

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. Cohoon, Treasurer, Wolfville, N. S. Envelopes for gathering these funds can be obtained free on application to A. Cohoon, Wolfville, N. S.

ISAAC'S HARBOR, N. S.—On Sunday, the 22nd inst., we had the privilege of burying in baptism the following persons: Bertha M. McMillan, Maud Rheud, Jean McMillan and Hanlan Panning. Others will follow very soon. These additions cheer us in our work. G. A. LAWSON.

TANCOCK, N. S.—On Easter Sunday morning four more followed their Lord in the ordinance of baptism. These with the others previously reported, make seventeen from the ranks of our Sunday school since the new year began. HARRY S. EBB.

Tancock, April 21st.

EAST POINT, P. E. I.—Yesterday visited the baptismal waters where I had the privilege of baptizing James Dingwell. Our brother was brought up in a Disciple home, but being unable to accept the teaching of that body comes to us. A few evenings ago as the pastor passed out of church, a dear sister placed a sum of money in his hand, saying, "Please accept this small token of my appreciation of your services." May the Master abundantly bless her in our prayer. PASTOR.

CHICACOLE.—We had the privilege of receiving two candidates for baptism recently. One is a lad from the Komity Caste and the other is a son of one of our Christian women. Their names are Goorniah and Abraham. We were hoping that three or four others would take this step but they are still afraid to make the public confession. Pray for them. We do not realize their difficulties. April 2nd. W. V. H.

WALTON, HANTS CO., N. S.—It was my privilege to baptize six at Brookville last Sabbath for Bro. A. H. McCabe. The Lord has greatly blessed the labors of Bro. McCabe on that field. He has been assisting Pastor Weather, who has been quite ill for some time. I am glad to say he is now getting much better. We had an excellent day all through. A beautiful baptism, large and attentive congregations, and we believe good impressions made. Others will follow the Lord soon. April 24th. D. W. CRANDALL.

TWO GOODS AND A BETTER

may be truly applied to our three new offers. We have never made such offers and do not expect to give anything better at any time. Consider the offer of a \$3.00 Bible—two versions, in choice binding—and the MESSENGER AND VISITOR one year, both for only \$3.00. Or the Bible alone to any subscriber new or old who pays, or is paid, in advance for \$1.50. Consider the pen offer, announced last week, of a perfect, self-respecting fountain pen, a \$3.00 pen and the MESSENGER AND VISITOR one year for \$3.00 only. THESE were good but the Bicycle offer is BETTER than all. Get it clearly in mind. A \$60.00 wheel, highest grade Columbia, or E. & D., or Massey Harris, or Welland Vale, or Cleveland, or Gendron, or Brantford—any of these to the person who sends to this office before June 30 the largest number of new subscriptions. Look up last week's paper and read again the announcement there made. And then act. Write for particulars to

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2ND HILLSBORO.—We have nothing special to report from this or the other churches composing the field. My health is still very poor so that I am not able to do any pastoral work. The winter has been a hard one with us. We have had very little preaching, and our prayer and social meetings have been very much broken up by storms and bad roads. We are now looking forward and hoping for better times. Brethren pray for us, that the divine blessing may rest upon us. S. W. KEIRSTRAD.

Dawson Sett., April 20th.

PRINCE ST. CHURCH, TRURO.—The spiritual interest of this church is very dear to the hearts of a band of workers, whose hearts the Lord has touched. Prayer is going up to God constantly for the Holy Spirit's power on the Word. April 15th, six believers followed Christ in baptism, and more are coming forward. Soul-winning is very delicate, and requires that those engaged in this holy work be in close sympathy with Jesus and the oppressed. Pastor McLean will begin his work at Immanuel church May 27. May he be greatly blessed in his new sphere.

ZION (COLORADO) BAPTIST CHURCH, TRURO.—Through the request of Mr. W. Cummings, Evangelist Marple began and closed a series of three weeks special meetings at Zion church. They were well attended, and have resulted in many being blest. The membership has been generally revived. Twenty-two added by baptism and two by letter. So every one interested in this young church, organized Nov. 5th, 1896, is greatly encouraged. Mr. W. Cummings has the thanks of the entire church for bringing Evangelist Marple here, and entertaining him during the twenty-four days of the mission. Bro. Marple worked hard and faithfully, set before the people life and death, and spared no pains to help all to an understanding of the way of salvation.

NORTH SYDNEY.—Another happy believer, a young woman, followed her Lord in baptism on Sunday evening the 22nd. We hope to have others take the step in the near future. A very urgent call has come to me from the Immanuel church, Truro, and, after prayerful consideration, I have been led to accept it. It is hard to sever my connection with the Baptists of North Sydney after two years spent so pleasantly and profitably among them, but the call from Truro could not be set aside. There are almost boundless opportunities for the right man on this field, and the coming summer will afford greater opportunities than ever before. May the Lord direct to this people the man of his own appointment. I enter upon the work at Truro, May 27th. M. A. MACLEAN.

PORT CLYDE.—This little church is still holding on its way, endeavouring to hold up Christ through the teaching of his word. The church in its membership is small and scattered, yet they are a noble little band holding on through much difficulty. Last year they were able to pay their part of pastor's salary. Quite an amount of indebtedness was paid and the allotted portion for convention fund. This year they expect to do the same. Our portion of Convention fund is already paid. During the last year an Aid Society was organized, doing a good work. Some work in training the young. Mrs. L. a few weeks ago suggested the idea of having a missionary concert by the children. She was assisted by two young sisters who worked faithfully, and last Sabbath evening, 8th, we had a crowded house listening to one of the best missionary concerts I ever witnessed. It was the first ever held in this place. All were well pleased. A collection of \$60.00 for Home Missions was realized. S. L. April 12th.

GUYSBORO, N. S.—We cannot report additions, but our services are well maintained and earnest work is being done. We recently took our third quarterly collection for the Convention Fund, also a collection of \$22.50 for the famine sufferers of India. These bring our benevolences since the last convention up to about \$140,000. The offering of the W. M. A. S., and the final offering for the Convention Fund will bring the benevolences for the year up to \$200.00, an average of \$2.50 per resident member. We commend to pastors the motto, "As much for missions and Christian Education as for home work." We have not reached it, but it is a good ideal. The most of our young men at the outstations have gone

away to their summer work, fishing. We greatly miss them. Our fund for a new house of worship is growing. We have now a beautiful lot and about \$2000, are in sight. We intend to dedicate no church mortgage, so shall not build until we see the way through. We expect to build at a cost of about \$3500. We shall need \$500 more from outside. R. OSGOOD MORSE.

GOLDBORO, N. S.—As partial result of the union meetings recently held by the Isaac's Harbor and Goldboro churches under the leadership of Evangelist H. A. McLean, the following persons were received by baptism into fellowship with us on Easter Sunday: Mrs. Jane Sweet, widow of the late and lamented Stephen Sweet; Miss Helen Sweet; Miss Lulu Giffin and Miss Myra Davidson. Others are expected soon to unite with the church. The good accomplished by the services was, we believe, considerable. Impressions were made which will, we are confident, flower out, in many cases, in an early full surrender to the Master. The circumstance also that the churches united in the meetings was productive of much gratification to both the pastors and the people. "How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to work together in unity." Evangelist McLean sang to us the gospel of love and salvation with his wonted sweetness, impressiveness and spiritual unction. His visit here will long be remembered and many will have reason to thank heaven that they were privileged to come under the influence of the "old, old story" as sung by our consecrated soloist. Most acceptable aid was given also by our esteemed brother, Rev. J. McLeod, pastor of the local Presbyterian church. Of late we, as a church, have been called upon to part with two of our deacons, and in doing so we feel keenly the sense of great loss. On the 18th inst., our youngest deacon, Gordon Malloy, left us for the state of Montana. Though but a young man he enjoyed the unreserved respect and confidence of the church and was regarded by all as a member destined to be an increasing source of strength to the society. His place among us is now conspicuously vacant. Then on the 21st the shadow of an irreparable loss was cast upon both church and community by the death of our true and trusted brother, Deacon Smith C. Giffin. A veritable pillar of strength he was in the church; and his removal gave a distinct jar to the organization. The present we feel is a testing time to us, a time calling for strong faith and a complete consecration on the part of those upon whom the responsibilities of the work are being laid by a wise Providence. Brethren, number us among those for whom you pray. April 26. W. J. RUTLEDGE.

Personal.

Rev. W. J. Blakeney gave us a call last week on his way to Boston, purposing to visit his son at Malden and other friends in that vicinity. We trust that Bro. Blakeney will have a very enjoyable visit and return to us in renewed vigor.

It is learned from the Vancouver World that Rev. W. B. Hinson has accepted a call from the Baptist church of San Diego, Cal., and will leave Vancouver for that place about the first of June. The Vancouver church was very unwilling to part with Mr. Hinson, but he has found that the state of his health makes a change to a drier climate imperative. Mr. Hinson's many friends in the East will regret to hear of his leaving Canada, but will hope that the more genial airs of a southern residence may completely restore his health.

Rev. George C. Crabbe has been for some months now laid aside from the active duties of the ministry by disease which, in spite of the brave fight which he has made against it, has gradually undermined his strength. We regret to learn that Bro. Crabbe is now in a very weak condition and feels that the time of his departure must be near. He is among friends in Deerfield, Yarmouth County. It is said that a young man, so earnest in the cause of his Master and with so excellent prospects of usefulness before him, should thus be stricken down in the midst of the race. Many hearts will be moved in sympathy for our brother and his family, and in prayer that the Lord will graciously sustain and comfort his servant in these days of weakness and suffering.

Last Sunday Rev. Mockett C. Higgins concluded his work with the Carleton Church. During a pastorate of two and a half years, Mr. Higgins has done faithful work for the church and valuable fruits of his labor have appeared. There have been considerable additions to the membership. Recently the church has enjoyed special spiritual influences, a number have been baptized and others are expected to follow. The work of the church is well organized, and the pastor who succeeds Mr. Higgins will find his field in many respects a hope-

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ful one. Mr. and Mrs. Higgins will be much missed from the Baptist community of St. John where they have made many friends. It is hoped, however, that a change may be for the benefit of Mrs. Higgins' health, which during the past winter has been very delicate. Mr. Higgins has served the Foreign Mission cause as a member of the Board, and has enjoyed in the fullest degree the esteem and confidence of his brother ministers in St. John.

Much sympathy is expressed for Pastor and Mrs. Waring in the very sad bereavement they have suffered in the loss of their only child, so soon after coming to St. John. May they have the assurance of divine as well as of human sympathy in their sorrow.

Grateful Acknowledgment.

From a friend in Nova Scotia I have received \$10, with the request that it be used to help supply spiritual instruction to the poor Christians in Madepillly of the Bobbili field. I have forwarded the same to Mr. Churchill who joins me in heart-felt thanks to God for such friends to Christ's work. May heaven's best blessing be richly bestowed upon the giver.

R. E. GULLISON.

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