

From the Churches.

Denominational Funds.

Fifteen thousand dollars wanted from the churches: Nova Scotia during the present Convulsion 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.

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.

MILTON, QUEBEC COUNTY, N. S.—Baptized three believers yesterday. Others to receive. H. B. S.
April 21st.

AMHERST, N. S.—Baptized five (including an entire family) here last night. Am having special meetings. A good interest, though very quiet, is among us. W. R. BATES.
April 21.

BARTON, DIGBY COUNTY, N. S.—I baptized Sunday evening, April 20, a sister who has passed three score and ten years. J. W. BANCROFT.

WEST JEDDORE.—The Easter concert at this place given by the Sunday School, netted \$4.55, and is given to the Twentieth Century Fund. The weather was unfavorable, but we had a good programme, and well rendered. J. G.

CAMBRIDGE, HANTS COUNTY, N. S.—Two have recently been received into this section of the Kempt Baptist church—one by letter and one by baptism. The church is rejoicing in this added increase to its membership and working force. With warmest regards, M. C. HIGGINS.

LAWRENCE TOWN, N. S.—During the past four weeks much interest has centred in our special services. A large number of wanderers have returned, and many have found Christ. Last Sunday I baptized nine happy believers in the presence of a large assembly of people. We are expecting others in the near future. In these services very valuable assistance was rendered by Mr. B. Beatty of St. John, who in a most faithful and earnest manner proclaimed the tidings of salvation. W. L. ARCHIBALD.

HOMEVILLE, C. B.—The little church at Homeville, C. B., has recently greatly encouraged itself by making needed improvements upon our house of worship. Last autumn the outside received two coats of white paint, and recently the inside has received due attention in this respect. The colors are appropriate, modest, and attractive. The entire cost is about \$120, the collection at the reopening last Sunday reduced the debt to less than \$10. Everyone seems glad that the effort has been made. May the Lord of the house come and bless us. R. B. KINLEY.

NEW AND SEAL HARBORS.—I had the pleasure of baptizing into the fellowship of these churches twenty-five saved men and women, seven at New Harbor and eighteen at Seal Harbor. They ranged in age from fifteen to twenty-six. Eleven of them were heads of families. The people contributed nearly one hundred dollars toward the work. New Harbor gave thirty-eight dollars and fifty cents. Seal Harbor the liberal sum of fifty-five dollars. The churches need a pastor. May the Lord speedily send them one! A. F. BAKER.

WEST END, HALIFAX.—On Sunday, April 20th, Rev. Richard Kemp closed his pastorate with the West End Baptist church, Halifax. During the pastorate the services have been well attended, especially those on Sunday evenings. As a preacher, Pastor Kemp's sermons have been highly appreciated by the members of the church and congregation. The large number of converts from the Sunday School has awakened greater interest in this department, and the attendance has been increased. On Friday evening last a farewell social was held in the church, when a pleasant time was spent. At the close Mr. William Foster, Jr., on behalf of young people, presented the pastor with a purse containing fifteen dollars. Pastor Kemp made a suitable reply, expressing his appreciation of this kindness. On Sunday a large congregation was present to hear the pastor give his farewell sermon based on I Cor. 2:2. The Anthems

"Guide me O thou great Jehovah" and "The earth is the Lord's" were successfully rendered by the choir. Pastor Kemp will be followed with the prayers and good wishes of the church and congregation. It is essential that a pastor be secured as soon as possible on this import field.

BURPE WITTER, Church Clerk,
April 21st.

ST. ANDREWS.—Mr. Editor, I feel quite certain that the following items will interest some of your readers: perhaps all of them. I have been in this field nearly one year and six months. During this length of time there has not been either a birth, marriage or death in the town congregation. There has not been an addition to the church, either by baptism, letter or experience. Two members were dismissed; but as they united with one of the churches on the field no loss was suffered. A conversion has not taken place in the Baptist congregation or in any other so far as I can learn. Since my coming to the place, no serious attempt at evangelistic work has been made by any church in the town. We are not pessimistic though the above may seem so, but hopeful, as there are some good things left us to mention. The congregation does not dwindle, but keeps up the average. We have a good choir and the best singing in the county. Our prayer-meetings are excellent and well attended. The Sunday-School is efficiently conducted by Deacon George F. Hibbed, whose esteemed wife is the leading spirit of the choir. The ladies of the church, though few in number, are energetic, and have already succeeded in raising a fairly good sum of money and are determined to increase the amount, the same to be expended on the interior of the church building. We are among a kind people and have no reason to complain. Of the other churches in the group, I will write another time. CALVIN CURRIE

Sabbath School Convention.

The Yarmouth County Sunday School Convention met in semi-annual session on April 22nd at Hartford. A short devotional service was conducted by President G. E. C. Burton.

The report of the Secretary showed the Schools of the county in a healthy and hopeful condition. Thirty-seven of the scholars had been baptized during the half year.

"Have we had too much Organization to the Detriment of Spiritual Power," was the subject that occupied the attention of the delegates in the forenoon. This subject introduced in a characteristic address by Dr. J. H. Saunders, it goes without saying that we had something to think about. We do not need less organization, but more power was the conclusion reached and strongly held.

The afternoon also brought us many good things that will greatly help us all for the six months to come. The first course was a strong carefully prepared paper by Pastor J. Miles of Cheggoggin on "What should be the chief aims of the Sunday School teacher." Three things were named by the essayist and strongly pressed.

1st. He (the teacher) should aim at his own equipment.
2nd. He should aim to instruct his class.
3rd. He should aim at the salvation of his class. Such a presentation of this vital subject could not fail to stimulate and help earnest teachers, of whom there were many present.

Then came an address of much more than ordinary interest and power on "Are we to expect and aim at child conversion," by Pastor P. G. Mode. No outline of this tender and forceful address could convey to the reader any notion of its merit. That it produced a deep impression upon those who heard it was very manifest in the faces of the people, and in the earnest discussion that followed participated in by Pastors E. T. Miller, M. W. Brown, Dr. J. H. Saunders and others.

It is a matter of profound regret to the pastors of this county and the Baptist people generally, that this brilliant young

minister is so soon to leave us, having accepted the call of the First Baptist church of Woodstock, Ont.

This was followed by the teaching of the lesson for the following Sunday (Acts 11:4-18) by the Secretary, and was entered into very heartily by the large class consisting of course of the whole congregation.

A large congregation assembled in the evening, when a thoughtful sermon of much force was preached by Pastor J. Miles. Bro. Miles is a new man in the county and he was heard with pleasure and profit by the delegates and people of Hartford.

These semi-annual gatherings of the Sunday School workers of the county, are increasing in interest, and are felt to be occasions of much profit to those who attend, and through them to the Sunday School work generally.

E. J. GRANT, Sec'y.

Denominational Funds, N. S.

FROM MARCH 21ST TO APRIL 23RD.

Amherst church, \$69; Gabarouse, \$6; River Hebert, \$3; East Oaslow (Brookside), \$3.70; "Mite Society," 1st church, Halifax, special, \$10; Waterville, (Sherwood Section), \$4; Indian Harbor, \$5; Springhill, \$25; P. R. McIntyre, Lime Hill, C. B., \$7; New Minas, \$5.07; Canaan, \$1.10; Blue Mountain, \$2; Wolfville, \$3.25; do, Miss Coll, \$11.38; do, special, \$1.50; Nictaux, \$8.30; Canoe S. S., \$40; Des Genns and family, Belmont, \$5; Oaslow, \$9.08; Oaslow Section, special, \$1; Little Hope, \$2; Canard, \$19; Upper Canard, B. V. P. U., \$3.13; Liverpool, \$26.49; do, S. S., \$5.14; Lake George, \$4.50; Oxford, \$56.25; Falmouth, \$3.50; Amherst S. S., \$22.94; Wilmot Mt. \$5; Melvern Square, \$9.65; Margaretville, \$7.57; Prince Albert, \$11.47; W. E. Stronach, \$1; "A Class of Girls," Barton S. S., \$1.25; Advocate Harbor, \$62; Hill Grove, \$35.55; Lockeport, W. M. A. S., \$2.50; New Germany, \$9.56; Hampton, \$13; do, S. S., \$1; 1st church, Truro, \$27.32; Canoe, \$24.50; Antigonish, \$22.19; Glace Bay, \$16; Senora, \$5; Windsor Plains, \$2.60; Wolfville, \$75.80; Half Miss Coll, \$3.41; do, do, special, \$3; 1st Halifax, \$57.80; Truro, Zion, \$4; Pleasantville, \$8; Chester Basin, \$15; Cambridge Section, Kempt church, \$4; George Ingram, Margaree, \$1.50; Bethany church, Syd ney, \$31.50; do, S. S., \$1.2; Goldboro, \$25.67; Deep Brook, Clementsport, \$8.25; "A Baptist," Sable River, \$5. Total, \$671.05. Before reported, \$559.64. Total, \$6230.69. A COHOON.

Treas. D. F. N. S.
Wolfville, N. S., April 23rd.

AN APRIL MORNING.

Eben E. Rexford in Home and Flowers.

This morning when I woke I heard
The low, sweet chatter of a bird
Beside my window, where so long
I've missed the music of the song
That filled last summer with delight,
And saw a sudden, arrowy flight—
A flash of blue that soars and sings—
A bit of heaven itself on wings.

"The blue bird has come back!" I cried,
And flung the window open wide.
I leaned across the mossy sill,
And heard the laughing little rill
That comes but once a year, and stays
Through the brief round of April days.
Then, when its banks with bloom are
Bright,
It seems to vanish in a night.


The old spring gladness filled the air,
I breathed it, felt it everywhere.
How blue the sky was! and a tint
Of color that was but a hint
Of "green things growing" greeted me
Along the willows by the sea.
And I could feel, and almost hear,
The quickened pulses of the year.

A warm south wind that seemed a draught
Of wine the sweetest ever quaffed
Blew round me, bringing balmy smells
That made me dream of pimpernels,
And arbutus blooms in pinewood nooks,
And gay wake-robins by the brooks,
And I was happy as the bird
Whose heart with spring's swift joy was
stirred.

CONVINCING TESTIMONY.

The Ram's Horn tells a story of a wicked, drunken woman in one of our large cities who was attracted into a church one Sunday evening and was converted to Christ. The pastor of the church went to see her husband, and found him in a very shrewd mechanic, who was very bitter against Christianity, and greatly fascinated with Ingersoll's sneers at the Bible. He was full of contempt at his wife's profession of conversion, and said he had no doubt she'd soon get over it.

Six months passed away and one evening this man called to see the minister in



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great anxiety concerning his own salvation. He said: "I have read all the leading books on the evidences of Christianity, and I can stand out against their arguments; but for the past six months I have had an open book about my own fireside, in the person of my wife, that I am not able to answer. I have come to the conclusion that I am wrong, and that there must be something holy and divine about a religion that could take such a woman and change her into the loving, patient, prayerful, singing saint that she is now."

The best books on Christianity are the men and women who live transformed lives in fellowship with Christ.

CULTURE AND CHARACTER.

It is the thought of some that character can be transformed by culture. Educate men, we are sometimes told, and you will regenerate them. Give them culture and you will lift them out of the slough into which they have fallen. Transform their environment and you shall transfigure them. It all sounds well, but after all there is a fallacy in it.

Of course no one would deny that education and its consequent culture have an influence on the external lives of men. Neither will any one deny that if you can better one's external condition you stand a chance of improving his character. But the influence that is exerted in each case is too largely an external influence to very greatly transform the inward character. Something of inward impulse of course is imparted by education and its resultant culture. But it is not enough to reach the centre of man's being. It is not enough to capture the citadel of his soul. Some one has said "the profoundest education cannot change a man's nature." There is no question but that this declaration is true. There is something in the human heart, something in human nature that defies the touch of education, of culture. There is, if you will, an innate tendency to evil which will break away from the bonds of each and reveal the man in his true condition.

Now, then, it is this phase of the problem of human transformation that Christianity meets. This regenerating power from the Spirit of God comes to and touches the man's inner life. He is born from above. He leaves something of the old life and takes on the new life which Jesus Christ imparta. Under the spiritual change old things pass away and all things become new. What education cannot do; what culture cannot do; what change in external environment cannot do that the new birth in Jesus Christ can do. It changes the man's nature; it makes him over. Moreover this is not theory alone, but fact. Practical illustrations of this can be found on every hand. This is the testimony that Christianity is bearing to itself all the time. It is transforming the natures of men so that the selfish, the base, the sensual, the covetous, the evil inclined, are turned face about and made to emulate in some measure the example Jesus Christ has set. It is this work of Christianity that in these days demands special emphasis. It is a fact that men recognize and are ever ready to acknowledge. There are speculative questions that we can well let alone, but this particular illustration of the power of the work of Jesus we want constantly to enforce.—Commonwealth.