

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 churches should be sent, is Rev. J. W. MANSING, ST. JOHN, N. B.

MILTON, QUEBEC COUNTY, N. S.—Baptized three converts yesterday. Others awaiting the ordinance.

H. B. SLOAT.

April 7th.

SPRINGFIELD, ANnapolis COUNTY, N. S.—God is blessing his Word among us. On Sunday last, April 27, I baptized seven and gave the hand of welcome to eight new members. Many others have shared in the blessing and we expect soon to baptize again.

R. E. LOCKE.

NEW ANNAN, N. S.—We have received one into the New Annan church by letter. This gives us courage. We are also encouraged by the kind thoughtfulness of our people. Not long since, after returning from our vacation, we found packed away in the barn, a beautiful extension table and a half dozen dining room chairs. This was a gift from the good sisters of New Annan and Brule. May the Lord bless them for their kindness in the ministry. We hope to see all the brethren at the Quarterly in June.

J. T. DIMOCK.

ST. GEORGE, N. B.—A. H. Lavers, pastor of the First Baptist church, St. George, N. B., gave notice last Sabbath morning to the church and congregations that after prayerful consideration he had decided to sever his connection with the church at the closing of the present year—Nov. 1st. As this action is strictly final on his part, the pulpit will be vacant after the above date. It is hoped that the Great Head will direct in the choice of a successor. The present will close a very pleasant pastorate of seven years—the longest in the history of the church.

MILTON, YARMOUTH—Rev. H. S. Baker of New York, has recently delivered in the Milton church, of which he was formerly a member and licentiate, his lectures on Sin, Salvation, Immortality, Hell and Heaven, and at a meeting of the church on April 25, a resolution was unanimously adopted placing on record its appreciation of the ability and eloquence of the lecturer, the Scripturalness of the thoughts presented and their value for spiritual edification and the conviction of unbelievers, and wishing Mr. Baker success in the delivery of his lectures and in all his future work. The church has very much enjoyed Mr. Baker's visit.

ONSLOW—After a winter spent in the regular prayer meetings and cottage meetings carried on by the members themselves, I asked the brethren and sisters to spend a week in special meetings. The result was a general quickening of purpose and zeal to serve God in the Spirit. I wish that in all our churches there was a faithful band like the Lord Jesus has in Onslow. It would lift many a burden from the hearts of our pastors. When a minister has to give all the testimony it is uphill work. On Sunday I baptized Miss Melissa Higgins and Miss Johanna Hurley. The latter was a Roman Catholic, a very bright young woman, led by her own study into the truth by the Spirit of God.

April 29.

W. H. JENKINS.

LOWER STEWIAK, N. S.—It was my pleasant privilege to spend a few days last week in this delightful valley helping Pastor Ingram in special meetings. There are not many Baptist families and these still mourn the loss of Deacon Wright and Deacon I. B. Banks. There is a great opportunity for faithful gospel testimony; and I am convinced that our dear Brother Ingram and his little band are determined to hold the colors high. This was the impression made on me. It was a comfort to be with a pastor who is so tactful in the direction of a meeting. There was the joy and power of the Lord in the midst of his people.

W. H. JENKINS.

FLORENCEVILLE, N. B.—Rev. A. H. Hayward writes under date of April 28:—Closed our pastorate of 12 years on this

field yesterday. During that time we have preached 1,400 sermons, held 1,300 other meetings, baptized 349 persons, buried 214 and married 238, helped erect 5 new houses of worship and repaired 2 others and built 2 horse sheds. This work was not all done on the limits of the Florenceville field, some of it has been on other sections. The Florenceville group embraces 4 churches, with six preaching stations with Peel, where a new place of worship is in course of erection and will come into this group lying in the very heart of Carleton county with the beautiful St. John River and the C. P. R. running all their way through the field with fine roads. A good chance for some man of God to work for his glory. May he be forthcoming.

ST. GEORGE, N. B.—The parish school Convention was held here on Sunday and Monday last. A joint session of the Sabbath Schools in the town was addressed by the Field Secretary, Rev. Mr. Lucas and others, Supt. H. V. Dewar in the chair. On Wednesday evening of this week the B. Y. P. U. held its monthly missionary meeting. It was good to see old and young present, so deeply interested in our mission work. The graphic letter from the pen of Bro. Mellick, (M. & V.) of last week was read in sections by the members, and all were glad to learn the facts of our own N. W. missions. Who will press the claims of all our mission work in some such manner in your columns so as to be utilized by our young in their missionary course.

Yours truly,

A. H. L.

HAMPTON, N. S.—God has been pleased to bless the church at Hampton with the outpouring of his Holy Spirit. As a result of special services by our pastor, Rev. L. J. Tingley, God's people have been strengthened and comforted, wanderers have been reclaimed and sinners converted. 16 have been baptized, 4 received on experience and 2 by letter, others we trust have been converted. At the close of a very impressive sermon by Pastor Tingley to a large and attentive audience from the words: His name shall be called wonderful, Isa. 9: 6. Last evening, April 27, short testimonies from almost every professor in the house were given, after which the Lord's supper was administered to over 60 communicants. Thus closes Pastor Tingley's labors with us. A unanimous call from the church was extended him to remain with us. We regret that he could not see his way clear to accept our call. He has won for himself a large place in the hearts of the people, both old and young. Wherever his lot may be cast he will have the prayers and sympathy of the people at Hampton.

ISAIAH BROWN, Church Clerk.
April 28.

GASPERAUX, N. S.—The funeral service of Mrs. Williams, wife of Rev. John Williams, was held here on April 24th. Mrs. Williams died at Truro, where the family has resided for some time, on 22nd inst. The service here was largely attended. The sermon by the pastor, Rev. J. D. Spidell, from Rev. 22: 5, "and there shall be no night there," was full of comforting truth and the sympathy of the congregation was evident. Rev. M. P. Freeman and Prof. Keirstead assisted the pastor. The young people had gathered abundance of beautiful Mayflowers and formed them into a wreath in the form of a cross that made the casket suggestive of life rather than of death. This tribute was from the pupils and friends of the beloved and lamented Gussie Williams who married Rev. J. Hardy, one of our missionaries in India. Thus were both mother and daughter deservedly honored by those they had so well served. We understand Mr. Williams is about removing to St. John and that he will engage in ministerial labor in New Brunswick. He will be an able preacher of the truth as it is in Jesus and faithful in the duties of the ministerial office. He will retain the love of his brethren in the ministry and the esteem of the churches to whom his life has been given.

HOPKELL, N. B.—In the past two years and a half we have lost one deacon and our clerk by death and two deacons by removal. The last affliction was the re-

moval of Deacon M. W. Tingley to Amherst, on April 28th, where he has bought out the grocery business of Arthur Black and therefore is not likely to return to us very soon. Their house at Albert was always open for Baptist preachers and their hospitality was without stint. Dea. Tingley was also the treasurer of that section of the Hopewell church, and had until lately been the superintendent of the Sunday School, but of late had taught the Bible class. We scarcely know yet how we will get along without him. On the eve of their departure a number of their friends met at the residence of D. H. Cleveland and presented our brother with a morris chair and Mrs. Tingley with a silver cake basket as a memento of the past fellowship and friendship. One has been received by letter since our last report. We have had both Rev. G. A. Lawson and F. H. Adams to speak to our people. All enjoyed them very much. Bro. Adams is coming back for the first Sunday in May, after which we will report our work here. Bro. Lawson has settled at Bass River, Colchester county, N. S.

F. D. DAVIDSON.

LOWER GRANVILLE.—Last autumn almost immediately after Convention, as this field is large, extending over more than fifteen miles of road, with five meeting houses, and the weekly work keeps me so very busy that there seemed to be almost no time at all for special work, I applied to the Home Mission Board for the general missionary for one week if no longer, but the Board refused me the help I asked for. I wrote to several of our county pastors but like myself their hands and hearts were full of work. In the meantime I kept working and watching and praying for the divine leading. The most needy spot on the whole field and the fewest workers seemed to be at Victoria Beach, and here we commenced special work about the eighteenth of March. No help to rely upon, except a few faithful praying souls and the promises of the gift of the Holy Spirit, and it soon became evident that the real genuine help we required was in our midst and soon anxious souls were inquiring after the way of the true life. The first to come were three or four young men and the work moved gloriously on, led by the Holy Spirit of God, and the result has been twenty-nine have been added to the church, twenty-six by baptism, thirteen men, and of the remaining thirteen five of them were young mothers—half of the whole number were heads of families. Besides these more than a score have been deeply wrought upon by the Holy Spirit and some of them we trust hopefully converted and will in the near future follow their Lord and Master and unite with the church. The Lord has wrought wonders since we came here about eighteen months ago upon this old and seemed to be almost worn out field. Forty have been added by baptism, seven by letter, among them not a few of God's noble men, some of them gathered from the same craft from which our Lord in the early days of his public life choose his chief workers, like Peter, James and John. The old church is encouraged and feels like saying in the language of the psalmist, "We will rejoice in thy salvation and in the name of our God we will set up our banners."

T. A. BLACKADAR.

HARDENING PLASTER OF PARIS.

A Russian living in Canada has taken out a patent in the United States for a process of hardening objects made out of plaster of paris. He asserts that they may thus be rendered as hard as stone. His method is simple in theory, but a little difficult in practice. It consists of boiling the plaster cast in a bath of alum. The plan is to melt the alum and keep it in a fluid state while the operation is in progress. It will not do to make a solution in water. Nevertheless the melted alum has a tendency to thicken into the consistency of syrup or paste. In order to reduce it to a proper state and keep it there, the inventor adds acetic acid, or vinegar.

The latter is diluted with a little water. When he begins to heat the alum he adds a small quantity of diluted vinegar, and at intervals repeats the dose, so as to maintain the fluidity of the stuff. It should be kept at a boil all the time that the plaster is immersed in it.—N. Y. Tribune.

A negro man went into Mr. E.—'s office for the purpose of instituting a divorce against his wife. Mr. E.— proceeded to question him as to his grounds for complaint. Noticing that the man's voice faltered him, Mr. E.— looked up from his papers, and saw that big tears were running down over the cheeks of the applicant for divorce. "Why," said the lawyer, "you seem to care a great deal for your wife. Did you love her?" "Love her, sir? I jest analyzed her." This was more than professional dignity could withstand, and Mr. E.— laughed until the negro, offended, carried his case elsewhere.—Short Stories



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