

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 John Nalder, Treasurer, Windsor, N. S. Envelopes for gathering these funds can be obtained free on application.

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CENTREVILLE, CAR. CO. N. B.—Baptized eight happy believers Dec. 18th, and four more Christmas morning. There are other seekers and others ready for the ordinance. B. S. FREEMAN.

UPPER NEWCASTLE—At Upper Newcastle on Monday evening 26, the superintendent and teachers gave the Sunday school a Xmas tree loaded with gifts and good things. All enjoyed the occasion both young and old. I am pleased as a lover of righteousness also to note that our community for this Xmas season so far has been free from the brawl that rum makes. Everything has been quiet and nice as one could wish. M. P. KING.

PUGWASH.—At Wallace River we have now a comfortable church for the winter, with new roof and two new stoves, also money on hand to repair the windows so as to lower from the inside. At Hartford the brethren are hustling and will soon have the inside of their church finished ready for seating. They are paying as they go. At Pugwash we found it necessary to replace the old furnace by a new one costing about \$100.00. We are sorry to find the church here in Pugwash about \$600.00 in debt; but we are hoping by the end of another year to have this cleared off. The outlook spiritually is hopeful, and good opportunity on the field for enlargement, with faithful brethren and sisters, ever ready to help in the work. T. H. CORNWALL.

MAITLAND—Maitland, where? Away back in the most remote corner of Annapolis county, N. S. The Baptists here are part of the Kempt church, Queens Co., N. S. For several years we had no settled pastor, until Aug. last, when Rev. Mr. Maider took charge of the work. The field is very large and has six preaching stations. When he came here matters were very low, but since that we are much encouraged. Our Sabbath and week night services are well attended, and increasing in interest. We have a good church which through our pastor's energy and assistance has just been put in fine condition, newly painted on the inside, and is now all we need for appearance and comfort, we have also put in new hymn and music books which are very satisfactory. Two persons have been received by letter and we are looking for good results from the earnest and faithful labors of our pastor whose work is very much appreciated on all parts of the field. Pray for us. Com.

LOWER ECONOMY, COL. COUNTY.—In response to a hearty call we came to this field Nov. 23. We find ourselves in the midst of a kind and interesting people. Our work is encouraging and already there are signs of good. The uplifted Christ is drawing souls unto him, the church arranged a reception on the 16th when the whole community near and far came to the parsonage to extend to us a warm welcome. Rev. Mr. Austen in behalf of the Presbyterian brethren of whom a large number were present, assured us that himself and his people would regard us as co-workers with them for the glory of God. Brother Lawson, the nearest Baptist bishop, from Bass River bade us welcome in behalf of the ministers of Colchester county, while brethren McCarr, Soley and Simpson spoke warm words of welcome for the Lower Economy and Five Islands church. Right nobly too did the sisters fill their part in the programme by providing bountiful refreshments. Nor was this all, meats, vegetables, provisions fruit and seventeen dollars in money bore silent witness to a deep and genuine interest in our welfare and comfort. Altogether it was a most joyful occasion, and one that

leaves in the heart sacred and tender memories. Most heartily do we thank our good friends for their generosity, and wish them near and far a Happy New Year.

E. E. LOCKE.

SHEFFIELD, SUNBURY CO.—Perhaps a few words from this section of the country would be interesting to some readers of the Messenger and Visitor. We are sorry to relate that our pastor Rev. W. N. Smith of the Manguerville 1st and 2nd Sheffield Baptist churches who entered upon this sphere of labor on Sept. 1st, 1904, preached his farewell sermon to the congregation of his church on Christmas evening, Dec. 25th. The hearts of pastor and people were united as the hearts of David and Jonathan. He leaves on account of the delicate health of members of his family and from circumstances over which he has no control, he finds it necessary to remove to a place where it would be congenial to the health of his family. The news struck his congregation like a thunderbolt from a clear sky. Rev. Mr. Smith is one of Acadia's students (Albert County by birth) ordained and married in Carleton County. He stated that leaving this field was one of the regrets of his life. We must trust that God may direct and send us a successor to carry on the work here on these fields. Mr. Smith has our good wishes and prayers that in whatever sphere of labor he may engage in or wherever his lot may be cast that the Lord will guide and direct him now, and for all time to come. Brethren pray for us. CHURCH MEMBER.

MONTAGUE, P. E. I.—Affairs are jogging along about at the usual gait with us. Somethings of importance happen occasionally. James McLeod a fine young man, a grandson of Samuel McLeod, of precious memory, has been licensed by this church to preach the gospel, and has entered upon his life work. He was vice principal of the Montague Grammar School, and was a splendid teacher. In our church he led the singing, superintended the Sunday School, and in every way faithfully discharged his duties as a child of God. We shall miss him very much. He goes to Jeddore, N. S., and next fall will enter Acadia University. At Sturgeon we are moving to place an organ in the house of worship and also new pews. We may also enlarge our house of worship as we find our Sunday evening congregations cannot be accommodated by the present building. Between storms and bad "crossing," our services at G-town have been somewhat broken in upon. But now that the winter boats are running between G-town and Pictou and the river is closed up, we will have regular services and fuller houses. Our extra services at Sturgeon were not without blessing. Several expressed a desire to follow the Lord Jesus. In November they made us a "Donation" and we would have reported before but every few days brought something to be added, so we have waited for the donations to stop before reporting. The last addition was Xmas night when we received \$20.00 cash as a Xmas present from a sister. Putting it all together the donation now stands at \$70.00 for which we are sincerely grateful. F. D. DAVIDSON.

FIRST ST. MARTINS.—Our church has recently sustained a great loss in the death of Robert S. Moran, Esq., late of Southport, England. Though not a member of a Baptist church, his sympathies were with us, and he has again and again rendered us munificent help. In his younger days he resided in this village where he was engaged in ship-building. Though for many years in later life a resident of England, he never forgot his early home and its house of prayer. At a regular meeting of the church appropriate resolutions were passed, in which special reference was made to the kindness and generosity of the deceased, to the cause in St. Martins, to whom more than to any other, perhaps to all others, the church is indebted for its most comfortable parsonage, and for repeated acts of kindness which have kept his name and memory fresh in the hearts of the people. A minute in harmony with the above

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was prepared and ordered to be engrossed upon the records of the church and copies to be forwarded to the bereaved family.

CHESTER.—The teachers of the Chester, N. S. Baptist Sunday school gave a very successful supper in the vestry of the church on Dec. 26th. About seventy-five scholars, with their parents and friends attended the function, and over one hundred enjoyed the bountiful feast. A musical and literary programme followed and then Santa Claus gave gifts to all the scholars from an Xmas tree which bore wonderful fruits only seen on trees at the happy Christmas time. We missed our faithful superintendent, R. O. Morse, and regretted that Mr. C. A. Smith was unavoidably absent. Mr. Ira Moland, and Miss Vera Robinson were the honored guests from the Northland. The church is still without a pastor.

GUYSBORO, N. S.—The pastor and wife are constantly receiving substantial expressions of this people's regard. The Christmas season was no exception. On the eve of that day the parsonage family were surprised to see a man drive into the stable yard with two sleighs and drive out again with only one. A note handed in at the door explained the mystery, stating that this sleigh was a "token of esteem from church and congregation." On examination it was found to have been "made in Canada," being one of the Nova Scotia Carriage Co.'s best productions. A set of sweetly musical bells from an honored brother completed the outfit. This beautiful and timely gift was as unexpected as it was welcome. God grant that it may be used in carrying many messages of cheer to the sorrowing, strength to the weak, and good tidings to the erring. The day following Christmas, Monday, another surprise was presented the family when a string of teams loaded with good hardwood, drove into the yard and the drivers requested leave to deposit their loads there, assuring the pastor that if he "found it all in the way, burn it up." That wood is now sending its warmth through the parsonage, and feeding the glow of gratitude and of renewed consecration and purpose in the hearts of the parsonage family. We are now waiting and praying for visible expression of the Master's approval.

AMHERST.—Twenty candidates were baptized Christmas evening, making forty-eight who have come to us by baptism since Oct. 1st. Thirty-one others have united with us by letter, a total addition of seventy-nine in the last three months. A number of others are awaiting the ordinance of baptism. The members of the pastor's Young Men's Bible Class have purchased a stereopticon for use in the church work. An order was placed recently with an Upper Canadian firm for a new pipe organ, the contract price being about \$3300.00.

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