

Dr. Brecken Elected President.

REV. GEO. M. STEELE ELECTED SECRETARY.

The Annual Conference of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island opened this morning in the Prince Street Methodist Church, at 7 o'clock. The first hour was spent in devotional exercises. Yesterday several ministers from the other side arrived in the city who, with a considerable sprinkling of the laymen, added to the numerical strength of the conference. When the roll was called at the close of the prayer service, fifty-nine ministers and twenty-four laymen responded to their names. Many other delegates are in attendance who were not present at the roll call.

At this point President Weddall, in a neat and graceful speech, referred to the close of his presidential year. He desired to express his sense of obligation to the Father of all mercies for the sustaining grace vouchsafed unto him in the discharge of the duties of his office. He wished to thank also the members of the Conference for the kindness and consideration shown him wherever, throughout the year, his duties had led him. The year had brought care and more or less responsibility, but his brethren had been, in all his contact with them, so kind and sympathetic, that the work falling to the lot of the President proved a real pleasure. His remarks were greeted with applause.

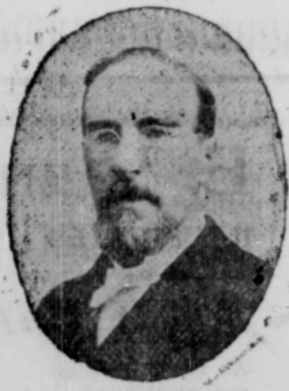
The Conference appointed the Rev. B. H. Balderston, A. B., Reporter for the Wesleyan and Christian Guardian.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.
The next business was the election of the officers of the Conference for the ensuing year, an event in which a lively interest is always manifested. It was recognized that the choice would be between Dr. Brecken, and the pastor of the First Church. Two ballots were taken, and the first was as follows:

Rev. Dr. Brecken..... 27
Rev. Geo. Campbell..... 47
Rev. Geo. Steele..... 6
with a few scattering votes—
On the second ballot the Rev. Dr. Brecken was accorded 74 votes.

The retiring president then declared Dr. Brecken elected, and in the name of the Conference cordially welcomed him to the chair.

Dr. Brecken briefly responded. He was grateful to the Conference for this expression of its confidence in electing him to its highest office. He fully appreciated the honor conferred upon him. His election in Charlottetown was the more appreciated because in this church he worshipped as a boy, was received as a probationer in 1869, and ordained in 1864. He would endeavor to discharge the duties of his office, relying upon the sympathy and help of the brethren and trusting in the Divine power, in whom is all our sufficiency. This was not the time to deliver an address. They were there to transact business, and he would call their attention to the fact that there were many questions to be brought before them that would require earnest thought and consideration.



The Rev. George Steele, the indefatigable Secretary of the Conference, was then re-elected by a very large vote.

On the nomination of the Secretary, the Rev. Geo. W. Fisher, Journal Secretary, W. H. Spargo, and W. A. Thompson, were appointed assistant Secretaries.

The Rev. Mr. Fisher is a well known figure on the conference platform, having performed secretarial work, in various capacities for the long period of fourteen years. The day of his promotion is not far distant.

HOURS OF SESSION.

The Rev. G. M. Campbell, moved that the hours of session be as follows:

Morning 9 to 12—afternoon 2 to 5.30.
The minutes of the ministerial session were then submitted.

The Report of the Conference Special Committee was then read.

PICNIC.—The Salvation Army picnic and field day will be held on Friday, July 1st under the auspices of the junior branch and Sunday school, at Shaw's Grove, West River Bridge. The commodious tug Wm. Aitken will run at 9 a. m. and 1 p. m. returning in good time in the evening. Major Collier of St. John and special musicians will be to the front. A brass band in attendance. This will be a public basket picnic. There will be a refreshment table on the ground, ice drinks, fruit, ice cream, etc. Tickets 20 cents children 10.

You will not know how much good Hood's Sarsaparilla will do you until you try it. Buy a bottle today and begin to take it.

Very Interesting Commencement Exercises

SILVER JUBILEE OF HIS LORDSHIP BISHOP MACDONALD.

Names of Young Ladies Winning Medals and Other Prizes.

The forty-first annual commencement at the Convent de Notre Dame last night was attended by His Lordship Bishop Macdonald and a number of the clergy, the Mayor and Mrs. Warburton, and a fairly large proportion of other friends of the institution. The exercises were dedicated to His Lordship Bishop Macdonald, and the programme and decorations were in touch with the celebration of the silver jubilee of his ordination.

The decorations of the stage were exceedingly artistic. A very pretty arch was erected in the background, upon which was the inscription "Illumine Cordis Jesu," and under the arch was a large oil painting of His Lordship, surmounted by the emblem of the Sacred Heart. About the stage, artistically placed among ferns and flowers, were mottoes and inscriptions, all of which had a special bearing upon the jubilee celebration. The pupils of the Convent were placed upon raised seats on each side and in the rear of the stage, and the sea of bright young faces which presented itself when the curtain was drawn made a picture that could not fail to provoke admiration. The programme of the exercises will be found below:

Greeting.....Grand Chorus
Festal March.....Pianos and Organ
The White Lady.....Drama
Les Petites Commerces.....Piano, Harp,
.....Guitars and Mandolins
Calisthenic Exercises.....
Poet and Peasant.....Pianos
The Silver Jubilee at Notre Dame.....
A Vision of the Past.....Piano
The Blue Bells of Scotland.....Piano,
.....Harp, Guitars and Mandolins
A Scene of the Present.....Twenty-five
.....Living Characters
Address—Miss Celia Kelly.....Grand Chorus
Jubilee Ode.....Piano and Harp
The Harp of Tara.....Piano and Harp
A Glimpse of the Future.....
Distribution of Premiums.....
A Word of Thanks—Miss Agnes Clarkin
National Airs.....

Every number on the programme was exceedingly well rendered, and the generous applause of the cultured audience indicated their appreciation. Something good may always be expected at entertainments in Notre Dame; and last evening's performance, original in composition and artistic in presentation, added to the reputation of the institution in this regard. The instrumental numbers were all well played, the pianos, harp, guitars and mandolins harmonizing perfectly under skilled hands. The choruses were also well rendered; and the splendid manner in which the class in calisthenics went through their exercises showed that the physical training of the young ladies is carefully attended to. The leading characters in "The White Lady," a drama in three acts, were cleverly interpreted by Misses Celia Kelly, Josie Carroll, Bernadette Gillis, Florrie Blake, Agnes Clarkin and Ethel Foley. "A Scene of the Present" was an exceedingly pretty picture illustrating the ever jubilee celebration, the different young ladies participating being so grouped as to form the figures 25, while "The Glimpse of the Future" showed His Lordship receiving the reward merited by those who serve The Master well upon earth. "The Vision of the Past" dealt in an interesting manner with the principal events in the life of His Lordship. The address of congratulation to the Bishop was read by Miss Celia Kelly. It expressed the esteem entertained for His Lordship by the pupils of Notre Dame, all of whom sincerely hope that his life may be prolonged for many years.

The medals and special prizes were distributed by Bishop Macdonald, who eulogized the pupils upon the entertainment provided, and complimented the Sisters of the Convent upon their excellent work. His Lordship also expressed his appreciation of the honor done him by the pupils.

Diamond Beds.

What are you readin' bout? Asked Mrs Hayseed.
"Diamond beds in Africa, replied her husband."
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be celebrated in that better land beyond the grave.

His Worship Mayor Warburton also made an address, in the course of which he spoke in terms of praise of the entertainment and complimented His Lordship upon the celebration of his silver jubilee. The exercises closed with the National Anthem.

The list of medals, special prizes, etc is as follows:

PRIZE LIST.

MEDALS AND SPECIAL PRIZES.
Gold Medal for Literature presented by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor equally merited by Misses Agnes Clarkin, Eulalia McDonald, Celia Kelley and Josie Carroll, drawn by Miss Agnes Clarkin.
Gold Medal for Christian Doctrine presented by His Lordship Bishop Macdonald equally merited by Misses Eulalia McDonald, Agnes Clarkin and Josie Carroll—drawn by Miss Eulalia McDonald.
Gold Medal for Christian Doctrine presented by Monsignor McDonald, awarded to Miss Josie Carroll.

Gold Medal for Literature presented by Rev. Ronald B. McDonald, awarded to Miss Celia Kelley.
Gold Medal for Application presented by Rev. Mother Provincial awarded to Miss Ethel Foley.
Gold Medal for Assiduity presented by Dr. Murray, awarded to Miss V. McDonald.

Silver Medal for Instrumental Music presented by A. Friend, awarded to Miss Kate Kelly.

Prize for General Proficiency presented by Rev. Ignatius McDonald awarded to Miss Agnes Clarkin.

In the Second Senior Department Madal for Christian Doctrine awarded to Miss Gerie McDonald.

SENIOR DEPARTMENT—FIRST GRADE.
Class Standing—Miss A. Clarkin, 1, Christian doctrine, English history, French, algebra, latin, literature, arithmetic, botany; 2, geometry, geography—average 84. Miss E. McDonald—1, Christian doctrine, botany, English Latin, literature, geometry, history, French; 2, algebra, arithmetic—average 81. Miss B. Murnaghan—1, deportment, arithmetic, algebra, Latin, botany, history, science, geography; 2, French, English, geometry—average 80. Miss E. Foley—1, application, geography, latin, French, science, algebra; 2, English, arithmetic, geometry—average 72. Miss C. Kelly—1, English, elocution, literature, algebra, composition; 2, arithmetic, history, French—average 66. Miss J. Carroll—1, history, Christian doctrine, literature, geography, composition; 2, English, algebra, Latin; 3, French, botany—average 55. Miss V. McDonald—1, history, literature, order; 2, English, botany; 3, algebra, arithmetic, French—average 55. Miss K. Kelly—1, algebra, arithmetic, geometry; 2, English; 3, Latin, French, history—average 50.

SECOND GRADE.
Miss N. Morgan—1, Latin, history, algebra, French, order, geometry; 2, English, geography, arithmetic—average 75. Miss F. Blake—1, history, penmanship, composition; 2, geography; 3, arithmetic. Miss G. McRory—1, composition, geography, history; 2, algebra, geometry, arithmetic, French; 3, Latin—average 54.

SENIOR INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT—FIRST DIVISION.
Christian Doctrine—1, G. McDonald, A. Trainor, 2, E. Hornsby, M. Kiggins, A. Bolger, A. Clarkin, M. Cantwell, A. Hogan, D. Corcoran, S. Gillan, B. Gillis, G. Steele, J. Hornsby.

Reading—1, A. Bolger, A. Trainor, G. McDonald, A. Clarkin, S. Gillan, M. Cantwell, G. Steele, 2, D. Corcoran, E. Hornsby, B. Gillis, 3, A. Hogan, M. Kiggins, J. Hornsby.

English—1, G. McDonald, A. Trainor, A. Bolger, M. Cantwell, E. Hornsby, A. Clarkin; 2, G. Steele, D. Corcoran, S. Gillan; 3, B. Gillis, A. Hogan, M. Kiggins, J. Hornsby.

Geography—1, G. McDonald, A. Trainor, E. Hornsby, A. Bolger, D. Corcoran, A. Clarkin, M. Kiggins, 2, M. Cantwell; G. Steele, S. Gillan, B. Gillis.

History of Canada—1, G. McDonald, A. Trainor, A. Bolger, E. Hornsby, A. Clarkin, M. Cantwell; 2, D. Corcoran, G. Steele, B. Gillis, S. Gillan, M. Kiggins.

History of England—1, A. Trainor, G. McDonald, A. Bolger; 2, M. Cantwell, G. Steele, A. Clarkin, D. Corcoran, M. Kiggins.

Arithmetic—1, M. Cantwell, G. McDonald, D. Corcoran, A. Trainor, A. McKenna; 2, M. Kiggins, A. Clarkin, A. Bolger, G. Steele, S. Gillan, B. Gillis, E. Hornsby; 3, A. Hogan, J. Hornsby.

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PROGRAMME

- 9—One Mile Bicycle (handicap)**
1st Prize—Silver Cup (Dan McLeod)
2nd Prize—Fur Reform Suit (Prowse Bros)
3rd Prize—Opera Glasses (W. F. Carter)
- 10—Half Mile Bicycle (Boys under 16)**
1st Prize—Silver Medal, (Geo Stanley)
2nd Prize—Card Receiver, (Moore & McLeod)
3rd Prize—Pearl Handled Pocket (Fennel & Chandler)
- 11—Massey-Harris One Mile Bicycle**
1st Prize—Gold Medal, (Massey-Harris Co, St. John)
2nd Prize—Silver Cup, (Charlottetown Gas Co)
3rd Prize—Silver Spoon, (D. M. Robinson)
- 12—Half Mile Run (Handicap)**
1st Prize—Gold Headed Cane, (Owen Trainor)
2nd Prize—Silver Medal, (Richard Bros.)
3rd Prize—Cased Pipe, (Islander Publishing Co.)
- 13—Two Mile Bicycle (Lap Race)**
1st Prize—Gold Medal (Dodd Rogers)
2nd Prize—Silver Medal, ("Old Sports")
3rd Prize—Silver Mounted Cane (Johnson & Johnson)
Time Prize—Collar and Cuff Case (Hazard & Moore)
- 14—High Jump**
1st Prize—Fishing Rod (Geo. E. Hughes)
2nd Prize—Shaving Set (Carter's Book Store)
3rd Prize—Box Cigar, (Angus McDonald)
- 15—Three Mile Bicycle Team Race**
Prize—Silver Trophy, value \$50, presented by Crescent Cycling Club. This event is open to teams of three from any club in the Maritime Provinces.
- 16—Five Mile Bicycle (Handicap)**
1st Prize—Silver Cup, ("Banana" "Jude" and "String")
2nd Prize—Bicycle Suit, (J. T. McKenzie)
3rd Prize—Daily Guardian for one year.

ENTRIES close with Secretary Saturday night, June 25th. Fees, 50c for each event, Low fares on all trains and steam boats. For train arrangements see posters

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