

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.

WINDSOR, N. S.—Baptized three candidates yesterday. At preceding conference two others were received by letter. Still others are looking toward baptism.

A. A. SHAW.

HARTLAND, N. B.—God has been pleased to bless His Zion in this place. Twenty-one have been baptized, and the church much strengthened and encouraged. We praise God for it. J. D. WETMORE.

HEBRON, N. S.—Everything is very promising with us now. New members are coming in by letter and we are looking for baptisms. We just sent \$46 to Rev. G. Churchill for famine sufferers.

HAVELOCK, N. B.—The Rev. J. W. Brown of Nictaux Falls, N. S., has accepted a unanimous call to the pastorate of the Baptist church at Havelock, Kings Co., N. B. Pastorate to take effect first of May. Rev. F. T. Snell has been engaged to supply the church until that time.

April 2nd.

PREPOT, N. S.—The good work still continues in our midst. The ordinance of baptism was administered three consecutive Sabbaths in March—4, 11, 17. Four were baptized on the 4th, thirty on the 11th, and five on the 17th. Four united by letter making in all, since the work began, forty-three. I am now holding special meetings in Tiverton with encouraging results.

E. H. HOWE.

LITTLE GLACIER BAY, C. B.—Prior to my departure from my late field of labor, flattering addresses were presented to me by the members of H. A. Taylor Division, S. of T., Aberdeen Lodge of I. O. O. F., and the Y. M. C. A., in each case accompanied by a handsome purse. The kind references to me outside of our own church have touched me very deeply. May God reward the donors. The church is about to call Rev. A. I. Archibald, who graduates from Rochester in May. May he have a successful pastorate. May the church more than keep pace with the growth of this town. Yours truly,

F. BRATTIE.

RICHMOND, CARLETON COUNTY.—The donations made by the two churches on the field during the past winter amounted in cash and goods to \$60 for which the recipients are truly thankful. There being but few Baptists in Richmond the regular salary is very small, and the donations are a much needed and timely help. The South Richmond church is so much reduced by deaths and removals that they will soon need assistance from the Home Mission Board to enable them to keep a pastor. The people do all in their power, but are too few in number to maintain a pastor.

C. CURRIE.

NEW TUSKET CHURCH.—In response to a letter from the Weymouth church (which has been without a pastor for some time) a meeting of this church was called by Deacon G. H. Sabean, which was held at the Baptist meeting house on the 5th inst. relative to the desirability of this church uniting with the Weymouth church in the call and support of a pastor for both churches. Upon the motion being put to the meeting there appeared for the motion 20 against 2. Some others present did not vote. We are hoping a pastor will soon be forthcoming, satisfactory to both churches.

J. G. NOWLAN, Church Clerk.
Havelock, April 6th.

BUNSWICK, ME.—Dr. Dunn H. M. Secretary of Maine, makes the following statement in the "Watchman" regarding the work in the Bereau Baptist church of Brunswick, Me.: "The work of the church is developing finely under the direction of Pastor F. S. Todd. The congregation increasing. The Sunday-School more than doubled. The prayer-meetings are deeply spiritual. A spirit of harmony prevails in the church membership and the Holy spirit is manifestly present in conviction and regeneration. Several have been baptized recently and several others are now ready for this service. A number of the students of Bowdoin College are regular attendants and some of them are very helpful workers in the meetings. The outlook for work is very encouraging."

FIRST HILLSBORO.—On Wednesday evening, March 28th, a large representation of the friends from the Salem section of our field met at the home of Mr. Harris Steeves and gave us a very generous donation. A spirit of genial kindness seemed to animate everyone present. With happy converse, pleasant games and cheerful music the time passed quickly by. The central point of interest was the presentation to the pastor. This was made in a kindly speech by Mariner Steeves. After a grateful response from the recipient, some excellent speeches were given by Deacons O. and M. Steeves, Jeremiah and Benjamin Steeves. The amount handed in was \$29; \$19 being in cash and \$10 in produce. C. W. TOWNSEND.

SOUTH RAWDON, N. S.—Saturday, Mar. 3rd, being the time for our regular conference, and general notice having been previously circulated at home and abroad, we had a Roll-Call of the church. Although on the day just previous, we had far the worst drifting storm of the whole winter, blocking up our roads in many directions, yet many had courage enough to push on and on, and owing to the efforts of our Pastor and his wife the gathering at the old meeting house was quite a credit to the church under existing circumstances. Lines of cheer and encouragement were read from quite a number of absent members. If hearts were stout to face difficulties in getting there, they were no less strong and true for the return home. If they were prompted to assemble by some warmth of love, it was certainly increased after having conferred with one another, with the absent ones and with our Heavenly Father—A spiritual uplift for Pastor and people.

R. H. CREED.

Upper Newport, March, 26th.

MURRAY RIVER, P. E. I.—I have entered upon my third year of labor among the many warm-hearted brethren on this field. The past two years have witnessed many tangible proofs of their love for us. I believe we are united. Our last annual and roll-call meeting was pronounced by the brethren to be the best experienced for many years. Our Sabbath services are well attended. The W. M. A. S. continues to be a place of interest. We intended holding spiritual services this winter, but were hindered by the bad roads. Our greatest need is for more of the mind of Christ. The contract for finishing inside of our new church has been given to Mr. T. Cook, to be completed by October next. Many of the brethren are sacrificing much to erect this building in Murray River. Still we are in great need of funds. Please brethren, and friends will you help us.

H. CARTER, Pastor.

In connection with this Pastor Carter acknowledges the receipt of subscriptions to the building fund collected in Guysborough and Cassano amounting to \$30.00 and from individuals elsewhere amounting to \$38.25. Total \$68.25.—ED. M. AND V.

ANTIGONISH, N. S.—Bro. Marpel came to assist us in special services the second week in March. He preached the word boldly, earnestly in the power of the Holy Spirit. His heart-searching messages aroused the careless and were productive of good. The members were quickened and heartily co-operated. There were over twenty inquirers, mostly from the Sunday School. Several of these were from other denominations and we believe some of them have accepted Christ. Our conference meeting Friday evening was a time of great spiritual refreshment and joy. The members of the church all seemed possessed of a very tender and loving spirit and some twelve or more new voices were heard confessing Christ, some quite young. On Sabbath evening, April 1st, I baptized three noble young men in the presence of a very large congregation representing all denominations. One of these was brought up in a Peco-Baptist home. Three others are received for baptism and we trust more will follow. We desire to thank God for his mercy to us, and pray that we may walk humbly before him. Bro. Marpel has gone to Truro to engage in special services. He will always be kindly remembered by us. I enjoyed working with him. May the Master richly bless him in his work.

W. H. ROBINSON.

BROOKFIELD, QUEBENS CO., N. S.—Six persons were baptized and received into the fellowship of the Brookfield church on the 11th of March. And on April 1st, eighteen others followed the Master in the same ordinance. Some others have been received for baptism and others have professed faith in Christ and doubtless will

soon follow where he leads. In spite of the wintry weather of Sunday morning a large number found their way to the lake and the eighteen were baptized by Pastor Balcom. He has been holding meetings some four weeks and these are some of the results of his faithful, honest labor, he has only been with us a few months but he and his estimable wife have a large place in the affections of the people. The conversion of sinners has in some measure awakened the church members in this section, and they realize that they have a work to do for God. The other sections of the church do not seem to be moved, but prayer is going up to our Father that the work may broaden till the other sections shall enjoy the same blessings. The work goes on very quietly and every day seems brighter than the preceding one. Fourteen of those baptized came from the Sabbath School. Names of those baptized March 11th—Annie Mager, Ethel Ramey, John Harlow, Chester Mager, Jeremiah Ramey, John A. Dauphine. April 1st—George Parker, Maurice Harlow and daughter, Mrs. Arthur Hendry, Steel Crow, Frank Wyatt, Mrs. Frank Wyatt, Nettie Hendry, Mrs. Leander Crocker, Enos Falkingham, Joseph Fancys son and two daughters, Brinton Johnson, William Wear, Lewis Morton, Jessie Selmer, Lena Ramey. A. J. LEADREYTER.

April 2nd.

GASPERAUX, N. S.—It has been more than a year since this church reported through the columns of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR. A little more than a year ago Pastor Spidell came amongst us and since that time the church has had a magnificent record. Financially it never did better work. During the year a beautiful parsonage and a barn have been erected at a cost of \$1800; the pastor's salary has been increased \$100 per annum, and recently a large number of parishioners spent a pleasant evening at the parsonage and before leaving presented \$45 in cash to the pastor and his good wife. Also the contributions to other benevolent objects have been cheerful and liberal. The parsonage is one of the best that can be found anywhere in the country. It is 28x39, beautiful inside and out and everybody is proud of it. Spiritually there has been marked advancement. The pastor has baptized frequently. Last Sabbath, April 1st, he led down into the beautiful Gasperaux river 26 happy converts, and again on next Sabbath at least ten more are expected to follow their Lord in like manner. Pastor Spidell's only helpers in this work are the Holy Spirit and a consecrated band of workers in his own church. Last Sabbath about two hundred communicants partook of the Lord's Supper and the congregation packed the house, although the roads were in a very bad condition to travel. At the preaching services the church is generally filled and the midweek prayer meetings are largely attended and quite interesting.

April 6th.

HOPKINTON, N. H.—The Lord is blessing his cause here. Two were baptized last Sunday, and others are expected soon to follow. We are grateful for a growing interest in the preached word among the people of our charge. J. W. TINGLEY

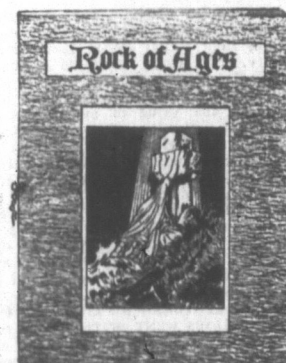
NORTH CHURCH, HALIFAX.—The church has enjoyed some refreshing seasons during the past two months, a number have been added by baptism. A grand work has been going on in connection with the Mission at Bloomfield Street. A branch Sunday School there is in a flourishing condition. Our Mission Band was favored on Mar. 21, Rev. E. M. Fletcher, returned missionary, gave us an hour travelling with him and touring in India, all present pronounced it the best and most thanks heartily. He will lecture again soon, giving us other views on his work. Rev. P. Whytock deputation Secretary to the "Regions Beyond" Mission, and late of Congo, Central Africa, gave us an address on Wednesday evening last. He represents the Mission on the Congo between known as "Grattan Guinness" Mission, and was a pioneer missionary among them who went out from Scotland some years ago. He can delight any audience, on the subject of the Congo, a pleasant speaker and grand man. He preaches for Pastor Fash Sunday night, and lectures, exhibiting views, scenes on the Congo River, later. A review of the Bloomfield mission work and paper full of details was read, showing various stages of the work from the beginning—wonderful history. To Bro. John Thomson, the father of the work, is due much credit. He stays by the ship. Over 125 scholars are enrolled. Six converts this spring have united with the church and the work is in a progressive state. Pastor Fash has been in ill health lately but is now about again. A MEMBER.

Dr. Jameson, the leader of the famous raid into the Transvaal, is very ill at Cape Town.

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