

From the Churches.

Denominational Funds.

Fifteen thousand dollars wanted from the churches. 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. Ochoon, Treasurer, Wulville, N. S. Envelopes for gathering these funds can be obtained free on application.

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A contribution from churches and individuals in New Brunswick to denominational funds should be sent to Dr. MANNING; and all such contributions in P. E. Island to Mr. STERN.

BRAR RIVER, N. S.—Five were baptized last Sunday. Others have decided for Christ, and it is expected will soon follow in the way of obedience. I expect to spend next week at a lumber camp, preaching the Gospel as opportunity offers. PASTOR.
February 28.

CANNO, N. S.—We are not without blessings, temporal and spiritual. A few evenings ago a goodly number of the congregation gave us a pleasant surprise at the parsonage, leaving us better off to the amount of \$56 on day in money. The value of such visits cannot, however, be estimated by figures. A quiet work of grace is manifested in our prayer meetings. Wanderers are coming back to their Father's home, sinners are being converted and others are evidently desirous of learning the way to Jesus. O. N. CHIPMAN.

SOUTH ALTON, KING'S CO., N. S.—As a result of two weeks of special services held with these people ten have been received for church membership after baptism—five of these were baptized by Rev. C. H. Day on Sunday, January 11. The remaining five will be baptized at a later date. We are hoping that the spirit of God will lead many more out of darkness into the light. We are greatly indebted to Bro. A. Horwood (Lic), student at the College, for the valuable assistance he rendered us in our meetings. To God we give all the praise.
New Minas. GORDON H. BAKER.

LEINSTER STREET.—Since the advent of Pastor Christopher Burnett last May, great reason has been afforded for encouragement. The congregations have considerably increased at all the services. A men's Bora Bible Class was organized last September which is doing good work amongst young men. A few months ago the church decided to adopt congregational singing which procedure has been amply justified by the heartiness of this exercise of worship. The New Baptist hymnal "Sarsum Corda" introduced at the beginning of the year is giving great satisfaction to all lovers of choice hymnology and church music. On Sunday, March 1st, the band of fellowship was given to eight new members, five of whom had been baptized during February. No special meetings have been held but the power of God has been manifested in the usual ones and the prospects are hopeful for more baptisms shortly.

DIGBY, N. S.—"The people of Digby are kind," so said Brother Beals in one of his recent addresses; well they have not forgotten to be gracious. Before my arrival on Jan. 1st a new furnace was placed in the parsonage and papering and painting added much to the appearance of the inside of our home. Better still their reception has been very warm. The church has decided to give up the renting of pews for one year, which probably means forever. At the annual business meeting on Jan. 1st, the treasurer was able to present a very satisfactory report, some \$148 having been raised for local purposes. Brother Beals still resides in Digby and is much appreciated by all for his manly fortitude and Christian bearing when thus laid aside from work for a season. We are praying for his sake, that that season may be short. I have been conducting special services for two weeks at an out station (Colloiden) and on Sabbath evening had the joy of baptizing eight men and women in our baptism in Digby. Baptism again next Sabbath. We are preparing for a series of special services in Digby. Pray for us.
A. J. ARCHIBALD.
Feb. 23.

MARGAREE.—Work here progresses slowly, owing to the severity of the weather, and frequently of storms. Some Sundays, services are well nigh impossible. We are hoping for better times soon. The people have been showing us no little kindness. Christmas Eve we had a visit from friends here which about taxed the capacity of the parsonage. Their very generous gifts helped to bulge the pocket book, have

been ministering to our comfort during this unusually cold winter, and above all cheered our hearts as they have interpreted to us the hearts of our people. To try to serve them better is our only way of showing our gratitude, and this will we do, by Divine aid. A visit to Broad Cove Mines in January, in fellowship with the Presbyterian pastor, Bro. McDonald, gave us the opportunity of meeting the people there in four services. The people seemed deeply in earnest, and the field whitening unto harvest. But urgent call of stated appointments took us away. We hope however to be able to meet them again in March. The town is growing rapidly, and our interest in the souls of those living and coming into the town should be increasing. May the great need of that town be met by a large supply.

E. S. MASON

Margaree, C. B., Feb. 25, 1903

HUTCHINSON, KANSAS.—Our church work here is encouraging. We followed the week of prayer with special gospel services. I was assisted for three weeks by a brother minister and the fourth week did the best I could myself. I had the church membership well organized for personal work so that each evening found them hard at work in every part of the congregation, presenting Jesus as the only Saviour to sinners. A large number professed conversion and the largest part of this number will unite with us, of course some will go to the other churches. I have baptized forty six since the first of January, received eight by letter and four by experience making fifty-eight additions already. I have seventeen more approved for baptism. These will be baptized (D. V.) next Sunday. Our church is greatly strengthened and the Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. are full of activity. To God be the glory. Mrs. McLeod finds the climate here very much against her. We are seventeen hundred feet above the sea level although it is a level prairie, the doctor says that the sudden change from the salt sea air to this dry inland climate will be very trying on her health. I like it here in many ways, but they keep continually after me to swear allegiance to "Uncle Sam" and renounce Canada.

WARREN H. MCLEOD.

FLORENCVILLE, N. B.—Since our last communication to MESSENGER AND VISITOR we finished our visit to Prince William and Kingsclear with pastor Sables. Twelve were added to the Prince William church and four to the Kingsclear with another sister received for baptism at the latter place. A number of others came forward for prayers and some of them expressed a desire to live a new life. On the 2nd day of February we came to Upper Queensbury and for two weeks held special services in the stormy and cold weather which prevailed during that time. On Sunday Feb. 15th we were privileged to baptize four candidates, two young men and two young women, these with another sister received the hand of fellowship in the Prince William meeting. Another sister who had been received by the church was prevented by illness from being present, these six persons will we fully believe prove a valuable addition to the little church that has struggled so long to maintain its visibility. We have been resting a few days at home during the stormy weather of late. We plan (D. V.) going to assist Bro. Steeves at Belle, Charlotte Co. and then go to South Esk Lyttleton, Northumberland Co. We ask an interest in the prayers of all our brethren and sisters that God may abundantly bless us in our work for his cause. We often think if all our brethren in the ministry would write for the MESSENGER AND VISITOR it would greatly cheer us on our way and serve to keep us in closer touch with one another. If we cannot report baptisms there are many other things to talk about which would be helpful. Brethren write.
A. H. HAYWARD.

GUYSBORO, N. S.—The annual business meeting of the church was held on the evening of 20th. The reports from the various departments were of a very encouraging nature. The Sunday school superintendent reported increase in membership during the year, and spoke highly of the work done in spiritual things. Our superintendent, Bro. J. McG. Cunningham proves himself to be the right man in the right place. He is ably assisted by a good staff of teachers and together they are laying the foundation for a grand and noble work. The W. M. A. S. was next reported by the president, Mrs. E. Cunningham membership 16, meetings held 10, money raised \$42.12 copies of the Link taken and one of Tidings. The society is pushing its work and trying to strengthen its membership. The 20th Century Fund was next reported by Mrs. Burton Jost who has undertaken to raise the amount allotted to her. She reports two instalments out of the four paid in to the treasurer and then asked that we try

to raise this year the amounts assigned for 1903 and 1904. The church voted to make the effort. The next report was from the church treasurer this was a very encouraging one, in fact it goes down into the history of the cause here as a revelation of things possible. Our membership is small but the sacrifice made to build a temple for God has been nobly made, and with pastor's salary, current expenses, denominational funds and with the new building fund we have raised over \$350. Our present indebtedness is \$350. This we hope to raise in the near future. Many thanks to our friends for the assistance rendered. During year four were baptized and three united by letter and we are hoping soon to report added additions to our membership. Our congregations are good and a considerable increase since we took up the work here. We are now holding special meetings Rev. D. E. Hatt of Canard is helping the pastor for a week and we expect to keep up the work for two or three weeks. Our brother renders us valuable aid, and we are very grateful to his church for allowing him to be with us for a few days. We are hoping and praying that this year may be a blessed one to spiritual things.
ERNEST QUICK

While the attitude of President Roosevelt towards the negroes and social equality is before the people some of your readers may have some interest in the question. Opinions differ about the merits of Dixon's Leopard's Spots, but most of the intelligent men I have conversed with, view it favorably. Page's Red Rock and Worthington's Broken Sword are also commended here. Page wrote a series of articles in the Atlantic Monthly in the autumn of 1901 which are considered good, but I have not seen them.
JOHN LEWIS.

CLAKSVILLE, VA., Feb. 18

The Nineteenth Century for February is lying on our table. Its contents are as usual a rich bill of fare. Its review of the courts of last month are suggestive and able. The leading article by Sidney Low, on our changing constitution "The King in Council," discusses the question that the ministers of the crown are the real factors in the government of the country rather than the elected representatives of the people in the House of Commons. This review is ably conducted by James Knowles.

The Massachusetts electric companies controlling all the electric street car lines in Eastern Massachusetts, outside of Boston, with branches to Nashua (N. H.), and Newport (R. I.), have, through their subordinate companies, the Boston and Northern and the old Colony street railway, granted the request of the employees for increased wages. The decision, which was announced today, effects 2,522 conductors and motormen, who are divided into six classes or grades, the average increase for all being 12.18 per cent., or \$14.67 based on last year's payroll.

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Last night Feb. 15, while on his way to Queens University to act as judge in Queens vs. Varsity debate, Edward M. Smythe, K. C., LL. D., was stricken with heart failure and died within ten minutes. He was a clergyman's son and was born in 1844, and a resident of Kingston, Ont., since 1867. Deceased was leading lawyer and Conservative candidate on several occasions for legislative honors.

A Farmers Co-operative Harvesting Company, Toronto, has been incorporated for the manufacture of agricultural implements with a capital of \$1,000,000. Dr. Oronhyatkeha is a director, the others being farmers. The Dominion Linen Mills has been incorporated to make linens and cottons. The capital is \$250,000. Toronto men are the directors.

Customs receipts at Toronto for the last month show an increase of \$79,000 over February, 1902.

If the earth were equally divided among its inhabitants each person's share would be about 23½ acres.