

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.

OXFORD, CUMBERLAND CO., N. S.—Our efforts are still being rewarded. Last Sabbath four believers were baptized. Others have accepted Christ and will obey His comma and soon. A. F. BAKER.

HAVELOCK, KINGS CO., N. B.—Rev. John Hughes supplied the pulpit of the Baptist church on Sunday, Feb. 14th. The church is still without a pastor. This is a large field and with pastor and church united in the Master's cause a great work could be done. Brethren pray for us, that when the Lord sends us his servant that we may be ready to receive him.

WILFORD L. COREY, church clerk.
Feb. 13th

CLEMENTSPORT, N. S.—The Baptist parsonage at Clementsport was made lively on the evening of Feb. 14th. The wind blew high and the wind blew low, but a goodly number enjoyed social intercourse, music, eating and giving. In a neat speech Deacon Rop announced the donation as \$30 in cash, other useful articles and to be added unto. The pastor replied in an address of appreciation and music continued. May the Lord reward the generous donors. When shall we all meet again?

REV. J. T. RATON.
Clementsport, Ann. Co., N. S., Feb. 16

AMHERST, N. S.—We observed "Decision Day" in our Sunday School yesterday. I had preached in the morning from Gen. 24:58. At close of session, upon invitation, some 25 signified their intention to begin a Christian life. I am very happy in Amherst and enjoy my work greatly. Congregations are uniformly large, these few evenings taxing often the heating capacity of the church. I have some good men and grand women as helpers. I am preaching a series of sermons (evening) on "Voices of the Bells of Amherst." Have had "Church Bell" and "School Bell." There remains in the series to follow "Town Hall Bell" and "Fire Bell." One has been received by the church and is awaiting baptism.

February 12. W. E. BATES.

LOWER AYLESFORD, KINGS CO., N. S.—The members of this church and congregation are the kindest and best people in the world. They have done many good and noble deeds in their time, and now they have taken it into their hearts to help their pastor to take a trip to England to visit his aged parents, Rev. and Mrs. William Webb, which after an absence of nearly sixteen years, will be greatly appreciated. The good people, to show their hearty sympathy with their pastor in his desire to visit his old home, met at the parsonage on the evening of the 8th of Jan., and, after many good words from Deacons Woodbury, Spinney and others, presented him with the handsome sum of eighty dollars, for which the writer desires to publicly thank them all, and prays that the dear Master will reward them many fold for these and all their kind words and deeds.

JOSEPH WEBB.
NEW MINAS, N. S.—Our work here is being attended by special blessings from the Lord. During the Christmas vacation time we undertook some special work, assisted by Pastor Nobles of Kentville. The Lord richly blessed our efforts and souls were born into the kingdom. Five young people put on Christ in baptism on Sunday, Jan. 21st, and five others were baptized on the 14th inst. Bro. Nobles administering for us. The spiritual life of the church has been quickened and deepened by these tokens from the Lord, and an increased earnestness for the salvation of others is manifest on the part of our members. May the Lord give direction and wisdom to the pastor as he seeks to lead this people in the Master's work, and may we be able unitedly to win yet greater victories for our King.

Feb. 12th, 1900. H. G. COLPITTS.

KENTVILLE—The Sunday school of the Kentville church is prospering under the superintendency of Bro. W. E. Porter, assisted by a large staff of devoted teachers and officers. Feb. 4th was observed as Decision day, and quite a large number expressed determination to live a Christian life. It is hoped the decisions were made intelligently and that the Holy Spirit has sealed them. The hearts of all wait to be cheered with accessions from our Sunday school. We have recently baptized on two occasions, the candidates, nine in all, being the first fruits of a ten days' series of meetings held in New Minas by Pastor Colpitts, assisted by the pastor of Kentville church. Bro. Colpitts is pursuing his studies at Wolfville, and during the past year has been pastoring the New Minas church, and this ingathering is the harvest from faithful sowing.

Kentville, Feb. 12th, B. N. NOBLES.

KARS, KINGS CO., N. B.—A number of the faithful ones gathered at the Bethel conference on Saturday afternoon. An interesting meeting was held. God's presence was with the people. Pastor Gordon was pleasantly surprised by the presentation of a lovely Persian lamb cap and a call to resume the pastorate of this church for another year as a mark of the high esteem in which his people hold him. Mr. Gordon sent in his resignation as pastor a short time ago to take effect at the close of his year, which is near the middle of March. Our brother feels that God is directing his steps elsewhere, and trusts that another field will be open for his labors. The communion service on Sunday was largely attended.

February 12.

NICTAUX-TORRIBROOK—On the evening of Tuesday, the 6th inst., we were given a pleasant surprise by friends from far and near, who gathered at the parsonage, bringing with them good wishes and substantial gifts of produce and cash. A pleasant evening was spent. About \$24 was left with us, besides good wishes that will give us sunshine for quite a while. On the evening of Thursday our Torr Brooks friends met us at the home of Deacon I. J. Whitman, and the same thing was repeated. Over \$30 was made up, and the evening spent will always remain one of the pleasant memories of life. God bless the donors. After five years of earnest labor with this church we have been led to resign the pastorate, and are now looking to the Holy Spirit for further direction. "Where He leads we will follow," we are saying to ourselves. J. W. BROWN.
Nictaux Falls, February 10.

LUNenburg, N. S.—The Baptist cause in this town is fifteen years old. During those years, by God's blessing, the church roll has reached 144 names, but nearly half of that number have been taken from us by death and by removals. Yet the church is still loyal to our principles and persevering in Christian work. Our bazaar and tea gave us the sum of \$104 to meet our liabilities. Our success gave us new evidence of our standing among our fellow-townsmen. Our bills are all paid up to date. We repaired the church at a cost of about \$80 and paid \$100 on the parsonage debt, reducing it to \$300. A more than ordinary degree of harmony prevails. The denominational funds have been supported during the year to the amount of \$105. We are laboring for the triumphs of grace.

E. N. ARCHBOLD.
FREEPORT.—For more than a year we have been working steadily on, trying to build up the church of God and gather the unsaved into his kingdom. While we have not been permitted to witness additions to the church, we have tried to encourage our people to build deep and broad upon an indestructible basis of life. Our congregations are good, and the truth proclaimed seems to be taking hold of the people, and they are taking hold of the Lord's work with a degree of enthusiasm. Our last regular conference was a grand one. There seemed to be a travail in Zion, and many were led to indulge the hope that God was about to bless his people. Eighty-nine gathered around the Lord's table on Sabbath. We are now holding special services, they are largely attended. The interest is deepening each night. A few backsliders have returned to their first love, and there appears to be an interest among some of our young people. The great need of the hour is a thorough breaking up. Deep conviction of sin. Conversion not born of this is like a meteor in the sky. Its stay is brief. It attracts only for a little while and then vanquishes into darkness and oblivion.

E. H. HOWE.
HOPKINSON, N. B.—The five and a half months' of our residence with this church have been very busy and very pleasant months, indeed. We are just getting hold of the ropes. Getting the work in hand. At the Cape \$300 have been expended in repairs on auditorium and completion of vestry, which had been started over twelve years ago. A weekly prayer meeting has been started at Lower Cape. All the services here are well maintained. At the Hill we are planning to repair house of worship. Already we have between two and three hundred dollars in cash and pledges. The pastor is to lecture here next Wednesday evening for the benefit of the building fund. Albert and Riverside are running along smoothly. We have fine congregations, and good feeling prevails all through the church. Several have manifested a desire to become Christians, and eight have received the hand of fellowship into the church. On Monday evening, 12th inst., the people of Albert, Riverside and the Hill visited the parsonage, and after a very nice time spent together, presented us with a purse of \$68.80 and \$2.20 merchandise, which has since been increased to \$75. Rev. Charles Combs, Methodist, Rev. Hunter Boyd, Presbyterian, and Rev. Truman Bishop, of Harvey, were present and spoke words of cheer. We are very

grateful for this act, and more particularly so when we know it will never be charged up against salary. All of our relations with this people go to prove that they know how to take care of a pastor. Previous to this we have had many expressions of love and esteem; expressions which go far to strengthen the ties which bind pastor and people together.

F. D. DAVIDSON.

SECOND MONCTON BAPTIST CHURCH—This church is now under the pastoral care of Rev. I. N. Thorne, who has been serving us acceptably for the past nine months. We have had the pleasure and satisfaction of seeing no conversions during the past few months. Pastor Thorne was assisted in special meetings by Rev. W. R. Robinson, a young man of much promise who recently came to our denomination from the Presbyterians. As a result of these services four adults made a profession of religion and followed their Lord in Christian baptism. These were Mrs. Levi Randall, Miss Maud Price, and brother and Miss Mabel Stiles. Our Board of Deacons has recently been reorganized, and E. V. Nichol, H. A. Lutz, and N. B. Leaman were appointed in addition to the old Board, Chas. Somers, D. P. Stiles, and John Crandall. The Westmorland Co. District Meeting was held with us Jan. 16th and 17th, which resulted in a deepening of our spiritual life. Bro. John Wilbur, one of our aged members, presented the church with a communion service, which was much appreciated by the church. We presented Mr. Robinson who assisted us in special work, with a purse of \$40, and we have the money raised to purchase a new organ. A donation party surprised Pastor Thorne on Saturday night, Feb. 17th, and presented him with a fur cap and gauntlets to match.

BOAZ A. LUTZ, Clerk.
Bonnel's Corner, W. Co., Feb. 19.

GUYSBORO.—The adjourned annual meeting of the church was held on Friday evening, Feb. 9th. The work of the past year was reviewed and both encouraging and discouraging features were noted. The year had not been one of ingathering but rather of character building. The pastor's report showed that more of the members had attended and taken part in prayer meetings during the past year than for many years previous. Six of our members have died during the past year. Two of these had been members for over fifty years. The year's benevolences probably exceeded any former record. We have some noble givers. The most important item of plans for the future considered was that of a new house of worship. The one now used, built over fifty years ago, is badly situated, ill adapted to modern church work, and almost beyond use. A committee was appointed to consider the whole question of a house of worship. This committee is earnestly considering the question of ways and means. Two of our members have made very noble offers of contribution. Others will give largely from their means, and all must give until it pinches to accomplish this truly herculean task. With a resident membership of eighty we are obliged to maintain three houses of worship. We have little wealth, but we must build or decline in numbers and power for good. God has set us here as exponents of a New Testament gospel. We still have a mission. Our young people are organized and working to raise money for a new church. Our W. M. A. S. with the full approval of the church, have solicited outside aid. Such aid will be an absolute necessity as we are unable alone to accomplish this great task. Still we but ask our brethren to do by us as we have done by them. We have aided many other churches in a like enterprise. Kindly aid us now. The pastor is in the third year of service and finds the people no less kind than in the third month. The salary is paid with ideal promptness. R. OSGOOD MORSE.

BRIDGEWATER—We observed the season of prayer during the second week of the New Year, and the results were so encouraging that we concluded to continue the meetings for two weeks longer. The weather and roads being so poor much of the time, some became discouraged; but there was nothing in the attendance, earnestness and interest in the meetings to dishearten any one. On the contrary, seldom have we had more encouragement. The people came out in large numbers, the Christians worked faithfully, and quite a large number have decided for Christ. Over a dozen are waiting for baptism; eight have publicly offered themselves to the church and have been received as candidates for baptism, and several others, we trust, are approaching the point of decision, while they are enquiring the way of sal-

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vation. Very valuable assistance was rendered us by Rev. W. H. Jenkins and Rev. J. E. Bleakney, both earnest and faithful servants of God. The financial condition of the church is assuming a more hopeful aspect. The treasurer's report of last year shows the amount raised for church purposes to exceed that of many years previous, and the indebtedness to be much less than on former occasions. The parsonage debt which has been hanging over us like a pall for so many years is in a fair way of being liquidated, \$400 having been lately paid, and the remaining \$350 nearly all pledged to be paid before the close of June next. We hope that before this year is half spent to be free of all indebtedness. We have not been forgetful of the Convention needs and have sought to express our interest in a tangible way. Being able thus far to do His will in the face of all the losses sustained by fire, and the consequent prostration of business, we thank God and take courage.

E. F. CHURCHILL.

MARRIAGES.

CRABB-BILLINGS.—At the Baptist parsonage, Gibson, N. B., on the 8th inst, by Rev. J. B. Champion, John J. Crabb, to Stella Billings, both of Bright, York Co., N. B.

WEBBER-GORMAN.—On 31st January, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. W. H. Jenkins, George Webber to Miss Victoria Gorman, both of Chester, N. S.

WYNOT-COUNTAWAY.—On Feb. 1st, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. W. H. Jenkins, Furman Wynot, of Mahone Bay, to Miss Renna Countaway, of Chester Basin.

STEWART-WEEKS.—At Salem, Cumberland Co., Feb. 13th, by Rev. A. F. Newcomb, Aldora Weeks, of Salem, and George Stewart, of Penwick.

MURRAY-PETTYGREW.—At Springhill, Feb. 10th, by Rev. J. W. Bancroft, Ezra Murray and Alice Pettygrewe.

SHEPPARD-MCWHINNIE.—At the Baptist parsonage, Digby, on Feb. 8th, by Rev. Byron H. Thomas, Mr. Ambrose Sheppard and Miss Lizzie A. McWhinnie, both of Lower Granville, Annapolis Co., N. S.

GRANT-RAPUS.—At the Baptist church, Foster Settlement, Oct. 15th, by Rev. H. B. Smith, M. A., Edgar Grant to Flora Rafuse.

PETERS-MURGRAVE.—At Sydney, C. B., Feb. 7th, by A. J. Vincent, George A. Peters, of Montague, P. E. I., to Margaret May Murgrave, of Sydney, C. B.

MCELLELAND-LINT.—At the parsonage, Clementsport, Feb. 14th, by Rev. J. T. Raton, J. Troop McEllelland to Bertha May, daughter of David Lent, Req., of Deepbrook, Annapolis Co., N. S.

DEATHS.

LOYD.—At Milton, N. S., Feb. 7th, Malachi Lloyd, aged 72 years.

CORNALLY.—At Port Hillford, Jan. 29th, after a brief illness, Mrs. Elizabeth Cornally, aged 21 years. She died trusting in Christ.

GRAHAM.—At his home, Ogden, Guysboro Co., N. S., Jan. 21st, David Graham died, aged 63 years. Bro. Graham had been an invalid for more than two years as the result of a fall from a load of hay. The large attendance at his funeral services attested the esteem in which he was held by the community.

SMALLWOOD.—At Charlottetown, P. E. I., Feb. 7th, Cyril Gerard, aged two years and four months, youngest son of Chas. R. and Ada Smallwood. A large circle of friends sympathize with the parents in this sad and sudden bereavement. "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain." Rev. 21:4.

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