

## 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 Geo. A. McDonald, Baptist Book Room, Halifax.

**ST. FRANCIS.**—The work here is progressing slowly. Two worthy members have of late been received into the St. Francis Baptist church and we are expecting others soon. Pray for us.

CHAS. HENDERSON.  
Concours, N. B., Oct. 13th.

**NEW GERMANY.**—The Lord still continues to bless our labors. Last Sabbath at Foster Settlement I had the privilege of baptizing three happy believers. We are earnestly praying for others who seem to be halting. Work on our new parsonage is progressing favorably under the direction of Bro. A. Lohnas. We expect to complete the outside this autumn, and the inside next summer. This will make a beautiful property for the church. H. B. SMITH.  
October 19th.

**BROOKFIELD, COLCHESTER CO. N. S.**—Saturday, Oct. 14th, being the twenty-fifth anniversary of our marriage, a number of our friends having in some way discovered the fact, surprised us by coming in the evening to tender their congratulations. After spending an enjoyable social time, and partaking of an excellent lunch provided by the ladies, they presented us with a purse containing twenty-five dollars, nearly all in silver. This is but one of many proofs of the sympathy and kindness of this people, for which we are deeply grateful. That the Lord may abundantly bless them, is the earnest desire and constant prayer of the pastor and his wife.  
J. J. ARMSTRONG.

**2ND HILLSBORO CHURCH.**—It was our privilege on the 1st Sunday in the month to visit the baptismal waters and bury in the likeness of Christ one more happy believer. Others in the community we believe are seriously impressed in regard to their souls' salvation and we hope will soon see their way clear to follow the Saviour. We have, however, to regret the apparent coldness of many of the older members of the church. Our Sabbath services are well attended and our prayer and social meetings fairly interesting. Still we need more spiritual power. Pray for us that God may yet more abundantly bless us.

S. W. KRISTEAD.  
Dawson Settlement, Oct. 16.

**SMITH TOWN.**—A very pleasant surprise party consisting of the members and friends of the Baptist church met at the residence of William B. Smith of Meadow View on Monday, Oct. 16th. After spending a very pleasant evening in music and singing a sumptuous supper was spread, then all repaired to the drawing room where the Rev. J. D. Wetmore in behalf of the members of the church, presented Miss Willa B. Smith with a very handsome album in token of their friendship and appreciation of her services as organist. After singing "Blest be the tie that binds" the company dispersed.

### ONE PRESENT.

**BERWICK, N. S.**—The new parsonage in Berwick completed some weeks ago, and occupied by the pastor and his family, was formally dedicated on Thursday evening of last week. Upwards of two hundred persons were present, filling the house to its utmost capacity. Deacon Charles Sanford presided. An excellent programme of music, instrumental and vocal was rendered. Miss Titus of Kentville sang two solos which were greatly enjoyed. Brief addresses were made by W. J. Burgess, Esq., of Woodville, Mr. L. D. Robinson, principal of Berwick High school, Rev. J. W. Prestwood, of the Methodist church, and Pastor Simpson. The new parsonage is centrally located. It occupies one of the most charming sites in the village. It is beautiful for situation. The building is 30x22½ with an ell 16x16 in the rear. It is two stories in height and is thoroughly finished throughout. It is warmed by an excellent furnace and is quite up-to-date in its appointments. The cost with site is about \$2,200. Great credit is due the contractor, John G. Clark, Esq., of this village, for the thorough and entirely satisfactory manner in which the work has been done.

**HOPEWELL.**—In connection with the annual roll-call of the Hopewell church, on Sunday the 15th inst. there was an induction service held to welcome Rev. F. D. Davidson to the pastorate. The weather throughout the entire day was fine, and the congregations large. All the services were held in the church at Albert. In the morning Rev. J. W. Manning of St. John preached, being assisted in the services by pastor Addison of Alma and the pastor of the Hopewell church. The roll-call took place in the afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. The roll was called by the clerk of the church, Bro. Wm. A. West. The house was filled to overflowing by a deeply interested congregation, at the close of which the Lord's Supper was administered. The service of induction took place in the evening. Deacon Peck gave the right hand of fellowship to the pastor and his family who were received by letter from the Elgin church. Pastor Bishop of Harvey was present to welcome the pastor elect to the work of the denomination. Resident Clergymen Comben (Methodist) and Boyd (Presbyterian) extended a cordial welcome in behalf of their respective churches, to all of which Pastor Davidson happily responded. The preacher of the morning was also the preacher of the evening, Deacon Tingley presided. The music by the choir added greatly to the charm of the services. All the offerings for the day were given to Foreign Missions, as might well be. Pastor Davidson enters upon the responsible duties of his office among a large-hearted and devoted people, with high hopes and earnest purpose to be useful. He certainly has a fine field for the exercise of all the talents that are his. He has had a happy introduction. The future is before him with all its unlimited possibilities.

### ONE PRESENT.

The customary Union Thanksgiving service of the Baptist churches of St. John, was held in the Germain St. church on Thursday morning. The attendance was perhaps as large as it usually is on such occasions, which, however, is far below what might be expected from a people so richly blessed. An excellent and inspiring sermon suitable to the occasion, was preached by Rev. Ira Smith of the Leinster St. church. Revs. J. H. Hughes, D. Long, H. T. DeWolf and M. C. Higgins were present and participated in the service. Regret was felt at the absence of Dr. Gates, pastor of Germain St. Church, who had been called away from the city by a previous engagement.

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#### New Brunswick Convention Receipts.

First Springfield church, H. M., \$3.25; Hampton Village church, H. M., \$1.75; plate collections at Convention, H. M., \$30; Macdonald's Corner church, H. M., \$2; Mill Cove church, H. M., \$1.20; First Johnstone church, H. M., \$3.81; J. W. Travis, H. M., \$5; Mrs. J. W. Travis, H. M., \$5; C. D. Dykeman, H. M., \$5; J. H. Wilson, H. M., \$5; Mrs. J. H. Wilson, H. M., \$1; Rev. A. B. Macdonald, H. M., \$1; Mrs. A. B. Macdonald, H. M., \$1; D. A. Branscomb, H. M., \$1; E. F. Macdonald, H. M., \$1; H. E. Macdonald, H. M., \$1; S. E. Frost, H. M., \$1; W. W. Freeze, H. M., \$1; Mrs. A. Atkinson, H. M., \$1; Mrs. A. P. Belyea, H. M., \$1; Mrs. W. H. White, H. M., \$1; H. B. Bridges, H. M., \$1; L. E. Wright, H. M., \$1; G. R. Slipp, H. M., \$1; Mrs. E. A. Branscomb, H. M., \$1; Mrs. A. Wesson, H. M., \$1; Charles Titus, H. M., \$1; A. Friend, H. M., \$1; C. F. Colwell, H. M., \$1; Mrs. W. J. Bridges, H. M., \$1; Mrs. A. B. Fowler, \$1; Mrs. S. Gillchrist, H. M., 50c; Miss Maggie Gillchrist, H. M., 50c; Miss A. E. Black, H. M., \$1; W. B. M. U. collection at Convention, F. M., \$4, G. L. M., \$4, Northwest, \$4; collection at Convention for Acadia College, \$10; Benton church, H. M., \$2.50; Rev. E. C. Corey and wife, H. M., \$5; Lawyer Bailey, H. M., \$2; Norton church, H. M., \$12.27; First Grand Lake church, H. M., \$5; Second Grand Lake church, H. M., \$29.96; First Hillsboro church, H. M., \$14; Second Chipman church, H. M., \$3; Gideon Bray, H. M., \$1; Susan Reid, H. M., \$1; Dr. Peck, H. M., \$1; Henry Burnett, H. M., \$1; W. A. McLean, H. M., \$2; Beaver Harbor church, H. M., \$4; First Springfield church, by Mrs. S. Bates, H. M., \$2.50, Northwest, \$2.50, F. M., \$1; Steeves Mountain section of First Salisbury church, F. M., \$4, H. M., \$4; Sackville church, H. M., \$10; Carleton, Victoria and Madawaska Quarterly Meeting, H. M., \$5.50, F. M., \$5.50. Total \$225.74.  
J. S. TITUS, Treas.

St. Martins, N. B., Oct. 17th.

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#### New Brunswick Provincial Sunday School Association.

The 16th annual meeting of this Association was held in St. Stephen, Oct. 17 to 19. The meetings were of special interest. More stress than usual was given to spirit-

ual equipments of teachers and officers and to the consideration of the aim of Sunday School work—the salvation of the scholars. The statistics of the Sunday Schools of the Province show that additions to the churches from the Sunday Schools are far below what ought to be expected. Mr. Sanford, Secretary of the N. S. Association, and Mr. Alfred Day, of Ontario, were present and added much to the interest of the sessions. Under this Association the Province has been adopting the most advanced methods of Sunday School work, and now with these improved plans let us hope with increased attendance and prayer given to the soul saving efforts of the scholars that during the coming year there may be great gains in this department. Rev. W. C. Goucher has been made President of the Association for the current year, and we feel assured the Association will find in him a most efficient officer.

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#### S. S. Convention.

The Lunenburg Co. Baptist Sunday School Convention met with the school at Chester Basin, Oct. 11th. The meeting opened at 10.30 a. m. by singing and prayer, the president W. R. Bars, Esq., presiding. The following officers were elected for the coming year: president, W. R. Bars, New Germany; 1st vice-president, Cotman Smith, Chester; 2nd vice-president, George Parker, Lunenburg; secretary, E. P. Churchill, Bridgewater.

The reports from the various schools were read by the secretary showing by statistics that there are twenty-four Baptist schools in the county with an aggregate membership of fifteen hundred and thirty-three (1533) pupils. There are also several Union Schools of which Baptists form a part. Four normal classes have been established, viz., at Chester, Chester Basin, Marriot's Cove and Bridgewater conducted by the pastors. There have been forty-one baptisms from the schools during the year.

The afternoon and evening sessions were devoted to discussions upon live topics. "The value and importance of Normal work in the Sunday School" was introduced by Rev. W. H. Jenkins; "The Relation of the church to the Sunday School" was first spoken to by Cotman Smith, Esq.; "How to reach the lapsed pupils" was taken up by the Rev. E. N. Archibald and others; Temperance in the Sunday School was introduced by Rev. E. P. Churchill; "How to make a Sunday School interesting and inviting" was first told us by Rev. W. B. Bezanson. The discussion which followed these addresses was very interesting and many times did the president have to use his veto in stopping the debate, the interest got so high. A question box conducted by Messrs. W. R. Bars, H. B. Smith and Charles Smith concluded the programme for the day. Altogether the occasion was one of great interest and the crowds which passed into the church together with the enthusiasm with which they voted their thanks for the loyal hospitality shown by the people was a sufficient Amen to remarks of one individual who said, "It is the best convention we have ever held."

E. P. CHURCHILL, Secy.

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