

THE CONFERENCE.

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If their reports give all the facts as to what they pay, the churches that contributed nothing this year to home missions are 103; to foreign missions, 98; to Conference Fund, —; to Students' Fund, 50; to W. M. Society, 86.

Some of the differences between the reports of last year and this year are as follows:

	1903	1904
Churches reported,	112	124
Members of reported churches,	9113	9056
Revivals,	29	34
Baptisms,	256	196
Net increase,	113	47
Money reported, \$29,725.44		\$30,854.38

The number of ordained ministers at the beginning of this year was forty-three. The licentiates numbered eleven. Of the ministers who died during the year—Rev. J. T. Parsons, on the 27th

DISTRICTS.	Salaries	Current Church Expenses	Buildings and Improvements	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Conference Fund	W. M. Society	Other Funds	TOTALS
First	\$640 46	\$93 00	\$536 54	\$1 75	\$1 25	\$25 05	\$42 56	\$15 00	\$1,300 77
Second	2,520 47	563 87	1,316 57	34 13	58 93	181 20	506 54	150 20	5,150 25
Third	2,672 07	931 81	1,307 09	28 89	53 88	67 75	124 88	201 91	5,393 28
Fourth	1,330 00	195 71	1,522 95	42 32	14 06	63 60	84 23	53 63	3,312 50
Fifth	991 50	155 99	270 00	15 85	14 86	54 37	65 38	289 92	1,828 58
Sixth	2,774 16	633 73	3,160 45	137 07	61 85	119 75	245 74	189 05	7,142 92
Seventh	3,349 83	1,193 94	709 97	110 26	75 01	158 85	341 65	277 15	6,776 08
	\$13,441 90	\$8,756 05	\$8,823 57	\$370 27	\$284 63	\$970 07	\$1,410 98	\$1,163 63	\$30,854 38

March, and Rev. J. S. Jones, on the 21st April. They rest from their labors. Of their services the Conference will make fitting record.

Rev. J. H. Erb is still out of the province, his health requiring him to live in a warmer climate. Rev. W. C. Kierstead has become pastor of a Baptist church in Rockford, Ill.; Revs. S. J. Case, A. A. Rideout and F. H. Knolin are pursuing their studies in the United States; and Rev. L. A. Cosman is in charge of a pastorate in the Nova Scotia Conference.

Of the ordained ministers in the province, twenty-four have been pastors; two have been home missionaries—one under direction of the W. M. Society, and one under direction of the Y. P.

Society; six have preached frequently, though without pastoral engagements; one has been editor of the denominational paper; and two have been unable to preach owing to poor health.

Five licentiates were pastors, four preached during vacation, and two are at the Divinity School.

Reports from ministers have been received by your Corresponding Secretary as follows:

Rev. T. S. VanWart reports: The year has been an average year in every respect. I have supplied some part of the year for Waterville church, have attended a number of funerals, and enjoyed the associations of life much.

Rev. T. O. DeWitt reports that he has had the pastoral care of the Geary and Waterville churches. The services have been regularly sustained, and he hopes the labor has not been in vain. Bro. DeWitt is now ill, having been confined to his bed since the first of August. He sends his love to his brethren and asks their prayers.

Rev. T. W. Carpenter writes: "I feel thankful to our Heavenly Father for His loving care. Age, sickness and infirmities will prevent me from being at Conference, but my prayer is that the divine blessing will be abundantly poured out on all who attend. My health is so much improved that I am able to be around and enjoy the beauties of nature, but I know that my earthly pilgrimage will soon be over; just a little longer and the call will come to go up higher. I send my love to the brethren, and pray that the Conference may have the divine presence."

Rev. G. W. Foster has ministered to the pastorate composed of Blissville, Patterson, Mill Settlement and Gaspereau churches. He reports that "there has been an increase in spiritual life during the year, and we are hoping and praying for more." Special services have been held at Gaspereau and Blissville. Five were baptized—one at Gaspereau, and four at Blissville. The people have been very kind to their pastor, and I enjoy laboring with them." He will remain another year, and hopes it may be rich in blessing. A parsonage is nearing completion and will be occupied in a few weeks.

Rev. B. H. Nobles reports: "The Sussex church has not had any additions by baptism this year, but several of our young people are confessing Christ in our regular meetings, and we are expecting them soon to unite with the church. The Conference and prayer meetings have been well sustained and are usually seasons of refreshing. The Lord's Supper has been especially helpful this year, the communion which Christians have had with each other and their Lord has been very precious indeed. The congregations and financial conditions were never better. I have supplied the Newtown church for the year. The church enjoyed a revival, and all its services are exceedingly spiritual and helpful. Our people are loyal to Christ and the denomination which they love."

Rev. W. H. Perry is closing his "third year with the Coverdale and Salisbury pastorate—the churches being Five Points, Eagle Settlement, Steeves' Mountain, Lewis' Mountain, Wheaton Settlement and Steeves' Settlement, with

a monthly service at the Scott Road school house. Special services were held at Eagle Settlement; two were added by baptism. The spiritual condition of the pastorate is much the same as last year."

Rev. Gideon Swim is closing his fourth year as pastor of the Moncton church. On account of ill-health he retires from the pastorate. By the advice of his physician he will rest for at least six months. He hopes then to be able to resume the work he loves, and in which for eighteen years he has been steadily engaged and with much blessing. He regrets that he fears he may not be at Conference, and assures his brethren of his love and his constant desire for their prosperity."

Rev. C. B. Lewis has ministered to the Hampstead pastorate. He reports that "by the blessings of God a fair degree of success has attended his ministry. There has been revival in every section of the pastorate, and additions to each of the churches. The outlook is fairly hopeful. The great need is more personal consecration to the Lord's work." He is to remain another year.

Rev. F. C. Hartley reports: "The past year has been pleasantly and profitably spent at Fredericton. The church work has gone on much as usual. Nineteen have been added by baptism and letter. After a pastorate of fourteen years I am now retiring from this field. I have enjoyed my work much and am glad to feel that in some measure at least my labors have not been in vain. The church is in good condition and offers a promising future."

Rev. S. J. Perry has "spent the year with the Wickham-Kars pastorate, the churches being Wickham, Carpenter, Shannon, Bellisle Bay, Tennant's Cove and Bald Hill, and has been occasionally at Jones' Settlement and Henderson. Have baptized fifteen. The outlook is hopeful. Have been asked to remain another year."

Rev. A. W. Currie has been in charge of the Millstream pastorate. He reports that he has done "the best he could, under the circumstances, to minister to the large field. No special work has been done, but there is a growing interest in some of the churches. The need for much evangelistic work is great. More workers in the vineyard, and a more loyal support of the same, we must have, if we would prosper."

Rev. A. J. Prosser, of the Hartland-Brighton pastorate, says: "The year has been the busiest and most fruitful" of his ministry. "Twenty-three weeks were spent in special work. Twenty-nine were baptized; some of them being converted through the ministry of Rev. J. N. Barnes at Havelock. A C. E. Society was organized at Pembroke in May and is prosperous. The Hartland

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