

From the Churches.

Denominational Funds.

Fifteen thousand dollars wanted from the churches! 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. Coboon, Treasurer, Wolfville, N. S. Envelopes for gathering these funds can be obtained free on application.

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.

FANCOOK, N. S.—Congregations, large meetings good, supplied Leinster street Baptist pulpit last Sunday in April, while in St. John on a visit for two weeks.

JAS. A. PORTER.

May 14th.

CENTRE VILLAGE, N. B.—Before leaving this part of the country we had the privilege of baptizing 3 more last Lord's Day. After meeting the hand of fellowship was given to these and another received by letter, making in all 19 who have united with this church the last few months.

HURST AND BRAMAN.

BROOKVILLE, HANTS COUNTY, N. S.—Sunday, May 11th, was a good day for us here. I baptized eleven and received one by letter. The church life is already feeling the impetus of this valuable addition to its membership. A number of these are heads of families. We are hoping and praying that the good work may go on until many more are brought to a saving knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus.

M. C. HIGGINS.

HOULTON, ME.—The First Baptist church, Rev. J. A. Ford, pastor, closed its fiscal year with all bills for current expenses paid and \$50 in the Treasury. This is the first time in the history of the church that such a showing was made. Beside the regular expenditure \$300 were paid for the support of an indigent member. Forty-three persons were added during the year.

CANSE, N. S.—Baptized four bright boys on Sunday evening, May 11th. This makes an addition of twenty-one by baptism and two by letter since our last communication. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sproule, formerly of Digby, are also bringing their letters to unite with us. Those baptized have been mainly from the Sunday School. The pastor leaves shortly for a month's vacation.

O. N. CHIPMAN.

3RD ELGIN CHURCH.—God is again pleased to bless the efforts of his people in this part of my field of labor. It was my joy to baptize on Lord's Day, 11th inst, at the close of the p. m. service, Addie M. Douthright, Blanche Douthright, Kaffe Douthright, Ina Smith, A. Estella Smith, Nathan P. Harrison, Alexander B. Banister (from the Methodist), John R. Johnston (from the Presbyterian). In the evening we gave the sisters and brothers the right hand of fellowship. We are very thankful for the mercy drops. Brethren pray for us.

I. N. THORNE.

CHARLESTON AND MILL VILLAGE.—A few weeks ago we began our pastoral work in visiting our people in this place in their homes, at the same time trying to get the people together for worship in "our Father's house." It soon became apparent that God was moving in our midst, and we commenced waiting upon him in special service of a few weeks, during which a wonderful change came over the place. Good order prevailed both in the house of God and upon the street. A large number of backsliders returned to their Father's house and truly found that there was "bread enough and to spare" so much so that one brother exclaimed saying, "this was the happiest week of my life for twenty years." Four have been added to the Mill Village church by baptism, others are awaiting in the near future. A prayer meeting and a large Sunday School have been organized and are doing a good work. We thank God and to him would ascribe all the glory. Pray for us.

S. LANGILLE.

CAMBRIDGE, KINGS COUNTY, N. S.—About one year ago the Cambridge station of the Cambridge Baptist church of Kings county, N. S., started to make some improvements and repairs on their church building, which being completed have greatly added to the appearance and convenience of the house. The improvements are a new tower, furnace, pulpit,

vestry, room for the choir, and lamps. Then the roof was shingled and the entire building painted outside and inside. The house was reopened for public worship on the fifth of January by Rev. Mr. Simpson of Berwick and Principal DeWolf of Wolfville. As Pastor Read had resigned the pastorate at the close of 1901 the Cambridge section engaged the services of Mr. S. W. Schurman of Acadia as a supply for every alternate Sunday. He began his labors about the middle of February and the Lord has greatly blessed him in his work. Thirty-one have been baptized and added to the church. Mr. Schurman will spend the summer vacation with us.

J. C. Church Clerk.

PLASTER ROCK, TOBIQUE RIVER.—We reached here May 1st and for the past two weeks have been assisting Bro. Sterling in his work, he had been engaged in special work 10 days before our coming. A good interest has been manifested from the first and much good has been accomplished, backsliders have been reclaimed and some have made a start for the kingdom of Heaven. On the 14th inst, a meeting was held at Plaster Rock to consider the advisability of organizing a branch of the Tobique Valley Baptist church at the above place. Twenty-three names of brethren and sisters were submitted to the meeting, 15 of them members of the Tobique Valley church, and by an unanimous vote these, with 8 others, were formed into a branch of the church to be known as the Plaster Rock branch of the Tobique Valley Baptist church. We sincerely trust this was a right move. The exercises of the evening were as follows: Sermon by Rev. R. W. Demmings of Andover who kindly came up and helped us; Reading of articles of faith and practice by Bro. Sterling; Reading of covenant and hand of fellowship by writer. We go from here to Aberdeen for a short visit.

A. H. HAYWARD.

CAMPBELLTON, N. B.—I am pleased to be able to report good progress in the Master's service in this portion of his vineyard. Within the last few weeks six new members have been received into the church by letter and experience and on the 13th inst eight were baptized as a result of the special work carried on by our pastor, Rev. J. W. Keirstead. Others have been received and are waiting baptism. The church membership continues to grow and we feel that the good seed sown by the faithful in Christ will ere long bear much fruit. Our church building is being remodeled, the front of the building is being altered, new steps, railing, etc., being built, a new vestry is being added to the side of the church which when completed will be fitted with folding or raising doors which will almost double the seating capacity of the church. The rear of the building will be torn out and a new chancel built, which will greatly enlarge the choir loft and platform, a new baptistry is also being built. This work when completed will give us a very comfortable and substantial looking church home, large enough for our requirements for some time to come.

R. C.

SAINTE STEPHEN, N. B.—The work is moving steadily and prosperously. Baptized three on Sunday, May 11th, grand children of our senior deacon, Edward Hughes. While not unmindful of our weaknesses and failures there is much in our church life to inspire and encourage. Large congregations are regularly in attendance at the services for public worship and also at the prayer meetings. Our Sunday School is confessedly the largest and best equipped in the county at the present time. We are blessed with a noble and efficient band of workers in this department. The financial side of the work as usual is receiving close attention. The current expenses are being fully provided for, and care is exercised in securing generous offerings for benevolent work. Plans are about completed for the gathering of the Twentieth Century Fund. A new pipe organ is sorely needed, and a fund has already been started for that purpose. A gift towards it of one hundred dollars was received from a good sister last week. General regret is expressed on all sides at the resignation of Pastor Lavers at Saint George. A more faithful and popular Minister the Granite Town has never had. The denomination possesses few men so unselfish, enthusiastic and wise in their advocacy of its various enterprises. Brother Lavers and family will be greatly missed from Charlotte county.

May 16th.

W. C. GOUCHER.

BARRINGTON, N. S.—A flying visit to an old field. On our return from attending quarterly session of Grand Division of Sons of Temperance at Yarmouth we ran over this field to take a look at old familiar faces and renew old acquaintances. Many seemed to be pleased to look once more into the face of their old pastor as they expressed it. On Sunday morning, 11th inst, it was my privilege to speak at Barrington to a large and appreciative audience, had a very impressive service and in the afternoon met with the Sunday School. Here we have, under the leadership of Bro. Geo. Smith (speaking within bounds), if not the largest one of the best conducted Sunday Schools in this province. The good singing, the interest in the lesson, the good order and attention of all, faithfulness on the part of superintendent and teachers, all go to make it one of the best of Sunday Schools. In the evening we spoke to a large congregation at Port Clyde. God was truly in the midst. At an after meeting the prayer meeting that had been given up through the winter was again started. All over this field is felt the need of a good efficient pastor.

S. LANGILLE.

LOWER STEWIAKKE.—Bro. Jenkins' kind words in MESSENGER AND VISITOR concerning this section of my field calls for some additional remarks from the present scribe. Bro. Jenkins' work was exceedingly helpful and highly appreciated. The Lord's power was manifested, the church revived, enquiry awakened, and some fruit manifest. April 27th I had the privilege of baptizing Edith R., daughter of Joshua, and grand-daughter of the late Rev. David Blakeney of precious memory. As this was the first baptism in this locality for seven years, the ordinance was witnessed by many young people for the first time, these followed to the church service, and with opened Bibles and close attention, followed the pastor from passage to passage of Scripture in search of biblical qualifications for the mode of, and the significance of baptism. The seed sown will doubtless appear in precious fruitage in the days to come. Another candidate awaits baptism, and some are enquiring. The meeting house has recently undergone a thorough cleaning, and fitted with new

lamps, presents a neat and cheerful appearance. Rev. M. A. McLean of Emmanuel church, came to our aid, and at two services presented much cheering and searching truth. The pastor has not been forgotten. The few members here, raised for pastor's salary, more than twice the amount of the previous year, and at the close held a social, which netted \$40.30, half of which was donated the pastor in aid of a much needed new team. The balance was devoted towards the liquidation of an old debt on the organ. The pastor has entered upon the third year of his pastorate by the unanimous and hearty consent of this people, and we are looking for an ingathering of precious souls in other sections of this field. Chasrood has contributed \$15 to the fund for their pastor's new team. And other sections are also moving in the same direction. "We thank God and take courage."

A. E. INGRAM.

POINT MIDGIC, N. B.—For nearly three weeks we had the privilege of laboring here with Pastor Robinson. In him we found an agreeable earnest fellow-worker in the Lord. They have a beautiful house of worship which cost over \$3,000. The people turned out nobly from the beginning and we enjoyed a blessed time. In the meetings at the Brook ten professed conversion. Two of these joined with the Centre Village church, six were baptized by Bro. Robinson a few weeks ago accompanied with another young sister of Midgic. The other two we understand will unite with this church also. Since that during the special meetings here for about three weeks 39 confessed Christ with the month for the first time. Many others expressed a desire to become Christians. Sunday night the large church was packed and 79 persons spoke for Christ, 4 for the first time. This being our farewell meeting we tried to thank our God and the people for the good times we enjoyed. The people are proving themselves able and willing as they are now supporting a pastor. They contributed a nice sum to the Twentieth Century Fund, and for our service we gladly acknowledge the gift of \$36 in cash. Deacon Anderson made a kind address of appreciation of the work in behalf of the church. The choir and congregation united in a parting hymn we shall never forget. May God bless the pastor and people and may this only be a foretaste of better things as the meetings are continued by the pastor is our prayer.

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