

From the Churches.

BERWICK, N. S.—At a roll call of the church held Feb. 11th a successful effort was made to pay off the debt which had been resting upon the church.

HAUNTSFORD—Sunday Feb. 7th, we received 13. Our work is every way encouraging. Our people are united and happy, diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. **D. E. HATT.**

WESTPORT, N. S.—I baptized two into the Westport Baptist church Sunday Feb. 7th. Since last report two have been received by letter. Rev. Isa. Wallace came last Thursday to give us a lift, and we have already been lifted. Brethren pray for us. **C. E. PINRO.**

February 8th.

WINDSOR—The Hunter and Crossley meetings are very largely attended, and large numbers are being converted every night. The whole town is being stirred as never before for years. We expect a great blessing in our old church.

A. A. SHAW.

NORTH SYDNEY, C. B.—We are encouraged in our work here. We are holding special meetings this week with most encouraging results. Bro. Smith of Sydney has been with us for 3 days and preached the old gospel with simplicity and with power. Some of our best citizens are feeling its attractive force. More anon.

February 11.

D. G. M.

BELMONT, LOT 16, P. E. I.—On the 7th of Feb. we again visited the baptismal waters in the Summerside Baptist church and buried with their Lord nine believers. This makes forty-one received by baptism and four on experience. My next field of labor is Souris.

February 12th.

A. F. BAKER.

ST. MARY'S—At the close of prayer meeting at the first St. Mary's church on the 9th inst. Deacon Dickson asked the people to remain. He then presented the pastor with a beautiful Coonskin coat, the gift of the Sonora congregation for which they have our heart felt thanks. The Lord bless them.

R. B. KINLEY.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, MAN.—Rev. H. H. Hall telegraphs to the MESSENGER AND VISITOR, under date of February 12, that at the semi-annual meeting of the Board of the Baptist Convention all missionaries were reappointed. Missionaries reports were excellent. Maritime churches will please send money pledged, and use circulars and envelopes promptly. Immediate help is imperative.

ST. STEPHEN—Two received on the 7th, one by baptism and one on experience. Observed the "day of prayer for colleges," with a successful educational meeting. On Jan. 31st, the special offering to Acadia amounted to about \$25.00. We are now at work on the St. Martin's Seminary debt. All the churches in town will be canvassed next week for contributions toward the famine fund.

W. C. GOUCHER.

OAK BAY, N. B.—Rev. W. H. Morgan, of Pembroke, Me., has received and accepted a call to the Oak Bay field, and is now settled with us. Bro. Morgan preached his first sermon at the Ledge Jan. 31st to a large and attentive congregation. Bro. Morgan has lately come to us from another denomination, we are much encouraged, brethren pray for us that God will bless our brother's coming.

J. WEBBER, Clerk.

MARYSVILLE, N. B.—Sunday Feb. 7th the Gibson house of worship was crowded to witness the baptism of four candidates from Marysville. Their names are:—Herbert Lunt, Charles Hodgson, Lena Lee and Ethel Snider. The hand of fellowship was extended in the afternoon. Rev. J. A. Cahill was with me four nights last week and rendered valuable help for which we are very grateful. We expect to baptize again next Sunday.

F. D. DAVIDSON.

BRANTFORD, ONT.—On a recent Sunday, the pastor, Rev. W. H. Porter, completed the fifth year of his pastorate with the church. The subject of the morning sermon was suitable to the occasion—Christ's ideal church, a spiritual family; Matt. 12:46-50. The church has made good progress during these five years. A new edifice is being built and the congregation now worship in the basement of it. After the sermon two candidates were baptized.

OSWESLAW—I am serving this church for the fourth year since Jan. 1st. Our services are well attended and a good degree of interest manifested in all our meetings. Our Sunday schools, with Bros. Captain Arthur Griffin and Stephen Allen superintendents, are in a flourishing condition. Our B. Y. P. U. is a source of strength to the church. We held some special meetings in January. Father Carpenter of Sable River rendering assistance. A good degree of interest was awakened. God's people were revived, some whose voices had not been heard for some time were heard praising God, and some unconverted were born into the Kingdom. It was a privilege to visit the baptismal waters on the 7th inst., when Willard Firth, Howard Lewis and Nettie Pierce followed their Lord in baptism. We are hoping for others. We need the prayers of Christians. **N. B. DUNN.**

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH, FITCHBURG, MASS.—Rev. Austen T. Kempton, pastor. The quiet work of grace which began about five weeks ago still goes on. Two extra meetings are held each week. So far there has not been an evening service held without some new ones coming out for Christ. On Sunday evening, Feb. 7th there were seven baptized, and 19 expressed a desire to become Christians in the after meeting. In all, about 50 have expressed such a desire since the meetings began. There are several middle aged people and several children who have come out, and the rest are young people. The members of the church are very helpful in the work among the new converts. There are many who are much concerned about their soul, who have not expressed any desire in public as yet. Earnest prayer is being made in their behalf. This seems like an old time revival.

A. T. KEMPTON.

ISAAC'S HARBOR, N. S.—We people down by the sea, do see and have been led in the past month to say with one of old, "it is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes." A wave of God's saving grace struck this place during the week of prayer, and bids fair to be the most powerful manifestation we have yet experienced as a church. There has been great revivals without great preaching or much human machinery, but there never has been, nor never will be, a genuine revival without much prayer. This revival was prayed down from Heaven and not gotten upon earth by man. Great strong men and women that could not be moved by word or deed, are surrendering to Christ, in answer to prayer. At our conference Saturday evening 145 took part and 18 were received for baptism. Sunday morning we met at the river and buried these happy converts with Christ at the close of the morning service 165 gathered around the Lord's table. Many more are pressing toward the kingdom.

THE NARROWS, QUEENS CO., N. B.—On Tuesday evening, Feb. 2nd, the parsonage here was besieged and taken by a great host of friends representing the churches at the Narrows, MacDonald's Corner, and Mills Cove. Considerably more than one hundred persons partook of supper. A most enjoyable time was spent. The object of the gathering was to accord a reception to the pastor and his family. This welcome was not merely one of words; but was practically expressed in the form of a very generous donation. The total offerings in money and goods exceeded \$90, and of that amount \$40 was in cash. Mr. Duncan Farris acted as chairman. The presentation was made by Mr. George Alfred Wilson in a brief, but able and appropriate address. To this the pastor responded; thanking those present for their "magnificent token of regard." The Rev. A. B. MacDonald, who for nearly 20 years was the honored and beloved pastor of the same churches, followed in a speech full of tender reminiscence and prayerful hope. I desire here to record the kindness of these good friends and again thank them on behalf of myself and family. I must add, that, beyond what was thus brought in, some of the ladies of the church collected a sum of money and purchased a beautiful carpet for my study. To them and all who contributed, I desire to express my gratitude. **C. W. TOWNSEND.**

GEORGETOWN, P. E. I.—Geographically, Georgetown, P. E. I. the capital of Kings Co., is situated on a peninsula, having Cardigan river on the east, and the Brudenel and Montague on the west, both B. and M. rivers open into the Georgetown harbor. From the Montague side there is a ferry during the open season. Not only has Georgetown

the best harbor on P. E. I. but is the winter port of the Stanley, and also the south eastern terminus of the P. E. I. railway. Here a few Baptists are located who in the summer of 1896, were formed into a branch of the Montague Baptist church, situated about 6 miles from Georgetown and Montague ferry. The pastor of the Baptist church at Montague preaches at: Sturgeon Bay, Murray River, Beach Point, High Bank and Little Sands, so that Georgetown was shut out of his sabbath services. In Nov. last the writer received a letter from a brother in Georgetown, voicing the cry of the man of Macedonia, Acts 16. I have been privileged in meeting with them a few times and telling anew the story of the Saviour's love "Forever telling yet untold," and having them upon my heart, and in my sympathies. I wish to bring them more to the notice of the brethren of the P. E. I. association, and others whom it should concern. What can we do? Can you pray? The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much, yes and a righteous woman also. In all earnestness and sincerity pray for us in Georgetown. Have you a minister? Can you as a church, spare your minister one sabbath in the year, one day out of 52, think over it, pray over it, then place the railway fare in his hand and direct him to Bro. Edward Leaman, Georgetown, and then follow him with supplications to the throne of grace, and the Lord will bless you, yea it will be a double blessing, blessing they who give and they who receive. Do it promptly, who gives quickly, gives twice. Do it while you have opportunity, Col. 3:23. What shall we do if we disregard the cry of the destitute, we read—"They too shall cry and shall not be heard." But why not render our account with joy and not with grief. Why not have the blessed words of Matt. 25:40. Oh, that, each would hear the Master's voice, recorded in John 21:17 and come to the rescue.

February 4th. **P. E. CAMPBELL.**

Acknowledgment.

Donations have been the order of the day with us of late. On the evening of Jan. 26 the friends of the Plympton section of the church gathered at the home of F. W. Kinney, where the evening was spent in a social manner. We were suddenly interrupted by Bro. G. M. Warner as he appeared in our midst and presented the pastor and his wife with the sum of \$16 as a token of kind regards. On the evening of Jan. 22 a goodly number of the church and congregation from Barton, gathered at the parsonage and spent a very social evening. During the evening we were presented with a donation to the amount of \$14, for which we desire to thank these friends. Before separating the Scriptures were read and prayer offered by Dea. N. R. Weacott. May God abundantly bless them in our prayer. This makes the third donation we have received of late from the different sections of the field, amounting in all to \$41. May the Giver of all good things richly bless these dear people for all their kindness.

G. C. CRABBE.

Barton, February 12th.

The pastor of the Summerside church had a most genuine surprise on Monday evening the 25th inst. A number of friends had gathered at our home, but we had not the slightest suspicion of what was in store for us. Suddenly the pastor was called to the floor, and Bro. J. B. Russ put on his back a beautiful fur coat, saying as he did so, "that he hoped it would keep my body warm, and that if I knew how willingly all contributed for it, it would make my heart warm too." We most sincerely thank the members of the church and congregation for this most useful gift. We feel that the debt of kindness is growing so large that we can never discharge it. But a debt of love we need never wholly pay. Mrs. Robinson at the same time was presented with an Autograph quilt and a five dollar gold piece. May God largely bless us as flock and shepherd.

W. H. ROBINSON.

Notices.

P. E. I. Baptist Conference will (D. V.) meet with the Baptist church at Tryon Monday evening and Tuesday March 8th and 9th. All the churches are requested to send delegates. **DAVID PRICE, Sec'y** Tryon, P. E. I. Feb. 5.

The Albert County Quarterly Meeting will assemble with the church at Dawson Settlement, Tuesday, March 2nd, at 2 p. m. An interesting programme may be expected. All churches in the county are earnestly requested to send delegates.

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Rev. D. G. McDonald's paper on "Baptist Principles; are They Worth Defending?" is now passing through the press and will soon be ready for distribution. Any societies not reported in the Year Book may obtain their proportion of this address by sending the number of their membership and the name of their secretary to the undersigned.

Canning, N. S.

Denominational Funds N. S.

From Jan. 11th to Jan. 31st, '97.—New Cornwall church, \$3; Apple River church, \$5.25; 1st Baptist church, Halifax, \$64.90; Brazil Lake S. S. mite boxes, \$12.75; Guysboro church, \$20; Wolfville church, \$43; do. special, \$13; Lunenburg church, \$10.25; Hampton church, \$8; Port Medway church, \$5; Mrs. Irene Kendrick, Barrington, \$1; "Two Friends," part of the Lord's tenth, \$4; Litchfield church, \$2; Hillsburn and Lake Brook, \$1.73; Digby church, per Rev. W. V. Higgins, \$13.53; Mahone and North-west, \$15; West Onslow, \$15; Nictaux church, \$22.32; Ragged Islands 1st S. S. and Mission Band, \$10; Pleasantville church, \$4; Mrs. Aleck Crowell, Barrington, \$2; De Bert church, \$10; Arcadia church (Rev. H. H. Hall), \$11.05; "A Friend," (absentee of Arcadia church) \$2; Miss Susan Crosby, Lake George church, \$5; Canard church, \$6; Dalhousie East church, \$5; Temple church, Yarmouth, a Thank-offering, \$2; Mrs. L. C. Woodworth, Canning, \$5; Carleton S. S., \$5; F. P. Eaton, M. D., Rose Bay, \$10; Mrs. Susan Fulton, Bass River, \$100; \$439.78. Before reported, \$3,286.88. Total for half year, \$376.66.

REMARKS.

Twenty-six churches of the Western Association, sixteen in the Central and thirty-one in the Eastern having nothing to their credit since Convention, **A. CORBON.**

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Wolfville, N. S., Feb. 2nd.

ARMENIAN FUND.—Collection taken at Union prayer meeting Amherst, \$25.36. **ROBERT MURRAY, Treas.** Halifax, Feb. 5.

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