

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. Coburn, 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. Stearns, Charlottetown.

A contributions 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. Stearns.

SALISBURY, N. B.—After the business meeting of the 16th inst., Rev. H. V. Davies accepted the unanimous call from this church to stay another year.

LEE M. TAYLOR, clerk.

WOODSTOCK, N. B.—The young ladies of the church have raised \$45 recently for repairs. Sunday, June 21, the pastor asked the congregation for \$75 additional to pay for the work which would begin the following Wednesday. No one was allowed to give more than \$5 and no one was asked to give less than \$1. He asked them to take 75 shares in the Lord's work at \$1 a share. In a few minutes 100 shares were taken and there will be more soon. No one was coerced. It was a purely voluntary offering, given scripturally, and that is much better than tea meetings and bazaars though these may have their place. The church is looking forward with great pleasure to the coming of the Maritime W. M. A. S. August 18-20. Z. L. F.

GASPEREAU, N. S.—Last Sabbath, June 21 was an uplifting day for us. Our veteran missionary, Rev. Isa. Wallace, and his excellent wife, have been spending a few weeks among old friends on this field; and as he was wont he preached the gospel nearly every night, with his old true fervor and power. As a result of our united efforts, thirteen of the young people in the Newtonville section, two miles from the village, gave their hearts to Christ and it was my pleasure last Sabbath evening, at half past six to baptize them in the beautiful Gasperau River, in the presence of five or six hundred people. It is simply wonderful, with what energy and alacrity. Brother Wallace moves around among the people. He is in his seventy eighth year, and thinks it not much of a task to preach seven or eight times during the week. I can heartily recommend him to any pastor needing assistance. The work on this field is in a fairly prosperous condition.

J. D. SPIDELL.

NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH, TOPEKA, KANS.—As many of your readers have seen reports of the floods which have devastated the part of this city where our church is situated, it may be of interest to them to know the exact condition of affairs. Beginning May 29th, the Kansas River rose 15 feet in 48 hours. As it had been for days up to the usual high-water mark, the result was that all North Topeka and the surrounding country for many miles was covered with a raging torrent from 5 to 15 feet deep. People fled from their houses, many had to be secured with boats about 50 persons were drowned. The water subsided after a week, and then the scene of desolation was appalling. Many houses have been swept away. Those that stood were badly wrecked and all their contents were destroyed. The water was 12 feet deep where the Baptist church and parsonage stood. All the contents of the lower floors were destroyed. The church building is much injured. It will take fully \$1,000 to put our property in repair, to say nothing of the personal loss of the pastor whose books, furniture, etc., are a total wreck. This part of our city has a population of nearly 10,000, all of whom were driven from their houses and suffered the same loss. Our church membership is large, over 500. During the past 4 months we have passed through a very remarkable revival and 175 had united with the church. Almost every family in the church is impoverished, for they are laboring people of moderate means. How our church property is to be repaired and the wrecked homes rebuilt and refurnished is a very grave problem. If any friend would like to help us, gifts of money will be most thankfully received. We hope to resume services next Sunday in an Opera house which escaped the flood.

W. B. HUTCHINSON.

June 19, 1903.

NENA STREET, WINNIPEG.—The Nena Street Baptist church sends greetings to the East and wishes friends to know that its second year of life has been one of marked progress and abundant blessing.

Our membership has grown from 66 to 93, accretions coming in all months; at organization we numbered 53. Special revival services in January quickened our spiritual life and gave a perceptible impetus to all departments of the church's work. Fully two-thirds of our members contribute to the support of the church through the weekly envelope system. We have an efficient and growing Sunday School, a live Mission Circle, a flourishing Young People's Society and a Ladies' Aid that has signalized its existence. The pastor, Rev. F. W. Patterson, has for some months conducted a profitable Normal Class on Friday evenings and the Sabbath Bible class, both under his leadership and that of Rev. H. H. Hall has been very successful. The mid-week prayer meeting has been the back-bone of the church and has been well supported. The Sabbath congregations have grown steadily during the year. This young church, believing in practical Christianity, has come nominally within \$280 of self-support for though we received \$375 from the Home Mission Board we have a balance in hand. A nest egg is already in hand for the new building fund which we expect to be working for in a year or two. Our missionary contributions through all departments totalled \$453.52 which shows that totalling all funds we are self-supporting with a good balance. Taking, however, merely our general fund contribution to the Board, \$152.20, we have not quite attained that condition. This consideration led the church to defer declaring for self support for another year for with all interest centered on the general fund our missionary contributions would cease and we would not raise nearly so large a total as now. In a year we will be self-supporting, and will have retained our missionary character and spirit. At the annual meeting Pastor Patterson, who is much beloved by the church, was presented with an envelope containing \$50. Rev. H. H. Hall and the pastor preached the anniversary sermons on Sunday. Though up town now, Nina Street church will in a couple of years be the center of a large population. The future is bright for the Master's work.

Yours in Christ,

H. H. CURRIE.

Cape Breton Quarterly.

The Cape Breton Quarterly meeting convened with the Calvary Baptist church, No. 10 Sydney on the evening of June 15th. All the churches were represented by their pastors and seven delegates except the Gaborous group. The first session opened Monday evening at 7:30 Pastor Vincent preached on the parable of the "Wedding feast" Matt. 22:1-14. Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock Pastor Mason conducted a short devotional service. At 10:30 the chair was taken by the president, E. L. Steeves after prayer Bro. E. A. McPhee of Port Hawkesbury was invited to a seat. The president expressed the feeling of the meeting in his kindly word of welcome to Bro. Battly who after three years absence has returned to Cape Breton.

The first item of business was the reports from the churches which were encouraging. The motion was made and carried that the Port Hawkesbury church be invited to meet with the C. B. district meeting. Motion made and carried that we express our thanks to the Home Board for its generous help to the work at Sydney Mines.

Afternoon session, a paper was read from Bro. Steeves on "The new Evangelism" it was pointed and practical and suggested much thought. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 to give way to the ladies' meeting. Evening session, sermon by Bro. Battly from text 1 Tim. 1:15 Christ Jesus came to save sinners. It was a solemn and impressive sermon. Meeting adjourned to meet in Glace Bay in September. A. J. V.

Dedication at Peel.

The Baptist church building at Peel was dedicated to the worship of God, June 14. Rev. Milton Addison, of Surrey, preaching at 11 o'clock a. m., Rev. J. D. Wetmore at 2 p. m. and Rev. C. N. Barton at 7:30 p. m. Notwithstanding the rain and mud the house was well filled at each service. The other ministers present and who took part in the service were Rev. Wylie H. Smith, B. A., Rev. L. A. Lockhart and General Missionary A. H. Hayward. The Baptist people of Peel are to be congratulated on the completion of such a beautiful structure. The cost being about \$1000, the debt of \$153 remaining was fully provided for during the day, so the people rejoice in a house free of debt. Special services have been held for the past two weeks by Bro. Hayward, who baptized three candidates on the 21st June. A church will probably be organized in the near future. The Building Committee want to thank all the friends who have so generously helped them in the work.

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