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Denominational Funds

FROM MARCH 4TH TO MARCH 26TH, 1903.

John S. Seaman, Marble Mountain, \$5; Lawrencetown church, \$39.25; Westport church, \$10.13; Kempt church, \$7.00; Queensport church, \$12; Middleton, \$82.61, a. v. special, \$19.50; Wolfville church, \$2.50, do, Mission collection, \$3; Amherst church, \$56.54; Temple church, Yarmouth, \$25.50; Chester A. Dimock, Windsor, \$1; Amherst Shore, S. S., \$2.50; New Glasgow church, \$7.25; Chester basin church, \$13; Deerfield church, \$16.49; Brazil Lake, \$4.86; Port William street, per District meeting, \$5.66; Windsor Plains church, \$1.20; North River, \$1.75; East Mountain, \$2.00; Natby, \$1.70; Brookside, 75c; Lockeport church, \$10.50; 1st Baptist church, Halifax, 26.30; Paradise and Clarence, \$10; Brookfield church, Col. Co., per Charles Bremer, \$4; Upper Stewiacke, per C. B. Benley, \$5; New Harbor church, \$7; Goshen church, \$5; Daniel Rogers, Springhill, \$75; Greenfield church, \$10; Summersville, Hants Co., \$2.20; Folly Lake, S. S., Acadia Mines, \$4; Mr and Mrs Irvine, Acadia Mines, \$2; Acadia Mines church, \$15; Weymouth church, \$4; Berwick church, \$40.50; Bear River, S. S., \$10.99; St. Mary's Bay church, \$7; Fort M-dway church, \$9; Walton church, \$5; Jordan Falls church, \$12; Windsor church, \$71.29. Total \$672.76 before reported \$4246.35. Total to date \$4919.11 A. COHOON, Treas. Den. Funds, N. S. Wolfville, N. S., March 26th

Personal.

Rev. W. M. Field of Springfield gave us a call last week. He is looking hale and hearty as ever. The acknowledgment which appears elsewhere shows the esteem in which he is held by his people. According to Mr. Field's testimony the regard is mutual, we trust a rich blessing may continue to attend his multifarious labors,—for in these he is abundant.

Rev. C. W. Sablé, pastor of the Lower Prince William and Kingsclear churches

PRIZES TO COOKS.

\$7500.00 In Cash to be Distributed.

Between now and July 1st, family cooks, whether employees or the mistress of the household, will be following the plan laid down for improvement in cooks in a contest for 735 cash prizes ranging from \$200.00 to \$5.00 offered by the Postum Cereal Co., Ltd.

The winners must show improvement in general cookery as clearly stated in the rules for the test.

No one has to buy or pay anything whatever. It is simply an earnest effort on the part of Mr. Post to stimulate the household cook to more careful and skillful cookery.

To have light, sweet bread and cakes instead of heavy, sour and indigestible things. To have no more greasy, burned or dried-out meats. To have properly made Coffee, Postum and tea. To have delicate and digestible, toothsome desserts and a table, clean, tasty and a pleasure to look upon.

And so \$7,500.00 in actual money will be spent to encourage the cooks of the country to better effort. And you housekeepers, please forever abandon the term "hired girl." Teach your cook the dignity of her profession, call her the cook.

If her duties include other service, well and good but don't detract from her professional title by calling her the "hired girl." That term don't fit a good cook. A certificate bearing the large seal of the Postum Cereal Co., Ltd., will go to each of the 735 winners in this contest. These certificates or diplomas will be as valuable to the holders, as a doctor's sheepskin is to him.

A postal card to the Cookery Dept. No. 426 of the big pure food factories of the Postum Cereal Co., Ltd., at Battle Creek, Mich., will bring a sheet of plainly printed rules for the contest.

was in St. John last week and gave us a call. He speaks in the highest terms of the people of his charges. Pastor Sablé seems to be renewing his youth. He is off for a brief holiday. A let up occasionally is a means of grace to a hard worked pastor.

From a contemporary we learn that Rev. J. C. Bleakney is slowly recovering from the effects of the injury which he received some few weeks ago. He hopes to be able in a short time to return to his charge on the Tobique. The MESSENGER AND VISITOR is delighted to learn of this complete restoration to wonted health and strength, and trusts that this good brother may be long spared to preach the gospel of the grace of God to his fellows.

Rev. M. E. Fletcher late of Harvey, Albert county, has received and accepted a call to the pastorate of the church in St. George. Mr. Fletcher parts from his former charge with regret on the part of his people, who have shown him no small kindness. He enters immediately upon his work in St. George. This is one of the promising fields in New Brunswick, the prospect of aggressive work is most excellent, the way has been made easy by the excellent work of his immediate predecessor. The MESSENGER AND VISITOR looks for good results from this union.

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PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

RECEIPTS FROM MARCH 1ST TO APRIL 1ST, 1903.

Table with 2 columns: Church Name, Amount. Includes Charlottetown church, Murray River, North River, Summerside.

Before reported \$169 17. Total to April 1st, \$224 45

A. W. STERNS, Treas. for P. E. I.

"SAVED TO SAVE."

The most impressive thing in Gen. Booth's address at Tremont Temple was the announcement of the motto "Saved to Save." That is the essence of Christianity. The person who is not trying to help his fellows to higher ground has missed the spirit of the Master. It is a low view to take of any possession or satisfaction to regard it as solely for ourselves. Like muck and money, to use a Baconian figure, our blessings are really valuable only as they are spread abroad.

Society is built upon the plan of mutual helpfulness. The family without this spirit is a source of discord rather than of harmony. What would armies be without it? In the thick of the fight it may be that each must load and fire for himself, but how long would he have the courage to do it if it were not for the presence of his comrades and the consciousness that they were opposing the same foe? Theoretically business is purely selfish. It is a personal struggle. Buy for the least and sell for the most that you can. But practically the whole fabric of business is reared upon the basis of mutual trust and co-operation.—Ex.

LIFE'S BEST DAYS.

The late Dr. Richard S. Storrs leaves us this cheering word of testimony: "I had as happy a childhood as falls to the lot of most children, and many a time it has been said to me by those visiting at my father's house: 'This is the happiest time in life for you.' I did not believe it as I grew older, and I know now that it was not true. The happiest time in your life is to come hereafter. If you try to do that which is right and useful to others, that which is honorable to yourself, and that which is for the glory and praise of God, every year of your life will be happier than that which went before it. So do not feel that you are entering an oppressive, grinding, hateful world. Life on earth grows better and sweeter as one goes on in it, and what you are to do is to try to make a success of that life—each one of you."

It is told of Bishop Williams, of Connecticut, for many years presiding bishop of the Episcopal church in America, who lived all his life a bachelor, that he was talking one day with a young man from the west about a tax a western State was trying to impose on bachelors, the tax to be increased a certain per cent for every ten years of bachelorhood. "Why, Bishop," said the young man, "at your age you would have to pay about \$100 a year." "Well," said the bishop, quietly and in his old-time vernacular, "it's worth it."

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LINCOLN AND THE DYING SOLDIER BOY.

One day in May, 1863, while the great war was raging between the North and the South, President Lincoln paid a visit to one of the military hospitals, says an exchange. He had spoken many cheering words of sympathy to the wounded as he proceeded through the various wards, and now he was at the bedside of a Vermont boy about sixteen years of age, who lay there mortally wounded.

Taking the dying boy's thin, white hands in his own, the President said, in a tender tone, "Well, my poor boy, what can I do for you?"

The young man looked up into the President's kindly face and asked: "Won't you write to my mother for me?"

"That I will," answered Mr. Lincoln; and calling for a pen, ink and paper, he seated himself by the side of the bed and wrote from the boy's dictation. It was a long letter, but the President betrayed no signs of weariness. When it was finished, he rose, saying: "I will post this as soon as I get back to my office. Now is there anything else I can do for you?"

The boy looked up appealingly to the President.

"Won't you stay with me?" he asked. "I do want to hold on to you hand."

Mr. Lincoln at once perceived the lad's meaning. The appeal was too strong for him to resist; so he sat down by his side and took hold of his hand. For two hours the President sat there patiently, as though he had been the boy's father.

When the end came he bent over and folded the boy's thin hands over his breast. As he did so, he burst into tears; and when, soon afterward, he left the hospital, they were still streaming down his cheeks.—Ex.

Notices.

Will any who have occasion to communicate with the Second Ragged Island church, kindly address Leonard McKenzie, East Ragged Island, Shelburne, who has recently been appointed clerk in place of Elbridge Hardy, resigned.

The invitation from the Baptist church at Bear River, to hold the next meeting of the N. S. Western Association in that place has been accepted.

W. L. ARCHIBALD, Clerk. J. W. PORTER, Moderator.

"All communications intended for the Home Mission Board of N. S. and P. E. I. should be addressed, Pastor E. J. Grant, Acadia, Yarmouth, N. S."

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY FUND \$50,000.

Will subscribers please send all money from New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island to Rev. J. W. Manning, St. John, N. B.

All in Nova Scotia to Rev. H. R. Hatch, Wolfville, N. S.

I do not worship the book, but I so intensely love it that I can say with David, 'My soul standeth in awe of thy word.' You may speak of me as you please, and I afford to regard it as you please, but when God speaketh then every power is hushed to hear what he hath to say, and the whole heart trembles before the word of the living God.—Spurgeon.

"Tom Bain," said the master, "listen to the lesson, will ye?" "I'm listening, sir," said the boy. "Listening, are ye?" exclaimed the master. "Then ye're listening wi' one ear an' eating pie wi' the other."