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.—The pastor baptized two young people on Sunday 14th instant, at the close of the evening service.

FREDERICTON.—At the Communion service, April 7th, nineteen new members received the hand of fellowship. Fourteen of these were baptized during the past month. J. D. F.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B.—Four were received into the fellowship of the church on Sunday last, three by baptism and one by letter. In the midst of our grief over the loss of some who have been identified with the church since its organization, these additions bring us cheer and hope.
W. C. GOUCHER.

AMHERST.—Pastor Bates writes that, Sunday, April 7, was a good day for the church. Congregations were large. An Easter concert by the Sunday School was an interesting feature of the days's services. Before the morning service the pastor had the happiness of baptizing his oldest son, a young man of nineteen.

ST. MARTINS, N. B.—The St. Martins church has recently received from Mr. Robert Moran of Liverpool, G. B., a donation of eight hundred dollars toward the building of a new parsonage. Mr. Moran's generous gift has made it possible for the church to undertake the work of building and thus to supply a want long felt. The church has conveyed to Mr. Moran its grateful appreciation of his very generous donation.

NORTH SYDNEY, C. B.—Notwithstanding the storm, the first Lord's day of the month was a good one with us. We had the joy of receiving five young men and women into our fellowship and their coming to us means strength. We will welcome other valuable additions at our next communion. The church, especially the young people, is putting on strength, the strength for service, and plans are being laid for aggressive work to meet the demands of our rapidly increasing population. We hold an important meeting on the 15th, when four of the brethren will be elected as deacons. Y.

WOLFVILLE.—On Sunday evening, Mar. 31st, twelve of our boys were baptized, among them the two sons of Dr. Trotter who were baptized by their father. Easter Sunday evening was a service of praise and prayer and baptism, at which eighteen of our girls were obedient to the Lord's command in baptism. This makes the total number, baptized thus far since Mr. Gale's meetings closed, sixty-four, thirty-two girls and thirty-two boys, thirty-five from the Schools and twenty-nine from the town. There are others who have been received by the church but have not yet been baptized but will be in the immediate future. And we look for others to come forward. It has been a gracious season of refreshing from the Lord in which all our hearts have been rejoicing.
April 8th. H. R. H.

FIRST MONCTON CHURCH.—Easter Sunday, April 7th, was a day of great blessing with us. We had crowded congregations at each service. In the service of the morning thirteen recent converts were baptized on a profession of faith. In the evening the pastor preached from I Cor. 15:26, his subject being, "The Last Enemy destroyed" At the close of the evening service the ordinance of the Lord's Supper was administered, when the thirteen baptized in the morning, and two who had come in by letter, received the right hand of fellowship. The pastor asked for a thankofferin: of $700 to meet indebtedness necessarily incurred by improvements that have recently been made. This amount and a little more was cheerfully given. The day closed by the members uniting with heart and voice in singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Others are now ready for baptism.
D HUTCHINSON.

PORT MAITLAND, N. S.—Last autumn, finding my strength insufficient for the work on this large field, I resigned, closing my pastorate in November. At the request of the church I have supplied the pulpit since. I expect to close my work here this month, and the pastor elect, Rev. W. J. Rutledge, is expected to enter the pastorate the first Sunday in May. The church look forward hopefully to his coming and we pray that the union may be greatly blessed of God in advancing his kingdom. He will meet a kind and appreciative people. I am glad to be able to report some progress during the two years we have worked together. Twenty have followed their Lord in baptism, six joined by letter and two worthy members came to us from the Free Baptists. During the winter several persons on the field have given evidence of conversion. To God be the praise. On several occasions we have been "kindly remembered," for which we are thankful.
E. A. ALLABY.

ISAAC'S HARBOR, N. S.—The devotional exercises in this church on Saturday evening, the 6th, and Easter Sunday, the 7th inst., were very profitable to all who participated in them, lovers of our Lord and Saviour being comforted and strengthened by the spirit of the Lord. At the covenant meeting Saturday evening, after some forty or fifty of the members had testified for the Master, a number of young men and women offered themselves for baptism. Sabbath morning after the pastor, Rev. Geo. A. Lawson, who has been associated with this church nearly two years, concluded an uplifting and inspiring sermon on the resurrection of the Christ, we proceeded to the water, and there witnessed the baptism of five young men and women, namely, Miss Edith Hines, Masters Willie Reid, LeBaron Giffin, John Robinson and Roy Giffin. In the evening after the pastor closed an impressive discourse from the text "Jesus of Nazareth passeth by," those that had obeyed their Lord's commands were received into church membership and Brother Ira L. Giffin was ordained a deacon, and the Lord's Supper was administered, —hence lovers of the Lord could say "a Sabbath day's journey nearer home." Pastor Lawson has labored assiduously with the young people in this community. The Lord is now blessing his labors. He is gladdened. May his soul be refreshed by the power of the Holy Ghost.
April 11.

Home Missions.

TO CHURCHES OF N. B.

Dear Brethren: As you are already aware, at our last Board Meeting a resolution was passed recommending the appointment at next meeting of executive and of a certain brother to the work of General Home Missionary, providing he could be secured. That brother was Rev. I. B. Colwell. After prayerful consideration Bro. Colwell has consented to accept the service and was duly appointed to it at our executive meeting, April 2. Will you not make continued supplication that great blessings may attend his labors and always think of him as your missionary. Let me remind you also that you have not yet put our Treasurer in funds to pay your missionary pastors the quarter's salary due March 1st. Kindly remember the sacrifices these devoted brethren are making and send at once your contributions toward the support you have promised them through your Board. Envelopes suitable for individual offerings and properly inscribed may be had of the secretary upon application and in such quantity as desired.
B. N. NOBLES, Secy.
St. John West, April 4.

The King's County Conference.

The King's County Conference held its last meeting at Tremont, Aylesford. The attendance of ministering brethren was smaller than usual, but the meetings were not lacking in interest and profit. Pleasing reports came from Wolfville and Gaspereaux. Of the work in the former place in connection with the mission conducted by Evangelist Gale your readers are already informed. Pastor J. D. Spidell, without such assistance, has been holding special services in some sections of the church. He has baptized fourteen at Greenfield. About the same number is expected at Mile Rock and several at Gaspereaux will shortly follow their Lord into the baptismal waters. Mr. Gale was at the time in Berwick, where "mercy-drops" had already fallen. We shall probably be informed of "showers of blessing" descending upon the people of that town. After a brief discussion respecting the future of the County Baptist Sunday School Convention a committee was appointed to report on the subject to the next conference. An interesting discussion followed the presentation of a paper by Pastor Hatch, "Suggestions how to Study the Bible."

Two young brethren, Marshal S. Richardson and Clinton Reed, who had applied to the Wolfville church, of which they are members, for a license to preach the gospel, were referred to the county conference for their examination and approval. Each of these brethren gave an account of his conversion, call to the ministry, and views of doctrine, and answered satisfactorily the questions propounded, after which it was unanimously resolved that this conference express their approval of brethren M. S. Richardson and Clinton Reed and recommend the granting of licenses to each by the Wolfville church.

Pastor Martell, of Canard, having accepted a call to the pastorate of the churches of Great Village and DeBert River, a resolution was unanimously carried containing a reference to his fine Christian character, his faithful service to the denomination and regret in view of his departure from the county. It also contained a reference to the valuable services of Sister Martell in connection with the work of the W. M. A. Societies. Kings county sustains a loss, but Colchester gains.

Brethren E. O. Read and J. D. Spidell spoke at the missionary meeting in the evening, and to the evident satisfaction of the audience present. M. P. F.

Denominational Funds, Nova Scotia

The third quarter of the Convention year ends with the present month, i. e., on April 30th. The total amount received to date is $3984 98. There are several churches that have not sent anything. A large amount will be needed early in May to pay salaries of missionaries at home and abroad, and the treasurer of the Grand Ligne and North West Missions will be looking for large remittances. We hope that all our churches will send in as large an amount as possible, before May 4th.

Churches or Individuals that want their contributions to appear to their audit in the annual reports in year book should send direct to me. This applies to offerings for any special department of our denominational work as well as to offerings to the "Covention Fund" so called.
A. COHOON, Treas. Den. Funds, N. S.
Wolfville, N. S., April 10th.

The Congress and the Year Book.

This title does not mean that there is a connection between the two, but merely that there are a few words to be said on these two topics.

Under date March 27th, the Secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland writes me as follows:

"I shall be glad if you will appoint your representatives to the Ecumenical Session in Edinburgh, October next, at your earliest convenience. You may send as many delegates as you think proper, and we shall be glad to arrange hospitality for them. We are anxious to have an imposing representation."

One could easily nominate four or five men whom our three principal Boards might fitly appoint.

Regarding our Year Book I wish to say that, ever since its publication, evidence has been accumulating that the Secretary of Convention is supposed to have compiled it and issued it, which of course is not the case. Had he done so, it might perhaps not have been as good as it is. But a few things would have been different.

The "Convention Record," omitted in the two preceding Year Books, (why?) appears again this year with an unfortunate and misleading mistake in one of the statististical columns. No of Churches in 1899, 410; in 1900, 546. 136 new churches in one year is an alarming indication of division! But on turning to the tabulated statistics on page 234, we find that 546 is the number of houses of worship, and that the number of churches is not given at all, either in this table or in the report on the state of the denomination (p. 232) For this latter number we must add the numbers of churches in the eighth Associations (pp. 154 230.) which gives either 407 or 410. But in 1899 the numbers reported was 410; and one new church was organized in April, 1900, as appears on page 233. The column "No. of churches in the Convention" was first introduced in the "Couvention Record in 1897, and contained errors which have been continued. Compare the numbers given for the four years beginning 1873, and again the four years beginning 1879. It would appear from the column that in 1887 there were 12 new churches but none are mentioned in the report. Statistical tables like this are worse than useless.

Several other points might be mentioned, but this communication is too long already
HERBERT C. CREED, Sec'y. of Con.

The Ontario government announce a vote of one hundred thousand dollars in aid of Queen's University.

The committee of ministers which is considering China's financial resources has learned from the information thus far obtainable that $300 000,000 in gold can be raised without injuring China's resources.

A special despatch from Hong Kong says. two Chinese steamers came into collision between Canton and Wu Chow, and that seventy Chinese were drowned.

Lieut. Col. Tilton, Ottawa, will command the Bisley team.

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Central Square Church,	East Boston.
Elm Hill Church,	Roxbury.
First Church,	Dorchester.
Dorchester Temple Church,	"
Blaney Memorial Church,	"
First Church,	Roslindale.
First Church,	Jamaica Plain.
Bunker Hill Church,	Charleston.
Brighton Ave. Church,	Allston.
First Church,	Cambridge.
Old Cambridge Church,	"
North Avenue Church,	"
Broadway Church,	"
Immanuel Church,	"
Winter Hill Church,	Somerville.
Germain Street,	St. John.
Brussels Street,	"
Leinster Street,	"
Main Street,	"
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Fairville,	"
Moncton, N. B.	
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Harvey, N. B.	
Amherst, N. S.	
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