

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 work, or for any one of the seven objects, should be sent to A. Colson, Treasurer, Wolfville, N. S. Envelopes for gathering these funds can be obtained free on application.

The Treasurer for New Brunswick is Rev. J. W. Manning, D.D., St. John, N. B., and the Treasurer for P. E. Island is Mr. A. W. Stevens, Charlottetown.

All contributions from churches and individuals in New Brunswick should be sent to Dr. Manning; and all such contributions P. E. Island to Mr. Stevens.

TRURO, PRINCE ST. BAPTIST CHURCH. On Sunday morning, Jan. 24, '04, it was my privilege to baptize a young man who has recently accepted Jesus Christ as his Saviour and Lord.

W. N. HITCHINS.

SPRINGFIELD, N. S.—One young man, Mr. Charles Newcomb, formerly of Parrsboro, was baptized into the fellowship of the Springfield Baptist Church on Jan. 24th, 1904. On Dec. 20th, 1903, Mrs. Freeman Johnson was baptized, and Mr. Charles Brittain of England received into church fellowship by letter. Pastor and people are happy in continued fellowship of service.

H. G. ESTABROOK.

BRANFORD, N. S.—We are greatly enjoying our new House of worship on which the last dollar of the cost of building has been paid. On the third Sunday in January three newly elected deacons, Arthur Parker, A. E. Skerry and James Beach were publicly set apart to their office. At present there are some encouraging signs that the spirit of God is working in the congregation. The pastor is holding special meetings at Centreville. Some are deciding to have the Christian life. Pray for us.

PASTOR.

BRANFORD, N. S. BAPTIST CHURCH, ST. JOHN.—For the past two weeks special meetings have been held by this church for the deepening of the spiritual life. They will be continued this week in the form of evangelistic services. Four persons were baptized last Sunday evening among them being a husband and wife. In other directions we have great cause for gratitude to God. About \$1300 was expended upon repainting the exterior of the meeting house last summer, which amount has been pledged beside which the current expenses have been well maintained. The church has adopted the duplex envelope for weekly offerings, by which it hopes to increase the income for both current expenses and missionary objects.

CHRISTOPHER BURNETT.

LOVER, N. S.—The church here is still without a pastor. Since Rev. T. A. Blackadar left us last autumn, we have had no settled pastor on the field, but we are praying that God will have mercy on his back here, and send some one this way to carry on the work which seems to have come to a standstill for want of a spiritual leader and teacher among us. By the Holy Spirit's power and through the efforts of Mrs. Blackadar many of our young men and women of promising abilities were turned from sin and worldliness to accept Christ as their friend and Saviour. Though many of them have not made the spiritual growth that we might desire yet we cannot but feel that if some zealous worker for God should come on the field he would find many to co-operate and sympathize with him in his labors. May God speedily direct one of his servants this way, and prepare the hearts of the people to receive him in love and peace.

CLARENCE MYNOR.

DEAR FRIENDS.—The many friends of Rev. Isaiah Wallace will be pleased to learn that his recently published book "Revival Records," has been having a ready sale. It has been my pleasure to assist Brother Wallace in the distribution and sale of this book, and our experience proves that it needs only to be made well known to find willing purchasers. Several who have received a first copy have sent for more for their friends. The general testimony is that it is interesting and profitable reading. The edition of 2000 books has outlasted quite a large outlay for Mr. Wallace. It is very desirable that the whole edition be disposed of, both for the benefit of Baptist homes and churches in

these provinces, and that a surplus may remain after deducting cost of publication. We are very grateful to pastors and laymen who have so kindly disposed of these books in their respective localities. We are hoping soon to hear from several to whom packages have been sent. The price per copy is only 60 cents, postage 6 cents. I shall be pleased to mail one copy or more, to as many as may order them.

I. B. OAKES.

Wolfville.

MIDDLETON.—Now that several months have elapsed since I assumed the pastorate of the Middleton church, it seems fitting that some report should be made of our work. The difficulty of supplying to the out-sections of the church, some adequate service, while not retrenching in the work at the centre was a problem that faced the church when we came here in September last. The plan of having an assistant to the pastor, in the person of a ministerial student attending at Acadia was agreed upon by the entire church and the additional financial burden of his support was cheerfully assumed. We have been fortunate in securing as an assistant, the Rev. Ernest S. Mason, of the Junior class at Acadia, a young man of considerable pastoral experience and excellent ability. He began his work with us only in December, but he has already won the confidence and high esteem of the people. During the College term he simply fills Sunday appointments fortnightly; during the summer vacation he will spend his entire time on the field. We feel that the Lord has called us to a great work here, and we rejoice in the spirit of harmony that prevails. There is a responsiveness and an earnest sympathy with the pastor in his work that is gratifying in the highest degree. We have no special work of grace to report, and yet we feel that the Holy Spirit has been manifestly working with us during these months. I believe that the church is coming gradually into a state of preparedness for the blessing that will not be withheld when we are in a proper condition to receive it. Our prayer meetings evidence a deep earnestness of spirit on the part of many, and the prayer of the Psalmist is frequently heard among us, "Create in me a clean heart, Oh Lord, and renew a steady spirit within me." We have felt already some "mercy-drops" of the Spirit's saving grace, and we are earnestly praying for the more copious shower.

HORACE G. COLPITTS.

Jan. 25th, 1904.

PORT MAITLAND, N. S.—The "Bay View" (Port Maitland—Beaver River) Church held its yearly business meeting on the evening of the 18th inst. A fairly good representation of the church was in attendance. Interesting reports from the different departments were presented, all registering commendable fidelity, to the work and substantial progress, and evincing the spirit of hopefulness. There was shown to be a net increase in the membership of the church; the different services were encouragingly well attended throughout the year, while in the financial support given to both local and denominational interests there was an appreciable advance made. During the year a parsonage was built, "one of the prettiest in the province," costing over \$2,000, one third of which has been paid. The house was taken formal possession of by the proper parties in Sept. amid the rejoicings of the people in which they were joined by several of the County pastors. In their reference to the new house in their report, the Board of Trustees, among other things, said: "The Building Committee have performed their duties in a very satisfactory manner. In its architectural design the house is such as to add beauty to the village and reflect honor upon the church. Our pastor deserves, etc., etc."


We are very grateful to our many friends who have contributed so liberally to this object and without whose assistance we should not have been able to succeed in the undertaking. To every one who has helped in any way we give our heartiest thanks. The total amount of the contributions made through the various agencies and for all objects in the year was about \$1000. (One fourth of the pastor's salary is not included in this as it comes from the Lake George church.) H. P. Crosby is retained in the office of Clerk-Treas. a position for which our brother is eminently qualified

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Halifax, N. S.

being patient, particular and persistent. The other officers are equally well filled, and with such manning of our "ships," the Pilot being on board, we anticipate a prosperous voyage over the waters of another year. In November a new organization bearing the specific name of Debt Destroyers' League was effected to help, in easy and pleasant ways, in the liquidation of the debt on the parsonage. Already eighty names are on its membership roll. Besides an initiation fee of twenty-five cents, there is collected a small monthly due from each member. At a recent social held in the church vestry the League's treasury was enriched by the sum of \$87. And all their devotion to the various phases of their church work, the good people have not been unmindful of their pastor and his family. Time and again have they in the past year both collectively and severally made our hearts glad by their voluntary gifts of material things. For all such tokens of esteem and good-will we beg to make public acknowledgement of our heartfelt thankfulness. As we record the large degree of interest shown among us in the work of the Kingdom during the past year, as we note the spirit of fraternity and co-operation displayed and the generous response given to every reasonable and seasonable appeal made, we

would give thanks to Him whose presence with us made such things possible; and, encouraged by experience, and relying upon the same divine grace and guidance, we assume the responsibilities of the new year with bounding hope and courage. We start this week at Maitland on a series of meetings under the leadership of our venerable Evangelist Rev. Isaiah Wallace.

W. J. RUTLEDGE.

Jan. 25.

A Question.

Can a Baptist Pastor invite a pedo-Baptist to occupy his pulpit and then not accept his invitation to partake of the communion together and be consistent, if so will some one please explain the matter.

A seeker for truth.

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