

## 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 J. A. COHEN, Treasurer, Wolfville, N. S. Envelopes for gathering these funds can be obtained free on application.

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

LUDLOW, N. B.—We have had the privilege of baptizing five more happy converts in this place. Bro. C. P. Wilson and I continue the work in Blackville this week. There seems to be a good interest and we expect a blessing from God in this locality.

J. A. MARBLE.

ROLLING DAM, CHAS. CO.—Our congregations here are large; house full every fine Sabbath, attention grand, interest good. We expect to baptize two and more, that came out some few months ago here. We are expecting Bro. Hayward, the missionary, with us at different parts of our field. I trust that God will bless us together in his work and pray for us.

H. D. WORDEN.

OAK HAY, CHAS. CO.—Perhaps a word or two from this field would come acceptable to the MESSENGER AND VISITOR. The Lord's work is on the advancing line from a lower to a higher standard of service in Christian living. Earnestness and anxiety are manifested and love for sinners to see them saved. And thank God six have decided to follow Jesus. We expect to baptize two on next Sabbath and the others will follow later on.

H. D. WORDEN.

QUEENSBURY GROUP, N. S.—Having taken up the work with these churches we thought a word from us would not be amiss. It is about six weeks since we settled here, and we find the people all over the field kind and willing to do all they can to forward the interests of the Master's Kingdom. One of the churches, having some funds at hand, has paid a portion of the salary in advance, this is very cheering to the pastor, there is perfect harmony between pastor and people all over this field, we earnestly pray that the Master may bless us richly that we may be fed to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

W. E. CARPENTER.

CRENSHAW, N. S.—The pastor, J. H. Balaam, is very happy in his new field. How could it be otherwise when the place is so beautiful, the prospects so promising and the people so kind. Large and attentive congregations are giving a strong spiritual response, wanderers returning, sinners rejoicing the way heavenward, besides having last Lord's day our first baptism—these are some of the evidences that we are in our way to a large spiritual blessing. As to the kindness of the people we select from the many expressions their latest and best. Recently the pastor lost his valuable horse but before the day closed he was presented with cash to the amount of \$11.43 besides pledges which have since reached the sum of about \$120. The movers in the matter were young men not members of the church, representing a large number whom we yearn to lead to Christ.

SOUTH RAWDON, HANTS CO., N. S.—For eight months we have kept silent, but think that a word or two might now be spoken with reference to our work on this large and scattered field. We found on coming here, a few devoted brethren and sisters of whom any church might be justly proud. The people as a rule are a church-going class and an appreciative of and give attention to the gospel preached. The parsonage has been painted outside and some of the rooms painted and papered inside. The barn and fence have received a substantial coat of white wash, adding beauty and attractiveness to the place. But this is not all that has come to pass. The work in spiritual matters has moved along silently but surely. On Sabbath, July 12, we had the happy privilege of baptizing two believers in the Meander river,

before a large concourse of people. We are hopefully looking forward to larger gatherings. May God's will be done.

L. J. SLAUGHTERWHITE.

PLEASANT LAKE, YARMOUTH CO., N. S.—Since the coming of Rev. W. A. White among us our church which was spiritually dead has been greatly revived and some who have not taken part for years have again entered heartily into the Master's service. Last Sunday we watched four happy souls follow our Lord in baptism. The Lord's name be praised. Still others are to follow.

C. C.

GUYSBOROUGH, N. S.—For some months it has been evident that we must remove from this place, as the cold damp climate was having bad effect upon the health of Mrs. Quick. As to when and where we should go we had not decided until some month or so ago a call from the Hantsport church reached me. This unanimous call coming as it did after much prayer for guidance seemed as a door opening for us to enter and after giving it our prayerful consideration we decided to accept to enter upon our work about the middle of August. This will leave the church here pastorless, but we are hoping that the church may be directed in the choice of the right man. The cause here is an important one, the facilities for good work are here and the outlook is bright. Although our pastorate has been short we feel it has borne good fruit, a new house has been erected and almost paid for, 17 have been baptized, several joined by letter and the financial condition better than in any previous year. We have completed our four year's subscription to the 20th Century Fund in this our third year.

ERNEST QUICK.

### A Suggestion.

EDITOR OF MESSENGER AND VISITOR:—A good brother writes me as follows: "I do not expect to attend the Convention this year. I cannot afford to do so. . . . For six successive years I have travelled at my own expense from almost the extreme of our Convention's constituency to attend the Convention. I do it because of my interest in the work of the Convention. But I cannot afford the extra cost this year." Other brothers are in the same boat with this worthy pastor. Unfortunately the meeting of the Convention has been fixed for St. John and at a time when it is impossible on account of absence from the city of very many of the church members and especially of those who in the past have been chief entertainers to offer free entertainment.

The pastors of St. John regret this. There was no expectation that the Convention would be held here, hence no attempt at preparedness. It was only when urgently appealed to to provide a meeting house for the sessions and a committee to arrange for rates for entertainment that consent was given.

Now let the rest of the responsibility be with the churches sending delegates. Why should the church of which the brother above named is the loved pastor expect him to go to Convention in their behalf and pay his expenses? Let this church and other churches now show repentance for past neglect by saying we will pay your expenses to the Convention and here is the extra five dollar bill for such incidentals as collections, etc. The pastors have been a long suffering class. They have gone to the Associations, Quarterly Meetings, Conventions, etc., and for years borne their own expenses and as the delegates of the church. More, out of their own funds have contributed at every collection and in some instances the week away on business for the church has been regarded as part of their vacation. It is time to cry halt.

PASTOR.

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