

DENOMINATIONAL FUNDS.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Elgin, 1st church, F. M., \$5.20; Harvey, 2nd church, H. and F. M., \$4.70; G. W. Titus, H. and F. M., \$40; Germain street church, (H. M. Soc. F. M., Soc. D. W., \$76.25). Total, \$77.25; Emma E. Estabrook, F. M., \$3; Sussex church, D. W., \$10.88; Lewistown, Sunday School, support of Nat. Helpers, \$25; Springfield, 1st church, F. M., \$2; Moncton, 1st church, (Sunday School, Grande Ligne, \$12.85; B. V. P. U., support of Miss F. Clark, F. M., \$84.85). Total \$97.70; Carleton church, (H. M., \$2.83, F. M., \$2.82). Total, \$5.65; Campbellton church, H. and F. M., \$6.50; Fredericton church, D. W., \$179.75; James Bagley, (Cardwell church), F. M., \$2; Beaver Harbor church, H. M. \$2; Germantown church, F. M., \$4.10; Harvey, 1st church, (Midway Sect.), F. M., \$2.40; Queens county Quarterly Meeting, F. M., \$3.50; Salisbury, 1st church, F. M., (Steeves Mt., \$4.90; Allison, \$3.75; Boundary Creek, \$2.20, Village, \$2.40); Total, \$13.35; Leinster St. church, D. W., \$8; Jones Boyle, (Cardwell church), H. M., \$2; LeBaron Corey, support of Nat. Pr., \$5; Total, \$516.67. Before reported, \$99.62. Total to Feb. 1, \$1,426.29.

Religious News.

We are still continuing our special services. Two more were baptized Sunday, February 9, and several will be received tomorrow evening. Rev. H. F. Adams is with me this week, and is presenting the gospel to my people in a pleasing and forceful manner.

A. T. DYKEMA.

Feb. 13th.

SUSSEX.

The work in this church is progressing favorably; the congregations are large; and souls are being saved. Last Sunday evening in the presence of a very large congregation, the pastor baptized two candidates—Miss Bessie Dabron and Mrs. Arthur Fairweather. In connection with our Sunday School a large and flourishing Bible Class is conducted by Mr. C. H. Perry who is a most excellent teacher. Our B. V. P. U. is increasing in interest and numbers. Our president of the Society is Mr. Gordon Mills, who brings to the work consecration and wise executive ability.

ST. ANDREWS.

In sending news from the churches, we should be careful to be exact and truthful. I believe that I can truthfully say, that the interest in the little church here is stronger than it was a few months ago. The prayer-meetings are often seasons of refreshing. The Sunday congregations are small for a town church, but the close attention given to the preaching is a very encouraging feature, making it comparatively easy to speak. If we have not the inspiration of a large audience, we do have what is equally as good—viz., the inspiration of an appreciative one.

CALVIN CURRIE.

PROBOSQUIS.

The annual business meeting of the Cordwell Baptist church was held last Thursday evening. The treasurer's report showed that \$145 had been raised for all purposes during the year. Mr. Joseph Moore was appointed

Sec'y-Treas. of the church; Mr. S. T. Morton Superintendent of the Sunday School; and Mr. Joseph Moore and Mr. Marshall Stewart assistant deacons to the church. Mrs. Albert Stone and Miss Jessie McLeod were appointed a committee on missions and other benevolent offerings of the church.

HARVEY 1ST, HARVEY, A. CO. N. B.

We held special meetings in this church for three weeks in January. The result being thirteen professed a desire to begin the Christian life. Some of these are expected to come forward for baptism. On Jan. 22nd, one of those old fashioned donation parties invaded the "preacher's" home and after spending a pleasant evening retired, leaving \$85 in cash. When the people of Harvey make up their minds to do anything they generally carry it through in good style. These cash donations are much more sensible and acceptable than gifts of furniture or glass or other things which a pastor can get along without. Glad to see a man has been appointed to work after the interests of the Century Fund, and from the way Bro. Adams is taking hold of the work he seems to be the right man for the appointment. We have just started special meetings in Lower New Horton.

M. E. FLETCHER.

SURREY.

Twenty persons professed conversion in this place. Seventeen were baptized and united with the church. We are now in the midst of a grand work at Albert Mines, already a number have made a move toward the Kingdom. We are looking to the Master for a large blessing.

J. A. MARPLE.

NEWCASTLE, N. B. CO.

Last autumn the church in this place made extensive repairs in their church building. The interior was made more attractive and more comfortable. Pastor Brown and his wife have worked most energetically. Good congregations greet him on the Lord's day. The field is a very important one and full of promise. It will be good news to the Baptist brotherhood to learn that Bro. Geo. A. Lounsbury, one of the most successful business men in the town has promised to give to the 20th Century Fund, \$400. It will not be so pleasant reading to learn that this good brother is ill. We hope the dear Master may soon restore him to his wonted strength. The church is self-supporting and has paid for all recent improvements. The outlook is encouraging.

JEMSEG, QUEENS CO.

Since my coming here death has removed some of our most faithful members. Deeply we feel the loss of dear Bro. Springer and Dea. Geo. Colwell. They were most faithful in the Master's work. Their presence with us was a great inspiration. We had a Roll Call on our last conference day, February 1. The responses to the call were from those present and by letter from the absent. Seventy-seven of those present were heard from. Some of the voices had not been heard in a conference meeting for two years. The offering amounted to \$55.70. Part of this was sent by absent members, with a statement of their experience. We visited the baptismal waters on December 22, one sister being baptized. We started meetings two weeks ago but the stormy

weather has broken them much. One has been received for baptism and we are looking for others to follow. "Brethren pray for us." There seems to be a lack of helpers in this great work. Our prayer is that God's people might be greatly revived, and the lost may be led to the "Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." Yours in the work.

W. J. GORDON, Pastor.

The Signals of the Spirit.

By THEODORE L. CUYLER, D. D.

It is well for our churches to realize their entire dependence upon the Holy Spirit. Without His presence and His power, all efforts for the salvation of souls will be fruitless; all the best-constructed churchmachinery will accomplish nothing, unless it have "the living spirit within the wheels." To watch for the Holy Spirit and to work with the Holy Spirit is the supreme duty of the hour. An incident in Old Testament history illustrates this vital point.

When the Philistines were about to attack the armies of Israel, God commanded David to "fetch a compass behind the Philistines, and come upon them over against the mulberry-trees. And let it be, when thou hearest the sound of a going (or a rustling) in the tops of the mulberry-trees that then thou shalt bestir thyself, for then shall the Lord go out before thee." That peculiar sound was to be the signal for an advance. It was the token of the divine presence. David heard and obeyed the signal. When God moved he moved, and the result was a glorious victory. This unique incident is full of practical suggestion. Faith must always watch Providential leadings, and when God moves in our time to "bestir ourselves;" if we move with Him, success is quite sure to come; if we move without Him, then the failure is our own fault. How clearly was the divine signal manifested to that little company in the upper room at Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost! The Holy Spirit came upon them, and the apostles fell into line with the Spirit's leadings; they co-operated with the Spirit, and thousands were converted in a single day.

If the history of the most powerful revivals is studied this same truth appears—the signals of the Divine Spirit were recognized, and they were obeyed. God opened the way, and His servants bestirred themselves to special efforts and redoubled prayers.

Not more plainly does God indicate seed-time and harvest-time to the farmer than He often indicates to pastors and churches that the time has come for them to thrust in the sickle and reap. The biographies of such master-workmen as Dr. Lyman Beecher, Dr. Spencer, of Brooklyn, Dr. Edward N. Kirk, Mr. Finney, and Mr. Moody contain repeated illustrations. Dr. Lyman Beecher watched for tokens of the Holy Spirit as a sea captain watches for a favorable wind, and when he feels the first rustling of the breeze through the rigging he hastens to spread his canvas.

Seasons of spiritual awakening often come suddenly in a congregation, or in a community; sometimes they come as a blessed surprise, but the measure of success is always the readiness of Christians to co-operate with the Holy Spirit. When the Master works, we must work; every hour then is golden. My own experience as a pastor tallied with this truth, almost without any exception. There were times when my people talked, looked, and hoped for a revival, but no special outpouring of the spirit came; at least there was no special awakening of the impenitent, or frequent conversions to Christ. Revivals have come when no one confidently predicted them. One rule—however, I have followed, and always found it safe and successful. Whenever I discovered unmistakable evidences of the presence of the Holy Spirit in the awakening of several souls, I have felt sure that special effort and special prayer should be made immediately to reach and move others. The "sound