

From the Churches.

Denominational Funds.

Fifteen thousand dollars wanted from the churches of Nova Scotia during the present Convention year. All contributions, whether for division according to the scale, or for any one of the seven objects, should be sent to A. Coburn, Treasurer, Wolfville, N. S. Envelopes for gathering these funds can be obtained free on application to Geo. A. McDonald, Baptist Book Room, Halifax.

FAIRVILLE, N. B.—I baptized two believers in Jesus, last Sunday. The work of the Lord is prospering in Fairville.
November 4th. A. T. DYKEMAN.

SALISBURY, N. B.—The Lord is still blessing us in this church. Since last writing he have baptized three times, making twenty since the good work began. Others have been received who will be baptized next Sunday, (D. V.)
Nov. 2nd, 1899. J. E. TINKER.

MARYSVILLE, N. B.—We are greatly encouraged in our work for the Master. God is in our midst. May we be still and know that it is God. On October 29th it was our privilege to baptize Havelock Sanson, a very promising young man. On the same day we received Bro. Wm. T. Brown and wife on experience.
H. B. SLOAT.

SUMMERSIDE.—There are indications of increasing interest in our work. Baptized Sabbath morning, 22nd ult., a brother who will be useful to the cause here, and others are being moved in the same direction. The young people are organizing for a more systematic study of the Bible, and we expect good results from this work. Our audience room has recently been thoroughly renovated and is now neat and attractive.
E. J. G.

OXFORD, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, N. S.—The work among the people here moves along magnificently. The congregations are exceedingly large. The spiritual life of the church is deepening, and the prospects for a successful year are constantly increasing. Superintendent Vining gave us a short visit, which we much enjoyed. In response to his call for help forty-six dollars were contributed. Sunday evening I had the pleasing privilege of baptizing three sisters. Six other candidates have been received, and will be buried with their Lord next Sabbath.
A. F. BAKER.

HILLSDALE, HAMMOND.—Our church interest still moves forward, since we last reported one young man in the prime and vigor of his manhood was received by baptism. At last conference Pastor Bynon, who has been with us for the last four years tendered his resignation. It not being accepted he decided to remain another year. We are expecting a large number of normal students to pass the Baptist examining board. We have been disappointed in the lessons not appearing in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR before this.
CLARA FERGUSON, Ch. Clerk.

ACADIA, Nov. 2nd.—The Baptist and Methodist churches in this village united for special work and invited Evangelist Martin to conduct the services. For the last two weeks the work has gone on with increased tokens of divine approval. The churches have been revived and many souls saved. Bro. Martin preaches the grand old Bible truths fearlessly, without rant or flippancy, which God owns and blesses in the building up of believers and the salvation of the lost. Bro. Martin closed with us last evening and goes at once to Port Maitland. We are to continue the Union meetings, in which we are looking for the continuation of the blessing and power already enjoyed.

HOPEWELL.—Our house at the Cape was reopened for worship on Oct. 29th. The day was very unfavorable. Notwithstanding the rain the congregations were good. All parts of the field was represented. The pastor preached in the morning; the Rev. Mr. Boyd, (Presbyterian), in the afternoon; and the pastor again in the evening. The collections of the day amounted to \$40. This was all we needed to pay off all debts. Over one hundred dollars was expended, and our house is very neat and attractive as a result. We now expect to finish our vestry, which is much needed for Sunday school work and our social services.
F. D. DAVIDSON.

FRENCH MISSION FIELD.—On the evening of Thanksgiving Day the members of

our church, as well as the Catholics in the surroundings, greatly surprised us by making us a "donation." When Mrs. Grenier and I entered the church we found that the front of the pulpit was well "decorated" with all kinds of vegetables, besides fruit, butter and sugar. Apart from this was an envelope containing a sum of money. Among the donors (of money as well as products) were sixteen Catholics, who gave cheerfully and liberally. I am happy to say that this year, so far, our church has relieved Grande Ligne of \$75 towards my salary. We thank God for all His blessings.
C. W. GRENIER.

Weymouth, N. S., November 1.
NORTH SYDNEY.—Our church work has been progressing favorably since last we reported through the columns of our paper. Our church building has undergone quite extensive repairs during the past few weeks. It has been painted within and without, the seats upholstered and the roof shingled, involving an expenditure of between \$450 and \$500. The people responded nobly to these additional demands and almost the entire amount was in the treasury before the repairs were begun. We have now a very attractive and comfortable building in which to worship God, and are already beginning to realize the helpful influence of our improved surroundings. Our Y. P. Society has been recently reorganized with thirty-five charter members, which number has since increased to forty-five. We are at present studying Dr. Hurlbert's Normal Lessons. The interest in the work of the Society is steadily increasing. We are praying for a deeper spiritual life, and for increased power and zeal in the work which God has given us to do.
M. A. McLEAN.
North Sydney, C. B. Nov. 3.

SALT SPRINGS, KINGS COUNTY, N. B.—On Sunday, October 29, Rev. J. D. Wetmore preached his farewell sermon here from Heb. 13: 20-21, and at the close of the service was presented with an address by Bro. B. W. Morgan on behalf of the church. The address expressed the regret of the church at the severance of the tie which had united Mr. Wetmore to them as their pastor and their high appreciation of his Christian character, his ability and faithfulness as a preacher of the truth and the great value of the services rendered by him as a Christian minister. It also expressed earnest desire for the future welfare and success of Mr. Wetmore, making affectionate mention also of Mrs. Wetmore and assuring them of an abiding interest in their prayers. To this address Mr. Wetmore responded fittingly, expressing his appreciation of the good feeling which had been expressed toward Mrs. Wetmore and himself and his gratitude for the co-operation of the people with him in the work.

FREDERICTON.—The work here is moving forward most cheerfully. Many of the students are being saved. On Sunday evening, October 29th, two were baptized and in the following aftermeeting five more declared their desire to become disciples of Jesus. It was a special joy to the pastor to witness such a work of grace on the fifth anniversary of his settlement with this church. Though no public reference was made to the completion of the five years' of service the fact occurred to a number of friends during the day and received a graceful and touching recognition at night. Coming in from the aftermeeting we found the parsonage parlour filled with stalwart friends. Dr. Barbour in an affectionate speech expressed the congratulations and kind regards of the company and presented Mrs. Freeman with a beautiful bouquet of roses. It was a simple and unpretentious act but it touched our heart strings and crowned a day which shall be long and sweetly remembered.
J. D. F.

TANCOCK, N. S.—Since last reporting through the columns of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR with the faithful few we have labored to sow the good seed and are prayerfully waiting for the harvest. On the evening of Thanksgiving Day we had a truly inspiring thanksgiving service. Bro. E. Kempton, who teaches the advanced department of our school, preached a very thoughtful and helpful thanksgiving sermon from Phil. 4: 6, after which a large number took part. The meeting closed with a thank offering for missions and no doubt many went home feeling that the

Lord is daily doing great things for them. We have been settled now on the field almost a year and we cannot but speak in the highest terms of the kindness and generosity of this people. A few weeks ago the writer had the misfortune to receive an injury which has partly rendered him incapable of attending to his work. During this time Bro. Kempton has been of great service in assisting the pastor in the work. Our Bro. is a noble character, an excellent teacher and an effective preacher. Fortunately the pastor has in his congregation such a school master
HARRY S. EBB.

October 28th.

GUYSBORO, N. S.—We have reported nothing for sometime, but we have been doing more than mark time. During the summer months our congregations have been good. Four Sunday Schools have been conducted. Some of these will not be kept open during the winter. Recently three brethren, Bros. J. McG. Cunningham, Joseph Worth and W. H. Cunningham, were elected deacons. They have not yet been ordained. Immediately after the Convention a special offering of \$18 was made for Foreign Missions. Last evening Rev. A. J. Vining spoke to us of our work in Manitoba and the West. An offering of over forty dollars was made for this great work. We hope to raise it to \$50. If all the churches Bro. Vining visits will give as God has prospered them this year, up to the same proportion that the Guysboro church has, Bro. Vining will return to the West with money enough to build the College building needed at Brandon. The pastor has just completed two years' of service. He has worked hard but has rejoiced in some spiritual gains. At Roachville, an out-station where for years no prayer meeting had been maintained until one year ago, last week forty attended the prayer meeting and twenty witnessed for Christ. The pastor is grateful to his people for a promptly paid salary and other tokens of regard. The parsonage has recently been painted and slight improvements made to houses of worship. We greatly need a new house of worship in Guysboro in a new location, and earnestly hope that very soon many fish with pieces of money in their mouth may be taken in our waters, which for three years have almost absolutely refused us fish. But our most urgent need is that brightening of the spiritual life which makes every member of our church a New Testament Christian.
R. OSGOOD MORSE.

November 1.

TEMPLE CHURCH, YARMOUTH.—During the passed season we have been engaged in making extensive repairs upon our building. The outside has been thoroughly repaired and covered with two coats of paint, the vestry and adjoining rooms renovated and newly fitted up. The old seats and furnaces were removed, the former replaced with chairs having book racks attached, of an improved pattern, the latter by two furnaces of the latest design, warranted to make the house comfortable in the coldest weather. In the audience room and vestibule the walls and ceilings are newly painted and decorated, the organ front retouched up in colors to match the pews and all woodwork exposed, cleaned and revarnished, the whole effect produced being both harmonious and pleasing. The total amount expended was \$1177, nearly all of which was met by offerings made by members of the church and congregation, and our Young People's Societies, during the progress of the work. The "Yarmouth Light" of the 26th ult., thus refers to the improvements made: "The Temple Baptist church of this town, W. F. Parker, pastor, will be reopened on Sunday next, after having been closed for about ten weeks. During that interval, services have been held in the basement of the church. The building has been thoroughly renovated and put in good repair, painted outside and in, and is now to all appearances as good as a new church. The interior decorations are worthy of special mention. The walls are done in a light shade of olive green, with deep borders on the terra-cotta tone, over which run raised scrolls of extremely delicate design, all hand painted. Each panel in the ceiling contains, beside the border, a floriated wreath with corner-pieces to match. The arches, which are of plaster, have been grained to imitate the columns, which alone makes a great improvement. The organ pipes have been touched up with new gilt and olive green, to carry out the color scheme. The effect of the whole is that of richness and beauty. The decorations were designed and executed by Mr. Benj. Ritchie of this town." Pastor Parker's very appropriate remarks at the opening were founded upon the expression of the Psalmist, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord. We hope the work as now completed will prove, not only pleasing to ourselves, but honoring to the great Head of the church, and that during the coming months His blessing may, in a special manner, rest upon the labors of His servants, both here and elsewhere.
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