>

JOHN GOODISON, *Secretary.*  
GEORGE J. BOND, *Asst. Secy.*

## V.—CONTINGENT FUND.

Resolution of Conference respecting the Contingent Fund.

The Conference invites the attention of our Ministers and congregations to the increasing necessity of liberally sustaining this Fund.

## SOURCES OF INCOME.

1. Collections to be taken up on all our Circuits in the months of September and March in each year.
2. The public collections taken up at each Session of the Annual Conferences. See Discipline, p.p. 118.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1875	-	-	-	-	\$ 20.00
St. John's District	-	-	-	-	145.97
Carbonear District	-	-	-	-	71.92
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## APPROPRIATIONS.

Bro. Ladner, for personal affliction	-	-	-	-	\$30.00
“ Boyd, expenses to Sackville	-	-	-	-	25.00
“ Taylor, do do	-	-	-	-	25.00
“ Willey, do from do	-	-	-	-	25.00
Ordination Bibles, 1876	-	-	-	-	14.22
do do 1875	-	-	-	-	7.50
President's Expenses	-	-	-	-	30.00
Printing Minutes	-	-	-	-	60.00
Treasurer's Book	-	-	-	-	90
Contingencies	-	-	-	-	8.38
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					\$226.00
Balance,	-	-	-	-	11.89

## VI.—CHILDREN'S FUND.

Resolution of Conference respecting Children's Fund.

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

## VII.—EDUCATIONAL FUND.

The Conference gratefully recognizes the good work which the Educational Society has by the blessing of God been the means of doing, in advancing the intellectual interests of our rising ministry, and earnestly commends it to the continued sympathy and liberality of our people.

The following is the Financial Statement.

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS.

St. John's District	- - - - -	\$172.62
Carbonear do	- - - - -	59.85

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\$232.47

Collected at Conference Educational Meeting 28.40

The following subscribers are members of the Society,—

ST. JOHNS.

Rev. G. S. Milligan, M.A.,	- - - - -	5.00
“ G. J. Bond, A B.	- - - - -	5.00
Hon. J. J. Rogerson,	- - - - -	5.00
“ E. White	- - - - -	5.00
George Gear, Esq	- - - - -	5.00

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EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY DEPUTATIONS.

1. For St. John's District—President and Secretary of Conference.
2. Carbonear do Ex-President, Rev. G. S. Milligan, M A.  
Rev. G. J. Bond, A B.

IX.—PARSONAGE AID FUND.

The Conference would remind its friends of the first rule of the Constitution, viz. :

That in the judgment of the Conference it is highly desirable that every Circuit should be provided with a comfortable dwelling house for the minister and his family, and that every such dwelling house, should, if possible be free from debt.

Also of Rule No 6.

In order to secure uniformity, no grant will be made towards a new parsonage unless built according to one of the approved plans of the Society, and on land properly secured to the Connexion.

All communications having reference to the building of Parsonages are to be sent to the Secretary.

No monies to be paid by the Treasurer without an order from the Secretary.

APPENDIX D.

An Alphabetical List of the Ministers and Preachers on trial of the Newfoundland Conference, of the Methodist Church of Canada.

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

1875 Alexander, James	Exploits	1
1872 Atkinson, Thomas W.	Fogo	1
1872 Bond, George, J., A.B.	St. John's	3
Bowell, John P. (Stud't)	Sackville, N. B.	
Boyd, George (Stud't)	Sackville, N. B.	
1875 Bramfitt, Robert	Little Bay Islands	1
1873 Bryant, George H	Perlican	1
1876 Bullen, George	Port de Grave	2
1871 Currie, John G.	Island Cove	1
1873 Dixon, John	Tilt Cove	1
1855 Dove, James	Harbor Grace	2
1871 Dunn, Simeon	St. John's	1
1875 Edyrean, William Hy.	Shoal Harbour	1
1871 Embree, Jeremiah	Blackhead	1
1856 Fox, Thomas, (Sup'y)	St. John's	1
1873 Freeman, Robert W.	Blackhead	1
1860 Goodison, John	Carbonear	2
1875 Gwilym, David	Hants Harbor	2
1854 Harris, Thomas	St. John's	2
1874 Hatcher, Hy. C.	Sound Island	2
1874 Heal, James B.	Brigus	1
1874 Heyfield, Jesse	Trinity	1
1874 Hill, Anthony	Morton's Harbor	1
1874 Hill, Jabez	Channel	2
1871 James, Thomas H	Hant's Harbor	1
1874 Jennings, William	Herring Neck	1
1875 Kendall, William	Grand Bank	2
1861 Ladner, Charles	Brigus	1
1874 Lewis, Henry	Flower Cove	2
1874 Lister, Joseph	Bay Roberts	1
1870 Matthews, Solomon	Grand Bank	1
1873 McGregor, Alexander	Musgrave Town	2
1854 Milligan, G. S. M.A.	St John's, Supt. Meth. Day Sch'l	1
1872 Myers, Charles,	Greenspond	1
1872 Nurse, James	Green's Harbor	2
1874 Paine, George	Carbonear	2
1873 Parkins, Joseph	Petites	2
1861 Pascoe, Joseph	Burin	1
1840 Peach, J. S. (Sup'y)	Carbonear,	1
1874 Pincock, James	Bonne Bay	2
1873 Pratt, John	St. John's	1
1866 Reay, John	Bonavista	1
1874 Seccombe, W. B.	St. Anthony	9
1828 Shenstone, W. E. (Sup'y)	Brigus	1
1873 Snowden, Samuel	Shoal Harbour	1
1871 Swann, William	Twillingate	
Taylor, Edgar (Stud't)	Sackville, N. B.	1
1876 Tratt, Wm. Richard	Musgrave Harbor	1
1872 Willey, Francis G.	Catalina	

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Rev. John Bredin, *Journal Secretary.*

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