

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 goals, or for any one of the seven objects, should be sent to A. Coburn, Treasurer, Wolfville, N. S. Envelopes for gathering these funds can be obtained free on application.

The Treasurer for New Brunswick is Rev. J. W. Manning, D.D., St. John, N. B., and the Treasurer for P. E. Island is Mr. A. W. Stevens, Charlottetown.

All contributions from churches and individuals in New Brunswick should be sent to Dr. Manning; and all such contributions in P. E. Island to Mr. Stevens.

UPPER GAGGETOWN, N. B.—On Sunday the 22nd, it was my privilege to baptize two more happy converts and conduct them into the fellowship of the church, making in all six happy believers that have put on Christ and united with the church since the interest commenced. We are expecting others in the near future. For three weeks, missionary Hayward gave us valuable assistance in the good work, we commend him to the confidence of all our churches. R. MURCH.

LOWER AYLESFORD.—Eight girls and one young man followed their Lord in baptism. Two other brothers were received on experience. The Lord has graciously revived his work in this section of the field. Church members whose voices have been silent many years have been heard again confessing Christ. The girls who were baptized are all members of the Mission Band, to which influence believe their early conversion is largely due.

J. A. HUNTLEY.

Kingston, N. S., Nov. 16.

FREEMPORT, N. S.—We have just closed our pastorate with the Freemport church, and expect to take up the work in a few days in Upper Wilmot. During our five years' residence here we have been blessed of God in large ingatherings and also upbuilding of Christian life and character in the church. The sanctuary has been remodeled at a large expense, but all debts incurred have been paid off. Other extensive enterprises have been carried to a successful issue. The field is an important one. It will tax the physical and intellectual forces of the strongest. The right man will find a welcome in the homes and hearts of the people. His salary will be promptly paid. Last Sabbath I delivered my farewell address to the church and they presented me with a nice gift.

E. H. HOWE.

CAMPBELLTON, N. B.—It is not often that the people of the Campbellton church see a Baptist minister excepting their own pastor, but during the last month they have been especially favored. The Rev. A. J. Vining had no sooner gone away than Rev. A. H. Hayward arrived. Brother Hayward came to do special work on the Quebec side where there seems to be an opening to plant a New Testament church, but he found the season inopportune and so spent the week with the Campbellton pastor rendering valuable service by visiting three of the missions of the church and preaching three times during the week and preaching twice in town on Sunday, 15th, thus relieving the pastor to go to Mann Settlement and administer the ordinance of baptism to two candidates who had been awaiting several months.

Nov. 24.

I. W. K.

ISAACS HARBOR.—We have nothing specially startling to relate about our church work in this community, but we are grateful to be able to say that we are moving quietly forward with an encouraging degree of harmony, and some cheering prospects of success. A pleasant social was recently held in our vestry, followed by an illustrated lecture on Mary Queen of Scots, given by the pastor. Old acquaintances were renewed, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The different departments of church work are sustained with regularity and interest. We earnestly desire to see a deeper work of grace in the community, and our prayer is that a gracious Master will grant us this favor. Contributions for convention objects are regularly made, and our general financial condition is such as to allay anxiety on that score. Temperance principles appear to be pretty firmly rooted in this section of our province, and a good measure of prosperity in temporal things seems to be enjoyed by our people.

W. H. WARREN.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B.—A visit of two to the Baptist church in this place, is sufficient to

convince one that substantial progress is being made in all that pertains to the Master's kingdom. Bro. W. C. Goucher is the esteemed pastor and although he has seen, and his people have enjoyed fifteen years service, yet there are no indications whatever that a change in the pastoral relationship is sought for or desired. Opportunities have frequently occurred of late which meant such a change and flattering calls from some of the best churches in the Maritime Provinces, but happily for the best interests of the church and community three calls have been declined. The congregations are larger than ever, the Sabbath School is growing and the church is exerting a power for good in the town. Brother Goucher is aided in his work by a faithful band of fellow workers—men and women who are always on duty and can be depended upon—and both pastor and people may be congratulated upon the marked progress achieved and the steady development of the interests committed particularly to their care. The St. Stephen is not only a working and praying church but it is a giving church as well, and to this happy combination of essential qualifications together with strong faith in, and reliance upon Divine power, may of course be attributed its steady prosperity and growing usefulness. And surely our churches small and large may possess and employ just such gifts for the glory of God and to the furtherance of his cause. Another long pastorate is that of Rev. A. I. Padelford, D. D., for over quarter of a century pastor of the Second Calais church, Calais, Maine. To know Dr. Padelford is to esteem and love him, not only for his work's sake but for his rare personal qualities.

His advancing years sit lightly upon him. He is still the fervent vigorous preacher of the gospel of Jesus Christ he always was. The very best of current literature finds its way to his study. He is fully conversant with the trend of religious thought, knows what is daily taking place in the scientific, philosophical and political world around him, is ever ready to counsel with, advise and help brother ministers, attends conventions, associations, quarterly and other meetings, represents Wellington Co., on the Executive Board meeting at Waterville several times a year, is a good pastor, a faithful preacher, clear and forcible in his utterances of Divine truth, dwelling in the hearts of his people and respected and beloved by all the people. May his love long abide in strength and the arms of his hands be still made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob. After all such lengthy pastorates as these are not only a blessing to the people enjoying them, but tend to gain a standing and an influence to the church whose members have the sense and grace to remain true to their pastors amid the various vicissitudes of church life and activity, rather than believing and acting as if a "change in pastors" were all that is needed to bring in a full tide of prosperity. The churches which are blessed with faithful preachers should do their very best to retain their services. The MESSENGER AND VISITOR has many appreciative friends on this (St. Croix) River, and its last issue is especially an excellent number. My old friend and neighbor, H. F. Perry died in full armor, and has gone to his sure reward. What a glorious thing it is to labor for and with Christ Jesus here, and to depart to be with him forever there, "which is far better."

Yours faithfully,

ST. CROIX VALLEY, Nov. 1903. OBSERVER.

Home Missions in N. S. and P. E. I.

All will be glad to learn that our Home Mission work is in a very much more satisfactory condition than at any time during the last Convention year. All of last year there were from twelve to eighteen H. M. churches without pastors. At the present time there are only six of these churches vacant, and the prospects are that within a few weeks three or four of these will be

supplied with efficient pastors. This fact, with the increased grants to a number of these churches, will call for a very much larger outlay for this branch of the work than last year. Besides this, there are two evangelists at work. Rev. A. F. Baker began work on P. E. Island early in Sept. and will continue there under the direction of the Island Conference as long as it may be deemed necessary in the best interests of the cause. Rev. W. Andrew White, B. A., is engaged in evangelistic work among the colored churches. The past two months have been spent in New Glasgow where there are about two hundred colored people, and where a good work has been done by Bro. White. A church has been organized, and steps are being taken looking to the erection of a place of worship in that town. Rev. M. W. Brown, superintendent of Home Missions, has closed his pastorate of the 3rd Yarmouth church and has entered upon his new duties. It is hoped and expected that he will do much in the way of encouraging and inspiring our H. M. churches toward self-support. Recent reports from most of these mission fields are hopeful and expectant in tone. Pastor A. H. Whitman in charge of the new interest at Sydney Mines, is gripping the work with a strong hand, and is confident of speedy increase in growth and strength of the church.

We trust that all our churches will be increasingly earnest in prayer and liberal in contributions to this great work of Home Missions, which has not in the past, and is not now, receiving such attention and energy as its importance demand. About one-third of the present Convention year is now passed, and so far the treasurer of the Board has received from treasurers of denominational funds only \$272.34. It must be manifest to all that this is not as large a financial support as such a work needs and deserves. We are not discouraged. We have confidence in our Baptist constituency. We believe that as the people come to realize more fully the extent and vital importance of this work they will make more liberal provision for its prosecution.

At the last meeting of the Board I was instructed to acknowledge in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR all bequests and donations received for this work since I became treasurer of the Board in Sept. 1901. These have been as follows:

1st Bequests. In 1901, Joseph Bradshaw, Bedouque, P. E. I., \$25; B. H. Barker, Nictaux, N. S., \$250. In 1902, Rosa R. Raymond, Wilmot, N. S., \$16.85. In 1903, Mary J. Rose, \$2; Matilda A. Biglow, Parrsboro, N. S., \$1000; Rev. E. N. Archibald, Lawrencetown, N. S., \$80; A. F. Randolph, Fredericton, N. B., \$1000. This amount last named, was handed over to the H. M. Board of New Brunswick.

2nd Donations. G. F. Allen, Yarm., \$10; J. C. Blackadar, Hebron, N. S., \$5; Rev. C. P.

Wilson, \$8.50; Rev. Dr. Morse, Sandy Cove, N. S., \$5; C. H. Harrington, Sydney, C. B., \$50. Henceforth these bequests and donations will be acknowledged when received. We trust that we shall very often be called upon to discharge this pleasant duty.

E. J. GRANT.

Sec'y-Treas. H. M. B. for N. S. and P. E. I.

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Catarrh, the Most Odious of All Diseases Stamped Out, Root and Branch.

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