

From the Churches.

Denominational Funds.

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MACNAQUAC, N. B.—Fourteen candidates were baptized Sabbath, Nov. 23, and ten on the previous Sabbath. Bro. Hayward has been with me for a few days' rendering valuable service. I expect to baptize next Sunday (29th). This large field seems ready for the harvest.

GEO. HOWARD.

2ND AND 3RD ELGIN FIELD.—It was our pastor's happy experience to baptize into the fellowship of 3rd Elgin church on Lord's Day, 9th November, Mrs. Adam Power and Edith Bannister. May all thanks be rendered unto God for his mercy drops.

J. W. COLLICUTT, Church Clerk.

FALMOUTH, N. S.—God is blessing our labors here on this field, especially in Upper Falmouth. Many of the young men are manifesting an interest in the salvation of their souls. I have lately baptized seven, five young men and two young women; others are coming forward. We have just got a cellar dug and a furnace put under our church here in Lower Falmouth, costing in all about \$175. Getting ready for the winter campaign.

S. H. HAYWARD.

TABERNACLE, ST. JOHN.—The special meetings now being held at the Tabernacle church are increasing in interest. Had baptism on three successive Sundays recently, and expect to baptize next Lord's day. A number are seeking the way into the church. We expect to continue the special meetings next week. The work of the church is prospering with increased attendance, increased contributions and a deepening of the spiritual life.

H. H. R.

SIMONDS, (Branch of Fairville field).—There are 31 homes in Simonds, 8 Baptists, 8 Advents, 4 Primitive Baptists, 3 Methodists, 1 Catholic and 7 unclassified. 15 of these are generally represented at our Sunday services. The Advents, Baptists and P. Baptists have church buildings. The Baptists have services on Sunday, fortnightly and each alternate Tuesday. We have just ended a fortnight of special meetings. The Christians experienced much spiritual awakening. Two young ladies were baptized last Lord's day. Others are seeking the light. Believers, pray for us.

WYLIE H. SMITH.

ANTIGONISH.—Rev. R. Bosworth in the interests of the 20th Century Fund has been with us. We were glad to see him and hear his message. He gave a most earnest and thrilling address. The purse-strings of the people were again loosened. This church had already sent forward offerings for this fund for years '01 and '02 amounting to \$600 or more. Still the members had it in their hearts to give Bro. B. in cash and pledges \$100 more. So we have raised considerable more for this fund than was asked by the Committee. May many more of the churches respond as freely. The pastor yesterday completed his fifth year of service with this church. May showers of blessing descend on us all.

W. H. ROBINSON.

Nov. 24.

LOWER GRANVILLE, N. S.—A few days ago we closed up an interesting evangelistic campaign at Karsdale section of the Lower Granville Baptist church. The Home Mission Board were kind enough to send to us Evangelists Baker and Maclean, who labored faithfully in word and doctrine—preaching and singing the sweet messages of salvation for full four weeks. The results unknown, but much good has been done. Two promising young men have come out from the world and put on Christ and have united with the church and also a young mother—others have professed to have found Jesus

precious to their souls and may soon follow in his steps. To God be all the praise.

T. A. BLACKADAR.

Nov. 25.

NORTON, N. B.—God is manifesting his quickening power in the Norton church. We are holding special meetings for the past three weeks, and a very precious display of divine grace has been the result. Quite a large number have manifested an interest in their salvation, and a number have personally accepted Christ as their Saviour. Yesterday, Nov. 30, it was our happy privilege to baptize seven (7) of our young people who delighted to follow their Lord. Bro. Bynon preached for us on two successive week evenings, and gave us most splendid help. We continue the services this week with the hope that others also will make a complete surrender to Christ.

H. S. SHAW

GREENFIELD, QUEENS CO., N. S.—We are thankful to our Heavenly Father for the occasion of once more making demands on your space with items from Greenfield. A few weeks ago in our round of pastoral duties we commenced a few meetings in the schoolhouse of Buckfield and Label sections of the Greenfield church. God's Spirit was manifest, and as the result of a few weeks' patient labor, last Lord's day it was our privilege to welcome 14 to the fellowship of the church of Christ, 12 by baptism and 2 by letter. Another has been received for baptism and a number of others are taking part in the meetings. And still the work goes on. Dear brethren pray for us that God may thus bless us all over this field. On account of so many complicated calls for money we have not as yet done much this year for our Convention funds, but we are not forgetting God's claims upon us, and soon this matter will be attended to with good results I trust, and as many of us are yet quite unaccustomed to the "wheel" business we prefer to work the good old Convention Plan.

S. LANGILLE

NEW CANADA, LUNenburg CO., N. S.—I have been holding special meetings at Newcombville and Baker's Settlement during the past three weeks. These places are out-stations of the New Canada and Chelsea churches. There are only a very few Baptists in these districts, and they are surrounded by people of other denominations, chiefly Lutheran. The services were fairly well attended; we suffered a little persecution but the Lord was on our side and we reaped a great blessing. As a result of the work the Baptists of Baker's Settlement, after a lapse of several years, held a conference meeting on the 15th inst., and the Lord's Supper was commemorated on the following Sunday; there were nine persons present. If these members will hold together and thus witness for the truth as it is in Christ Jesus, there must be a strong interest there in a few years, for the gospel, as Baptists preach it and as the apostles proclaimed it, is sorely needed. The church edifice at New Canada is being remodeled and extensively repaired. There will be re-dedication services in the near future.

JOSIAH WEBB.

GASPEREAU.—A few lines from us, may be of interest to some of the readers of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR. We can report progress and healthfulness. There are not the additions to the church roll, that we should like to see, however the work done, will bear its fruit in due time. All the public services are well sustained and it is gratifying to know, the Bible schools are doing an efficient work. During the fall months, we have been attending to the repairs, etc., of our church property. The debt on the parsonage has been paid, having quite a sum in the treasury. The meeting house at White Rock has been renovated and painted both inside and out, and a comfortable horse shed erected. We have raised considerably more than our allotment for the Century Fund. This is largely due to the tact and skill of Rev. W. T. Stackhouse. Other matters of importance to us, but of no special interest to outsiders, have attended to. We are expecting an ingathering of souls this winter, and for this we would ask our friends to pray that our expectations may be realized. I shall soon enter my fifth year as pastor of this church. These have been pleasant years, and I can say without fear of contradiction, that we

are now as lovable and harmonious as at first. The position, and condition of this beautiful valley, made it a very desirable place of residence. Its scenery cannot be surpassed in the Provinces. The inhabitants as a rule, are thrifty, liberal, and intelligent. Our close proximity to Wolfville is a great advantage. We avail ourselves of the privilege of attending lectures, concerts, etc., in "College Hall." And this reminds me that Caspereau was well represented at the Recital recently given by the Faculty of Acadia Seminary. In his report to the MESSENGER AND VISITOR, last week, Principal DeWolfe has for some reason or other, omitted to mention Caspereau among the other communities that comprised the audience. I observed from Caspereau, two of the Seminary's old students, both having done excellent work, in the literary and art departments. Also, a young lady who holds a first class teacher's licence, and a former student of Dalhousie University. Another young lady who holds an enviable position as teacher of our public schools. And no doubt there were others present from here, whose numbers, culture, and appreciativeness would equal Middleton, plus Canard, and, possibly Kentville. Why mention one community if not all? or why mention any? For the last decade Caspereau has contributed one or more students, each year, to one or the other of the Institutions at Wolfville. At present two of our young men are attending college, one a Junior the other a Freshman. I write thus, to show that Caspereau has always availed herself of the advantages offered her by our denominational Institutions at Wolfville.

Yours truly,

J. D. SPIDELL.

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