

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. Cohoon, Treasurer, Wolfville, N. S. Envelopes for gathering these funds can be obtained free on application to A. Cohoon, Wolfville, N. S.

FIRST CHURCH, HALIFAX.—On Sunday evening, the 9th inst., the pastor baptized a young brother, a grandson of the Hon. Dr. Parker, and the son of Mr. W. F. Parker.

VANCOUVER.—Rev. Roland D. Grant of Waterloo, N. H., has accepted the call to the pastorate of the First Baptist church, Vancouver, and is expected to take charge of the work by Oct. 1st.

GERMAIN STREET, ST. JOHN.—Pastor Gates reports his people getting back from "Summer Wanderings" and settling down once more at home. The congregations at the prayer and preaching services, as also the Sunday School, are being enlarged to something like a normal condition and the outlook begins to be more hopeful. One was baptized a week ago and "we are praying for an ingathering."

NORTH CHURCH, HALIFAX.—The Sunday evening following Convention it was my privilege to baptize two believers. Others are waiting to unite with us by letter and baptism. As a direct result of the Convention meetings, two wandering ones of our congregation were reclaimed. We are expecting to see still greater results. A strong impulse has been given the Baptist cause in this city. Z. L. FASH.

FLORENCEVILLE, N. B.—Have spent the last two weeks in Windsor, Car. Co., laboring with Bro. Dakin, who has occupied Aberdeen and the above station since June; our work has been blest. On the 9th inst. we had the privilege of baptizing six young people, adding them to the little church. Others will probably come if the work can be carried on. Bro. D. will be leaving the field for school about the 20th inst., then all those stations occupied by him will be vacant.

A. H. HAYWARD.

CLAYTON, N. C.—During August we held special meetings nearly three weeks. I have baptized thirteen and expect others. The weather was very hot, and one of the hottest political campaigns in the history of the State had just closed. On account of the drought and the premature ripening of the crops, multitudes had to be busy "pulling fodder" and picking cotton who would have been at the meetings. This church gave me a unanimous call for an indefinite period instead of the yearly call, but it is not likely that I shall remain. Sept. 10th, 1900. JOHN LEWIS.

SYDNEY.—Rev. D. A. Steele has spent two weeks supplying the church in Sydney in the absence of Pastor Vincent. The congregations are large and the prospects good for a steady growth. Words fail to picture the great material advance of the town. Whole streets of houses are being built; the steel works are on a magnificent scale; the various religious bodies are awakening to the opportunity, and the Baptists are determined not to be behind-hand. Our readers will expect to hear from Sydney often.

BROOKLY, QUEBEC COUNTY, N. S.—Our social meetings are largely attended and full of interest. Conversions are occurring from week to week and the church is exceedingly hopeful. We have just lost one of our most valued members, Mrs. Henry Gardner. Her death is generally lamented as she was a most amiable Christian and zealous worker in the church. Her home was always open to the pastor's entertainment and all Christian workers, while her life was a benediction to all who knew her. We mourn her departure yet rejoice in her exaltation. H. S. SHAW.

NORTH SYDNEY.—After a very trying experience in parting from a united people who were unwilling to have us leave them, being led of the Spirit, we are now with the Calvary church where already the brethren are making us feel at home. The prospects are encouraging and we are hopeful of a large blessing. The Sabbath before leaving Bridgetown (2nd,) we had the pleasure of baptizing three who had given themselves to Christ. We left in the midst of unfinished work, quite a number are almost persuaded, and under the direction of the right man will soon be led to follow Christ. The man who goes to

Bridgetown will find a united and loyal church and a most enjoyable pastorate. Our prayer is that God's man may soon be sent to them. More from North Sydney as soon as we get "settled."

F. M. YOUNG.

BRAVER BROOK.—It was my privilege to spend the first week of September with this section of the Brookfield group of churches. Previous to my visit in response to an urgent invitation, Samuel MacDougall, a young student from Brown University, who is spending his vacation in the Provinces, had been laboring here for a week. It very soon became manifest that the field was "white unto harvest." Clear evidence was given of the Spirit's presence, and during the first week ten had definitely decided for Christ. During the following week fourteen more were added to the number. These included some of the brightest cases I have ever known. It was a glorious work of grace. Many homes in the community were made glad. Several are awaiting baptism. May there be a similar manifestation of God's saving power in all the churches.

M. A. MACLEAN.

SALISBURY, N. B.—The Father Crandall Memorial.—The Baptists of Salisbury village are about celebrating the centennial of their church organization. One hundred years ago Father Joseph Crandall came from Nova Scotia and began preaching to the settlers along the banks of the Petitcodiac River. Soon there was a great turning unto the Lord, and in the year 1800 the 1st Salisbury Baptist church was organized. At first the church worshipped in a log house, then a frame house was built, which served their needs for some time. About forty-five or fifty years ago the present house of worship was built. Now the time has come when the church must have another house. So we have decided to build a house adequate to our needs to be known as the "Father Crandall Memorial." We have the foundation finished and the house is now being framed. It will cost when completed about twenty-five hundred or three thousand dollars. The church in the village is only small, and many of the members are poor, but they have responded nobly, giving beyond the point of self-sacrifice. But even after all have given beyond their ability to give we need a large sum yet to complete it clear of debt. We believe that a memorial to Father Joseph Crandall should not be, cannot be a local work, but a work of the whole denomination, because all our churches through him have been blessed. We wish to bring this matter before the denomination through the MESSENGER AND VISITOR to ask your help brethren and sisters in the erection of a "Memorial" to the man who labored much in the Lord and who to-day outside of his relatives is almost forgotten by the denomination which he served so faithfully and so well. All contributions may be sent to J. M. Crandall, Salisbury, N. B., or to the undersigned. J. E. TINKER.

Salisbury, N. B., Sept. 14th.

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Delivered from Enemies.

It will be of interest to the friends of Rev. Fred J. Bradshaw, of Kiating, Western China, to learn that I have this week received a letter from him describing the imminent peril in which he was placed, and how the Lord delivered him out of the hands of his enemies.

We also have a despatch from Shanghai received today, announcing the safe arrival of the missionaries from Western China. The missionaries from Western China are as follows:

Yachau:—Rev. W. M. Upcraft and wife, Breton Corlies, M. D.
Kiating:—Rev. F. J. Bradshaw, Mr. H. J. Openshaw and wife.
Saichau:—Rev. C. H. Finch, M. D., and wife, Rev. C. A. Salquirt and wife.
W. B. BRADSHAW.

Hiawatha, Kansas, Sept. 8.

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Personal.

Rev. Geo. Howard of Keswick, dropped in to see us on Friday last. We were glad to see him looking well and apparently none the worse for his many years of hard service in the good cause.

Rev. J. H. Parshley of Moncton, was in St. John on Monday on his way to Wolfville, where he will spend a short time. He reports an encouraging condition of matters in connection with his church work.

Rev. A. H. Lavers of St. George, was in St. John last week in connection with the work of the F. M. Board. His fractured wrist, we are pleased to report, is progressing favorably toward recovery.

Selecting the New Fall Dress Cloths.

Write for Samples



Everyone likes to have a large variety to choose from—we've got the variety—we've got the range of prices, too. It's really astonishing what cloth values we can show this season—the goods are so much wider and heavier for the price than ever before.

Smooth Cloth, Dressy Makes

52 inch "Pirle" beaver suitings (6 colors)	90c. yard
48 inch "Suffolk" cosset cloth (4 colors)	\$1.10 yard
46 inch "Royal" Venetian (5 colors)	\$1.25 yard
51 inch Kersey suitings (6 colors)	.63c. yard

Rough Faced and Frieze Cloths

For Walking Skirts and Suits.

56 inch Heavy Frieze (5 colors)	\$1 yard.
56 inch Mottled Cheviot (5 colors)	\$1.10 yard.
56 inch Check Suitings	90c. yard.
48 inch Homespun Imperial	68c. yard.
46 inch "Royal" Wale Cheviot	85c. yard.

Samples sent by mail on request.



Ladies' Dress Skirts Ready-Made

If all women knew how much easier and cheaper it was to get a really good fitting and good quality of skirt made-up and ready to put on, the manufacturers wouldn't be able to meet the demand. As it is, the sale of ready-made skirts seems to be doubling every year. Have a look at these:

Rainy-day or Walking Skirts, made of heavy cloth without lining,	\$5.50, \$7.50
Fine Black Satin Cloth Skirts,	4.75
Navy or Black Coating Serge Skirts,	3.75
Fine Black Brocade Mohair Skirts,	3.75
Black Brilliantine Skirts,	\$2.98, 3.50

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