

From the Churches.

Denominational Funds.

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The Treasurer for New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, to whom all contributions from the churches should be sent, is Rev. J. W. MANNING, ST. JOHN, N. B.

GLACE BAY, N. S.—We have been holding a few special services. The church is much revived. Backsliders have returned. I baptized four on Sabbath evening. Feb. 17th, 1902. A. J. ARCHIBALD.

PORT LORNE, N. S.—Pastor Tingley baptized six candidates on the 9th, and three more on the 16th. Others are anxious and still the work goes on. A. C. CHARLTON, Clerk.

TABERNACLE, HALIFAX.—Three have been baptized since last report and two more received. The pastor presented his resignation last night, to take effect in May. G. W. SCHURMAN.

FAIRVILLE.—Three more believers in Jesus obeyed their Lord in baptism Lord's Day, February 16. The spiritual life of our people has been quickened, as a result of our special meetings, and a number of helpful additions made to our membership. The membership of our B. Y. P. U. was increased by an addition of eight last evening. A. T. DYKEMAN. February 20.

MONCTON, FIRST CHURCH.—On Lord's day morning, Feb. 16th, Pastor D. Hutchinson baptized seven more new converts. The good work is still going on. Pastor Hutchinson is now in the fifth week of special meetings and has preached each evening excepting four. The church is co-operating most heartily, and many parents are rejoicing over the conversion of their sons and daughters. Quite a number are now ready for baptism.

HOPKIN, N. B.—Our hearts were made glad at our last Conference, when a young sister came forward and told her Christian experience and asked for baptism. She came as the result of deep conviction, none of us being aware of her intentions; which proves over again that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. Our sister was baptized last Lord's day and received the hand of fellowship into this church. F. D. DAVIDSON.

WEST END, HALIFAX.—This church, under the pastoral care of Rev. Richard Kemp, has recently enjoyed a revival of religion. Nearly 50 persons publicly confessed their acceptance of Christ. Twenty-six have already been baptized and several others are to follow shortly. Six others have also united with the church by letter. The number of scholars on our school register and the average attendance are the highest in the history of our Sunday School. The church services are well attended and great interest is shown in the word preached. R. KEMP.

CHESTER BASIN, N. S.—Last Lord's day the baptismal waters were again visited and one young woman publicly professed Christ as Lord. Afterwards, at the close of the morning meeting, it was my privilege to welcome into the church the nine previously received and this sister. Others will probably join us at our next conference. While the meetings have been closed we are still hoping to see other inquirers taking a decided stand. I wish to express through your paper my appreciation of the gifts at the Xmas season from the Chester Basin church. M. B. WHITMAN.

PORT MEDWAY.—Almost three months have passed since our coming to labor with this people. Here we find a very kind, warm-hearted Christian people doing nobly for the support of the Gospel. Of course when a small community is divided into so many denominations it makes it hard work for each. We have spent three weeks holding union meetings (Baptist, Free Baptist and Methodist) with good results. A number have come forward, professed conversion and it is hoped will soon unite with the churches. Our people here support the gospel by the free-will offering and they are determined not to be behind.

We have a large but pleasant field of labor. We are praying and hoping for God's abundant blessing in large gatherings of precious souls.

S. LANGILLE.

Feb. 18th.

CENTRE VILLAGE, WESTMORLAND CO., N. B.—We began special meetings here two weeks ago. The Lord's people are somewhat divided and discouraged. Many are away in the woods. It has been very stormy but we have enjoyed meetings three times on Sundays and each week night except Saturdays. The Holy Spirit has been working, Christians are apparently being drawn together and revived. Five already have accepted Christ and confessed him with the mouth. Many are attending who are not Christians and seem to be interested. We are laboring, hoping and praying that a large number more may be brought into the Master's fold. We wish to acknowledge the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Stokes who have kindly put their organ into the church during the meetings, which under the operation of Bro. Hurst proves to be a great help. In the person of Sister Isaac Kay we have an active mission worker. They held Mission Band on Sunday, ten of the boys and girls became members. One of the boys was over 60. Kindly remember us in prayer for greater blessing. BRAMAN.

BRIDGEWATER, N. S.—We began special meetings Jan. 5th and continued five weeks. Much good has been done, quite a number profess faith in Christ, others are still thinking seriously about their relation to him. Our hearts have been made glad by the sound of voices in our prayer-meetings, which we have not heard for some time. The church, as a whole, has been greatly blessed. In these meetings, the pastor received valuable assistance from Revs. H. B. Smith and W. L. Archibald, who were with us three and four days respectively. Since coming to Bridgewater, the pastor has had many tokens of appreciation from the members of his church and congregation, for which he is truly grateful. At the annual business meeting, the church happily surprised her pastor and expressed her appreciation of the work he has tried to do, by voting to increase his salary. On last Friday evening, which was the first anniversary of our wedding, the ladies of the church came to spend the evening with Mrs. Freeman and the pastor and kindly remembered us with a supply of table linen. We are now on our second year in the work here and are hoping that we may be used of the Master in fulfilling his purpose for Bridgewater. C. R. FREEMAN.

SALISBURY.—As I expect to leave this place on Friday morning of this week for my new field of labor, having received and accepted a call to the church at Lemont's Harbor, Maine, perhaps a few lines to MESSENGER AND VISITOR would not be out of place from me. I accepted a call to the 1st Salisbury church four years ago the 4th day of Feb. and they have been four years happily, and I hope profitably spent among a kind-hearted and noble people. During my pastorate fifty members have been received into church fellowship, thirty-seven by baptism, and thirteen by letter, of this number thirteen have been received the past six months, five by baptism and eight by letter. Materially the church has made great strides. The parsonage was repaired at a cost of nearly five hundred dollars and a beautiful new house of worship built at the cost of three thousand dollars, all of which is paid but a few hundred dollars. One section of the church which could scarcely get \$50 as signed toward pastor's salary the first year I was here raised \$185 this year without any extra effort. I feel badly about leaving this people whom I have learned to love for their work's sake and to leave the dear old flag, but believe God is calling me across the border, and I want to be willing to go when he calls me. Am going to an old and well-established church and as there is no other organization in town, there should be a wide field for work. J. E. TINKER.

CHESTER, N. S.—In June last the Chester Basin branch of the historic Chester church was organized as an independent church with its own pastor. In July the

writer began work as pastor in Chester. The new conditions have raised several problems which both pastor and people are trying to meet. Since July last about fifty dollars have been devoted to repairs on the parsonage, a debt of forty dollars on an organ paid, twenty-five dollars worth of books added to the Sunday School library, fifty-three dollars contributed to our denominational work, beside the offerings of the W. M. A. S., and current expenses maintained. Good congregations listen to the preached Word. Emphasis is being given to the Sunday School work. We have thus secured an attendance of unusual regularity though not so large as it should be. Special services were held in January conducted by the pastor. Some of the members were helped spiritually and a few confessed Christ. One young man awaits baptism and others, it is hoped, will soon follow Christ thus. But we greatly need a great spiritual work among us. For such a work we are working and praying. Our house of worship needs extensive repairs and steps looking toward it are being taken. The loss of the school house on Windsor Road, on Feb. 11, by fire, has deprived us of a place for our services in this outstation for the present, and also foiled plans for some special work there next month. Nor are the people lacking in thoughtfulness for the pastor and his family, who have received frequent expressions of their kindness. But this culminated on the evening of Feb. 18, when despite the very bad roads more than one hundred members of church and congregation invaded the parsonage, spent a most enjoyable social evening, and placed the pastor and family on Sunny street to the extent of fifty-seven dollars in cash and useful household goods. For all this kindness the pastor and family heartily thank each and every one, and would give themselves with more consecrated effort to ministering to them in spiritual things.

CANNING, N. S.—On Tuesday evening, 11th inst., a farewell service was held in the vestry of the church for our pastor, who had accepted a call to the Prince Street church, Truro. The vestry was filled with members of the church and congregation, and others who came to show their appreciation of our pastor, and to express their regret at his departure from our midst. In the absence of the Rev. Wm. Gaetz, pastor of the Methodist church of the town, who was away from home, Mr. Sydney Blenkhorn represented that body, and Mr. N. W. Eaton the citizens of the town. Rev. R. G. Sinclair, Presbyterian, and Rev. D. A. Hatt, Baptist, were also with us. An address from the church was read by the clerk, expressing their high esteem for Bro. Hutchins and their regret at his leaving the church, to which they had consented only for his sake, believing it was a call from God to higher service, to a field where he could yield a larger influence for the Master. The address was feelingly replied to by Bro. Hutchins, expressing his regret at leaving the church and the severing of ties that had been formed, and had grown stronger each year, and assuring us that the Canning and Pearsau churches, which had been his first pastorate, and had lasted nearly eight years, would ever have a warm place in his affections. Kindly and feeling addresses were made by Revs. Sinclair and Hatt and Messrs. Eaton and Blenkhorn expressive of their high esteem personally for Bro. Hutchins and of their appreciation of the good work done by him in the town. These addresses were followed by refreshments provided by the sisters, and a very pleasant social hour was spent. Bro. Hutchins leaves Canning with the highest esteem of all in the church and town, without a single exception. What is Canning's loss is Truro's gain.

E. M. BRCKWITH, Church Clerk.

February 17.

DORCHESTER.—A recent visit to this town confirms the impression that it is "beautiful for situation." It has not the enterprise and push that is seen in some other communities, but it is the centre of a fine agricultural country and so gives promise of a fair degree of prosperity. Its great lack is in manufacturing industries. As a residential town it has few superiors. The situation is commanding, the air life-giving and the outlook is wide-reaching. The religious wants of the place are not overlooked. For the Protestants there are the Church of England, the Methodists, the Presbyterians, and the last, though by no means the least, the Baptists who

minister to these. The pastor of the Baptist church is Rev. B. H. Thomas, well known in these Provinces as an earnest, aggressive, and devoted worker in the vineyard of the Lord. In labor he is abundant. His parish is large. It is too large for any one man to work effectively. He can only give one service on the Lord's day to the town. In these days of competition? this is not sufficient. There is room for two men with Dorchester as a centre. The time has already come when there should be a regular morning and evening service in the town. The circumstances and needs of the community make this a necessity. The Baptist is the largest Protestant congregation in the place and is an inspiration to any preacher. Here C. E. Knapp, Esq., well known at our annual gathering resides. Here also the Hon. H. R. Emerson, the popular representative of Westmorland in the Federal Parliament, with his interesting family, has his home. Here also are the Palmers, the Steeves and the Cards with a host of others whose names are not with me at the present writing. The ministers home is near by and is comfortable and cosy as might be expected from the lady who is its presiding spirit. The Sunday School is doing work under the efficient lead of F. C. Palmer, Esq., who by the way is a leading business man of the place.

The missionary spirit of the church has not reached its highest development. There is room for growth along this line. More will be done in the near future.

The pastor has a large place in the hearts of his people, and if both of them get in right relations with their Lord, their ought to be a good work done. The present outlook all along the line is good, may it never grow less. M.

UPPER DORCHESTER.—This is now known at the 2nd Dorchester church, and its spiritual interests are cared for by Pastor Thomas. This church has suffered from removals and other causes, but there

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