

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. Coburn, 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.

POGWASH, N. S.—It was my pleasure to receive two into the church by baptism on May 4th. C. H. HAVERSTOCK.

MAIN STREET, ST. JOHN.—Baptisms on April 6th, and May 4th, also members received by letter. Several conversions have taken place lately and some are enquiring.

SPRINGHILL, N. S.—Yesterday was a day of rejoicing with us. Four were baptized in the morning, while two others were received into fellowship by letter in the evening. A quiet but deep work of grace is in progress here. H. G. ESTABROOK.

HAMPTON, N. B.—On May 4th, I baptized one young man, and on the preceding Conference received a sister on experience. We are busy preparing for the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the re-organization of the church. A sister, the daughter of Rev. R. Mutch, has also been received by letter into the Norton church. H. S. SHAW.

HOPEWELL, N. B.—Bro. Adams has come and gone. His visit has done us all good. This good old church responded well to the truth and he carried away cash and pledges to the amount of \$625, which I feel sure will be brought up to \$700 or more. This church last year stood sixth in this province in giving to the work of the denomination. She has given over \$2500 for building purposes inside of two years, beside paying all running expenses. F. D. DAVIDSON.

GIBSON AND MARYSVILLE.—Since our last communication the work has been going on splendidly. God is blessing us in our labors. Eight precious souls have followed Jesus in baptism. Three have united by letter and three by experience. A total of 14 additions. We expect to baptize seven on Sabbath. It was my privilege to baptize 3 candidates for Bro. Rogers of Mangerville, quite recently. Bro. Rogers is doing a grand work in this charge. W. R. ROBINSON.

BEAR RIVER, N. S.—Seven were baptized on May 4th, six of these were led to the Saviour in our Junior Union. There is a very interesting condition of things among us, there being many who are ready to welcome pastoral exhortation and instruction, and from whose numbers we expect to reap for the Master from time to time. I have been holding a few meetings at Morganville with good results. The foundation is laid for the new meeting house at Greenland section. I. W. P.

NEW CANADA, LUNenburg COUNTY, N. S.—Last Sunday was a joyful day with us. We have been holding special services; the Lord has been with us; the church has received a great spiritual uplift. Many young people of other denominations have stood up for prayer and confessed Christ. Seven more happy converts have followed their Lord and Saviour in the divine ordinance of baptism; others will follow shortly. To the Lord be all the praise. JOSIAH WRIBB.

PORT LORNE, N. S.—Again the Wilmot Mountain and Hampton churches are without pastoral care. Rev. L. J. Tingley, who left us May 1st, has been greatly blessed in his labors during the past six months. Forty were added to the churches of whom thirty-two were baptized, Bro. Tingley won many warm friends while among us and received a hearty call to remain another year but did not accept it. Our prayers are with him and his family that he may be guided to the work God has for him to do. May the Lord direct a man to us to keep this flock. A. C. CHARLTON, Clerk.

HAVELOCK.—The Lord is blessing us at Springhill, one of the sections of this field. For a number of weeks special services have been held there, and a deep and quiet work of grace is in progress.

We have had no outside help, and the people are deeply conscious of the fact that the work is of the Lord. Seven have already been received for baptism and others are expected to come. Many others are enquiring, and all seem deeply moved. This church has of late discarded the subscription plan for raising the pastor's salary, the free and unsolicited offerings of the people each Lord's Day being depended upon instead. J. W. BROWN, Havelock, N. B., May 9.

SPRINGFIELD, KINGS COUNTY, N. B.—On review of the history of the Second Baptist church of Springfield at a roll call held on the evening of Wednesday, the 23rd April, it was resolved unanimously to present Bro. James Keirstead and family the thanks and highest appreciation of this church and people for their long-continued care of the house of worship and service to the congregation in building fires and lighting the lamps gratuitously for a period of fifty years. A history we believe unparalleled in the history of the churches of New Brunswick. Deep regret was expressed that Bro. Keirstead, the oldest member of the church, was unable to be present on that occasion and earnest prayers that the light of the Spirit of God might shine about him in his declining days. JUSTUS H. GRAY, Clerk.

SUSSEX, N. B.—On Sunday evening, May 4th, the pastor baptized nine converts in the presence of a congregation which completely filled the house. The ordinance was impressive and was witnessed by many who have not obeyed Christ as the New Testament directs. One man in middle life who was converted last fall has been debating in his mind the matter of Scriptural mode of baptism. He is a sincere and godly man and is anxious to do right. He has been brought up under the teaching of a pedo-Baptist denomination and had a hard fight. However he came and requested immersion saying he was satisfied that immersion was the right way. Bro. Marple assisted me a little over a week. He was to stay with us longer but was taken ill. He is a good earnest worker with a fine Christian spirit. His work with us was attended by the blessing of God.

NICTAUX, N. S.—The special services which have been held by our Pastor, Bro. Smallman in this section of the Nictaux field were closed last week. We feel as a church that we have received a rich spiritual blessing. Those who had wandered have returned to their Father's house and many new voices have been heard testifying for Christ. The following have been baptized and have united with the church:—Arthur Andrews, Charlie Andrews, Eva Andrews, Mary Chipman, Meroin Vidito, Mildred Vidito, Lewis Acker, Mrs. Lewis Acker, Eva Armstrong, Hattie Allen, Alexander Weagle, Charlie Parker and Hermon Nixon. We are expecting others to make a full surrender. Of course our pastor's heart has been rejoiced and needless to say he is not at all selfish in his joy and gratitude, but is glad to know the church shares it with him. His services as pastor are much appreciated by his people. N. M. BRCKWITH, Clerk.

Kings County, N. S., Conference.

The County Conference was held at Kentville, April 22nd. "Our Church Beneficence" was presented by Pastor Hatch and discussed. By request it has been already published in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR of April 30th. It is hoped that the brethren will give the document a careful reading. It furnishes food for serious reflection. The 20th Century movement is in the air but it has hardly gripped the churches yet. Canard is, however, taking the lead and hopes to exceed the \$500 mark set for her by a quarter of a thousand. Wolfville is also on the move to raise the one thousand assigned to her. The greater part has been already pledged, and the canvass is being pressed. Aylesford has made a beginning. Other churches will soon be heard from. We trust that this county will not be found wanting. Revival influences have been recently enjoyed in several of the churches. The MESSENGER AND VISITOR has reported baptisms at

Gaspereaux, Aylesford and Cambridge. Bro. D. H. Simpson removes at the end of May from Berwick, after a pastorate of six years and more, filled with labors abundant and successful. He will remain in the county, having accepted a call to Billtown. Here he will find an ample field and some noble helpers. After the first of June we shall expect to hear that Billtown has begun the execution of the long cherished purpose to build. And now, with the coming of Bro. I. A. Corbett to Canning and Peregé, and of Bro. I. A. Huntley to Lower Aylesford, the two extremes, the county's interests will be well conserved. F.

AN ARMY ON THE HEIGHTS.

BY REV. EDWARD A. RAND.

When Hannibal the Carthaginian, proposed to lead the long columns of his troops over the Alps and then launch his thunderbolt down upon Italy, he reminded those wavering troops that those Alps were "nothing but high mountains after all." They might be higher than the Pyrenees, which his venturesome army had already surmounted; but he assured them, "They do not reach to the skies; and, since they do not, they cannot be insurmountable." Fired by his ardor every lukewarm column marched on at the appointed time. They pressed up the rocky slopes, wound through the straitened defiles, and aimed steadfastly at the summit. But they came to a close, narrow passage, where the rocks above them did not reach to the sky, even as Hannibal had asserted, and yet, between the Carthaginian and the canopy of the sky, was a menacing enemy. This foe occupied every rock, clustered on the edge of every precipice, looked down from every vantage-point. Hannibal's army stopped, while Hannibal thought over the ugly situation. The feet of the army were still; the head was busy. Hannibal noticed that the mountaineers left the crags as the cold, dark night came on, knowing that the Carthaginians would not stir out of camp. In the morning, the nimble watchers went back to the crags, from which the cold had driven them. The sharp eyes in the head of the Carthaginian arm saw all this. What did he order but that quick-footed columns should early occupy those high points, anticipating the arrival of the mountaineers? When the latter returned, they looked up, and their eyes widened with astonishment to see that they had been outwitted. In a whirlwind of rage, they flung themselves upon Hannibal's army; but it was too late. The attempt ended only in their disastrous, bloody defeat. Hannibal's method was pre-occupation.

In Christian warfare, the tactics of Hannibal are deserving of study. We are busy with our work for the young. If we cease that effort, in later days we shall find the heights pre-occupied when we try to master and subdue the mountain passions of the human heart. Our work for the young that develops habits of prayer, Sunday-keeping, purity, Bible study, temperance, honesty, will pre-occupy the heights of character. Some Hannibal of evil may assault them in after days, but we have learned of Hannibal, we have known his tactics, and have pre-occupied all vantage-ground. Slacken not your effort, Christian worker. Every earnest worker means another spear on the heights. Every prayer puts another shield there. One hour of honest, hard effort may shape and temper half a dozen swords, all to be found some day on that high vantage-ground.—Golden Rule.

IT IS EASY TO TALK CHINESE.

It has long been the popular impression that the Chinese language, like the Chinese people themselves, was a curious compound and almost beyond the comprehension of an Occidentalist. But it is a matter of interest to know what some of its peculiar difficulties are, as they were stated by Professor Herbert Allen Giles, the English Orientalist, in a recent lecture before Columbia University. It seems, according to this authority, that there are really two distinct Chinese languages, the

spoken and the written. The former may be easily acquired, but the latter, the "book language," is a study of a lifetime. Few people can read a Chinese book or write a Chinese letter, and women in particular seem to fail in this. The Chinese never possessed a grammar.—Lealle's Weekly.

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