

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

BOBBILL.—Yesterday it was our joy to baptize another earnest believer. Her name is Seethamma. She is of Christian parents and is one of a number who have been believing in Jesus for some time.

R. E. GULLISON.

September 5th.

BENTON, CARLETON CO.—The work of grace is going on. September 23rd two were baptized into the fellowship of the Benton church. September 30th two were received into the fellowship of the Lower Woodstock church, one by baptism and one by experience. Others are coming. God's promise is sure.

C. N. BARTON.

October 5th.

NEWCASTLE BRIDGE, QUEENS CO. N. B.—The Lord is still sustaining us in the work of bringing souls to Christ. The first day of October we again visited the baptismal water and three more followed the Lord in baptism. May the name of our dear Saviour be blessed for his sustaining grace.

N. P. GROSS.

CLEMENTSPORT.—The work of the Lord is prospering on this field, congregations good, and social services full of interest. It has been our privilege recently to baptize two young sisters, both teachers in the day school. We are looking for more to follow their Lord. We have had a large number of summer tourists whose presence we have enjoyed, some have been specially helpful in our church work, for which we are grateful. We need spiritual blessing from the Lord. Pray for us.

J. T. E.

Oct. 4, Annapolis Co., N. S.

KENTVILLE.—On Lord's Day, 1st inst., the Kentville church celebrated its twenty-sixth anniversary. Her esteemed pastor, Rev. B. N. Nobles, had arranged for three services, at which the preachers were Dr. Trotter, Dr. Kierstead and Rev. F. O. Weeks. On Monday evening addresses were given by Rev. G. R. White and Rev. J. H. McDonald. The meetings were well attended and profitable to all. Bro. Nobles is being blessed in his pastorate. A year ago the house of worship was enlarged and greatly improved. The congregations have grown as the years advanced. The church has had good pastors, among whom may be named Dr. Black, editor of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR.

ONSLow.—For the last nine months I have been at work on this field, which embraces East and West Onslow Baptist churches. Early in June we secured the assistance of Evangelist Baker in a series of meetings at Belmont. Eight were added by baptism and two restored. For the last three months I have had the assistance of Brother Cann, (student at Acadia) who has rendered valuable aid. Our work for the summer has been confined mostly to the Eastern church, where seventeen have been baptized and one restored, making twenty-eight in all added to the churches. Work done on the field, with the assistance of Brethren Baker and Cann, since January 1st: Sermons preached, 208; prayer meetings attended, 57; conference meetings attended, 29; visits made, 372; moneys raised for local purposes, pastor's salary \$290, paid Bro. Baker \$50, paid Bro. Cann \$166.78, repairing church at East Mountain \$23, repairing parsonage \$45, other objects \$25, in all \$599.78.

J. WILLIAMS.

BROOKFIELD, COL. CO., N. S.—An unusually interesting baptismal service was held at Beaver Brook, an out station of the Brookfield church, on Sunday morning, Sept. 24th, when two sisters, Mrs. C. Creelman and Mrs. R. Murray were baptized on profession of their faith in the Saviour. The plain teachings of God's Word have led them to take this step in obedience to their Lord. These accessions, two others were baptized on a previous occasion, are very encouraging to the little band at Beaver Brook. We are hoping that others in the same community whom we have reason to believe

love the Lord may be led to follow in His appointed ordinance and enrol themselves in the ranks of His believing people. In administering the Lord's Supper at the close of morning service we used for the first time our "Individual Communion Cups" and all were greatly pleased with them.

J. J. ARMSTRONG.

Sept. 30th.

SALISBURY, N. B., Oct. 2nd '99—God is blessing this old church with his saving grace. Two weeks ago the Rev. J. A. Marple came to us, and we started some special meetings, and the Holy Spirit was with us to convict and to convert. On Sunday, Oct. 1st, we met at the bank of the beautiful Petitcodiac, and in the presence of a great concourse of people, baptized nine happy believers in Christ Jesus. Many more have been convicted and we hope by God's grace to baptize a larger number next Sunday. Brother Marple has been for years a workman that need not be ashamed, but he is better now than ever. He does not try to force people, but tries to lead men to Christ, and thinks more of regeneration than of numbers. Brother Marple is not under the Board at present so that any church planning to hold special meetings, may secure his services by writing him in my care at Salisbury, N. B. I can highly recommend him as a man of God, and of God's Word, and no greater thing can be said of any man. We expect to hold meetings on this field for two or three weeks yet. Will all the readers of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR pray for the work in this church.

J. E. TINKER.

WOLFVILLE.—On Tuesday, 3rd inst., Sir Charles Tupper, Bart., made Wolfville a brief visit. He gave a brief address in Alumni Hall, to the teachers and students of Acadia Seminary and Horton Academy. He made no allusion whatever to political matters. His remarks related to his student days at the Academy over sixty years ago, when with his life-long friend, Hon. Dr. Parker, he pursued his studies with so much delight. He was in Horton Academy when the Queen ascended the throne. He noted the growth of the town and said that the institutions had grown far more rapidly. He was pleased with the work they had accomplished, and predicted for them still greater prosperity. He emphasized the importance of education to a country's welfare, and urged the young people to improve their opportunities to the utmost. It was a pleasure to the students to hear so distinguished a man who had once been a pupil on the hill. The Academy might well be proud of its son who had won from his Queen and country honors so great. Dr. Trotter, who presided, made happy allusions to the visit of Sir Charles. Dr. Sawyer spoke briefly on the relation of government to the welfare of a country, and referred to the efforts of Sir Charles on behalf of education and other public interests. Rev. J. H. McDonald, Principal of the Seminary, and Principal Brittain of the Academy, also spoke words fitting to the occasion.

OAK BAY, CHARLOTTE CO., N. B.—We rejoice that our churches on this field, five in number, are doing so exceedingly well, especially in behalf of Foreign Missions. This is one of the important parts of our church work, and I am so well pleased with the amounts that our five poor churches have raised, that I wish to report them in our denominational organ the MESSENGER AND VISITOR. While attending the Baptist Convention at Fredericton, at a Saturday evening meeting, in behalf of Foreign Missions, I pledged to raise \$20 from this field, my soul was so stirred by the wonderful appeal made, that compelling power from throne of grace constrained me to take my stand by faith and make a tremendous appeal to my five small but genuine Christian churches, and the Lord not only gave me my pledge of \$20, but \$17 more was added making, total \$37. For this we thank the Lord for his gracious power and for his infinite love. We trust him for yet greater showers of divine blessings upon us spiritually. Our prayer meetings are good, not large in numbers but spiritual in social worship. Our congregations over the whole field of five churches are excellent on Sabbaths and Sabbath schools are good. Larger interests are manifested in all good things belonging to grace. We held a week's

special meetings in one church with good, hopeful results, hearts were stirred, conviction we trust is at work in their hearts. We trust that the Lord will pour out his Holy Spirit with greater power, for the salvation of our young men and women and fathers and mothers. We want more consecrated, holy living, men and women in our churches. Pray for us brethren, that our fellowship may continue in all things belonging to God's glory. Here are the churches and their noble contributions towards F. M. Rolling Dam Baptist church, \$7; Bartlett's Mills Baptist church, \$6.36; Bavaide Baptist church, \$9.47; Oak Bay Baptist church, \$6; Ledge Baptist church, \$8; A Friend, 20c. Total \$37.03.

Sept. 27th.

ISAAC'S HARBOR, N. S.—As it is some time since I have written anything for the MESSENGER AND VISITOR, I think it but right to send a few lines now, that the readers of the news from the churches may know something of our condition. We find ourselves settled among a very kind and thoughtful people. Although we only settled here in May, the church granted us a month's vacation, and if any one can appreciate a vacation it is the busy pastor. Returning to our work on the 14th ult. we found awaiting us a warm welcome and a comfortable parsonage. On Sunday the 17th ult. a large congregation gathered at the water side, where we had the joy of burying in baptism Miss Bessie McMillan. Sister McMillan graduated from Acadia Seminary in June, and on Monday last returned to Wolfville, where she will enter the University. Some strong men and women have gone forth from this old church and we are glad that so many of our young people are preparing for service in the Master's vineyard. Bro. Fred Peitzsch (Lic.) another of our members, who graduated from Horton Academy in June, has been spending a few days at his home here. He rendered valuable assistance to the pastor in the various services of the church and our prayers will follow him as he enters upon his University course. During the summer Brother Clarence Bishop, another Acadia student and a son of Rev. Trueman Bishop, a former pastor of this church, has been with us and by his earnest testimony and consistent life, has won for himself a warm place in the hearts of the people. There is much to encourage us at the present time. Of course, as in every other place, there are some difficulties to be met, but these can and will be overcome. Our Sunday congregations are large, and the people give an attentive hearing to the word. Our Sunday School, which is really the most encouraging feature of our work, is largely attended. Our staff of teachers now number eleven. The prayer meeting is not as well attended as we would like. Many absent themselves from this service. We are glad to say, however, that the interest is deepening and the attendance is increasing. The Holy Spirit was present at our last Thursday evening meeting, and all who were present felt His power. Our prayer and our hope is, that there may be a great revival of pure and undefiled religion. We ask all the brethren to pray for us here in this place, that God's strength may be made perfect in our weakness.

G. A. LAWSON.

October 5th.

Ordination.

On the afternoon of October 5th, the council called for the purpose of considering the advisability of setting apart to the gospel ministry Bro. H. B. Sloat, pastor of Marysville and Nashwaak Baptist churches, convened in the Marysville Baptist church at 3.15. Rev. W. D. Manzer was appointed moderator and Bro. F. B. Seely, secretary. The delegates from the churches were enrolled in the following manner: First Kingsclear, Rev. P. R. Knight; Richmond, Rev. Calvin Currie; Macnaquac, deacon Jas. F. Clarke; Fredericton, Rev. J. D. Freeman, deacon J. Clark; Gibson, Rev. J. B. Champion, deacons Babbitt and Hall; New Maryland, deacon Henry Morgan; Newcastle, Rev. N. P. Gross; Nashwaak, deacon C. Manzer; Marysville, deacon C. Smith; Glencoe, Rev. W. D. Manzer; Mungerville, Bro. Trefwell. Bros. F. O. Erb of St. John, and W. T. Brown of Marysville were invited to seats in the council. The candidate was then requested to give a statement of his conversion and call to the ministry, after which Rev. J. D. Freeman, being appointed to examine the candidate on his views of Christian doctrine, interviewed him to a considerable extent on the fundamental truth of the Bible. Bro. Sloat being then asked to withdraw, it was moved that the statement of his conversion, call to ministry and Christian doctrine of the candidate be received and to proceed with his ordination. The ordination exercises were

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carried into effect in the evening before a crowded house by the moderator (Rev. W. D. Manzer) giving opening hymn and prayer; reading of Scriptures by Bro. F. B. Seely; prayer, Rev. C. Currie; ordination sermon Rev. J. D. Freeman; laying on of hands, Revs. Freeman, Champion, Currie, Knight and Manzer; ordination prayer, Rev. J. B. Champion, right hand of fellowship, Rev. W. D. Manzer; charge to church, Rev. C. Currie; charge to candidate, Rev. R. P. Knight, and benediction by Rev. H. B. Sloat. The evening service was particularly impressive, the sermon, ordaining prayer and charge to the candidate being especially marked with the Spirit's power.

Denominational Funds N. B. and P. E. I. from Sept. 1st.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Rev. W. E. McIntyre, per J. S. T. F. M., \$5; Albert County S. S. Con., F. M., \$3.50; Pollet River church, F. M., \$1.55; Salisbury church, Quarterly Meeting colli., D. W., \$7; Fairville church, D. W., \$11.62; Jacksonville (church), F. M., \$3.44; F. B. Good, \$5; \$3.44; Jacksonstown church, F. M., \$4; Avondale church, F. M., \$3.31; Wakefield church, F. M., \$3; St. Stephen church, F. M., \$25.40; L'Anse St. church, per E. L. R., Grande Ligne, \$5. Total, \$77.82. Before reported, \$219.90. Total N. B. to Oct. 1st, \$297.72.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

North River church, D. W., \$6. Total, \$6. Before reported, \$43.34. Total N. B. and P. E. I. to Oct. 1st, \$341.06. J. W. MANNING, Treas. of Con. N. B. and P. E. I. St. John, N. B., Oct. 2nd.

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