

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 to Geo. A. McDonald, Baptist Book Room, Halifax.

THIRD YARMOUTH CHURCH.—Since last report one has been received by baptism and two on experience.

N. B. DUNN.

FOREST GLEN, ALBERT CO.—On the 14th inst., Lizzie Colpitts was baptized upon a profession of her faith in Jesus Christ and received the hand of fellowship into the Forest Glen church; we trust others may follow soon.

F. D. DAVIDSON.

HARDWOOD RIDGE AND UPPER NEWCASTLE.—The Lord has visited us in this field. Bro. Paterson has been holding services at Hardwood Ridge and Upper Newcastle. The Lord has blessed his labor, six having followed the Lord in the ordinance of baptism. We hope there are more to follow. May the Lord bless His church.

N. P. GROSS, pastor.

FAIRVILLE, N. B.—At the close of an excellent sermon preached last Sunday night by Rev. George Baker, three young men publicly professed their faith in Jesus in baptism. The revival spirit so clearly manifest last winter is yet among us, and several others have expressed their purpose of soon uniting with us.

Yours in Christ,
A. T. DYKEMAN.

TRYON.—Sunday, May 14th, in the presence of a large concourse of people, I had the pleasure of baptizing five, in the Tryon river. These, with one received on experience, received the right hand of fellowship the same day. We are looking forward hopefully to the meeting of our Island Association with us this summer. We pray that it may be a veritable Pentecost to us and to all the Island churches.

DAVID PRICK.

JACKSONVILLE GROUP.—Wakefield has recently come with us, resident membership 18, the other 26 are, some of them, as untractable as the ten lost tribes. Avoidable comes out of winter quarters doing good Sabbath school work under Supt. Sherwood. The interest at Jacksonville seems better than for some years. Jacksonville S. S. is growing. This reminds your scribe that for backwardness in taking to the pulpit, he was termed by his seminary room mate "The Sabbath school organizer." By advice the pastor is looking toward a sea side locality for the summer, in which case he will likely be relieved by a college student.

F. N. ATKINSON.

ALBANY, N. Y.—About 100 of our young people called at our home last Tuesday evening to assure us they said, of their hearty support in the work of the church. We were much pleased at their words and greatly surprised that on their leaving they should place a new scrap-book in our hands remarking inadvertently that its value was a very trivial token of their appreciation. But—when opened we found it contained \$50, all new bills arranged with artistic taste upon its spotless pages. So you see we have not only a beautiful location but also a loving people here at the "Capital City." Four additions this month to our church.

E. B. McLATCHY.

Ordination.

An Ecclesiastical Council called by the Butouche Baptist church to consider the setting aside of Bro. R. Barry Smith of that church to the work of the Christian ministry convened at the Baptist church in Little River, Kent County, at 3 o'clock p. m., of Thursday the 25th inst. Council was organized by choosing Deacon A. E. Wall of Moncton moderator and F. W. Emmerson of Sackville clerk. The following churches were represented by the following brethren: First Moncton, Deacons A. E. Wall and James Doyle; Second Moncton, Deacon Styles, Bros. I. N. Thorne, and John Wilbur; Salisbury, Pastor J. E. Tiner; Dorchester, Pastor C. C. Burgess; Sackville, Pastor E. E. Daley and F. W. Emmerson; Butouche, Deacons Ayer and Ward and Bro. C. Hicks; St. Mary's, (McLaughlin Road), Bros. Wm. Geddes and Ephraim Hicks; Hillsboro,

Pastor C. W. Townsend. Rev. J. G. A. Belyea was invited to a seat in the Council. After prayers by Revs. E. E. Daley and C. C. Burgess the records of the Butouche church relating to the calling of the Council were read by the clerk, Bro. Deacon Ward. Upon request Bro. Smith gave a very impressive account of his Christian experience and call to the ministry, after which he read a very carefully prepared statement of his religious beliefs, upon which he was subsequently cross-examined by the Rev. Bros. Burgess, Daley, Belyea, Tiner and other members of the Council. His statement and replies to the questions of the moderator and members of the Council were considered highly satisfactory by all. Bros. Burgess and Tiner in moving and seconding the motion of recommending the ordination of Bro. Smith spoke in very flattering terms of the manner in which he had acquitted himself during the examination and expressed the hope and belief that Bro. Smith would prove a useful and earnest minister of the gospel. Pastor Daley and Moderator Wall spoke along the same lines after which the motion was unanimously carried.

The ordination services were held in the evening and were attended by a large congregation, the building being completely filled. Bro. I. N. Thorne read a portion of the 63rd Psalm and Rev. C. W. Townsend preached the ordination sermon in his usual eloquent manner taking as his text the words "Jesus only," (Matthew 17:3) from which he drew many valuable teachings for the benefit of the candidate, the church and the unconverted. Rev. J. G. A. Belyea made the ordination prayer while Pastor Burgess, moderator of the N. B. Eastern Association, extended the hand of fellowship to Bro. Smith. Pastor Tiner delivered the charge to the church and Pastor Daley that to the candidate. The addresses of both were much appreciated by all present. It seemed to many that all those who took part in the evening service were the right men in the right place. Many expressed the opinion that it was the best ordination services they ever had attended. The service was brought to a close by the Rev. R. Barry Smith pronouncing the benediction.

F. W. EMMERSON, Clerk.

Sackville, May 26th.

Meeting of the Charlotte Co. Baptist Conference.

The Charlotte Co. Baptist Conference met in regular session with the church in St. Stephen on Tuesday May 16 at 3 p. m. After devotional exercises participated in by the most of those present the President Rev. T. M. Munroe addressed the meeting, making in the course of his very timely remarks, touching reference to the sudden death of our late Sec'y, Rev. J. B. Morgan. Rev. J. W. Goucher pastor of the church, entertaining the conference gave us an address in his usual happy manner, and cordially welcomed the conference. On reporting the condition of his charge it was highly gratifying to note the increased interest in the work both in Sabbath School and B. Y. P. U. work as also in the general work of the church as evidenced by the recent baptism of six converts. The growth of one interest in St. Stephen as subsequently related to the writer by one of the oldest deacons, Deacon Hughes, is certainly remarkable. On motion A. H. Lavers was appointed Sec'y of the conference. When reports from the other churches in the county were given by the secretary and Pastors Goucher and Munroe. A member of the B. Y. P. U. of St. George reported from that body very encouragingly—Miss Soley president and the Sabbath School under the efficient management of H. V. Dewar Esq. Bro. Munroe was able to report good congregations at Pennfield and Beaver Harbor, increasing interest in church and Sabbath School work, both church edifices newly painted and a movement to secure a good bell for Beaver Harbor Bro. Worden having just settled upon the Oak Bay field could only say that he had commenced work under favorable circumstances and expects to do good work for the Master. Bro. Hansen also reported from Oak Bay and Bro. Bartlett from Bartlett's Mills, both of these brethren made feeling reference to their late lamented Pastor, Bro. Morgan. Bro. Meredith of Beach Meadows was able to report that the new church edifice at that place was completed and ready for dedication. Arrangements were made for the Sec'y to visit the field to baptize if necessary and conduct dedicatory services on Sunday the 28th of May. The brethren on this part of the Bailey field have sacrificed much to build a house for the Lord. On motion the Maritime Committee of Home Missions were requested to supplement this field, Bailey, with a grant of \$100 per annum if possible. The Bayfield, Bocabec

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and other interests received the attention of the conference and steps were adopted looking towards an outlay of missionary work in these and other parts of the county.

Bro. Goucher spoke of our recent visit to Mace's Bay and the dedication of a beautiful place of worship in that place. On motion the brethren of St. John city and county were cordially invited to cooperate with us in conference work. On motion the right hand of fellowship was extended by the president to Rev. Mr. Worden after which the Hymn "Blest be the tie that binds" was sung and routine business resumed. Many attractions kept a good many away from the evening service, yet a good congregation assembled. After preaching stirring addresses were delivered by Pastors Goucher, Munroe, Worden and others. At this service very suitable resolutions referring to the death of Pastor Morgan were unanimously adopted. On the morning following a Christian Conference was held which was very helpful and earnest prayers for the welfare of the churches and the conversion of sinners were offered, the brethren solemnly pledging themselves over to the work. The Conference adjourned to meet at the call of the officers with the church at Beaver Harbor. Bro. Worden to preach the conference sermon. Bro. Munroe to prepare a paper choosing his own subject. Addresses also to be given by the other pastors. So came to a close one of the best meetings we have had the privilege of attending.

A. H. LAVERS, Sec'y.

Digby County Quarterly Meeting.

A profitable and most helpful session of the above Quarterly meeting was held during May 15th and 16th at Weymouth. The attendance was large at all the meetings. The following Pastors were present: T. T. Batoh, W. L. Parker, J. A. Porter, H. A. Giffin, B. H. Thomas, and C. W. Grenier, (Lic). At the Monday evening service Pastor B. H. Thomas preached, taking the Loyalty of the Prophet Daniel as illustrative and enforcing the loyalty of Christians to the church of Christ. A most inspiring after service was held.

The Tuesday morning meeting was opened with devotional exercises led by Rev. W. L. Parker, general business followed. The committee on Foreign mission work reported that Secretary Manning, and Missionary Churchill, assisted by Pastors Porter and Thomas, had held Foreign mission meetings in all the churches of the county with two or three exceptions with encouraging results. Reports from the churches were hopeful. Thirty-eight baptisms reported. The largest blessings were enjoyed by Pastor Porter at North and South Range. The Weymouth church reported themselves as "cast down but not discouraged."

The following resolutions were passed: That the next session be held on July 3rd and 4th at New Tasset.

That Rev. W. L. Parker preach the opening sermon.

That Rev. G. W. Schurman be the preacher for Tuesday evening.

That the programme be left to the Executive committee.

In re Prohibition:

Whereas, The government of the Dominion had granted a Plebiscite on the question of Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic.

And Whereas, A decided majority of the Electors of the Dominion voted formerly upon the abolition of the traffic.

And Whereas, The government has not attempted legislation in accord with the decision of the people.

Therefore resolved, That the Digby Co. Baptist Quarterly meeting convened at Weymouth, May 16th, 1899, expresses its regret at the ignoring of the popular will of the people on so momentous a question.

In re Denominational work.

Resolved, That we urge the brethren and sisters belonging to this Quarterly meeting to consider the demands of higher education—Home and Foreign Missions. That an effort be made to raise a larger sum this year than during any previous year for the carrying on of these noble enterprises of our denomination.

In re Western Association:

Whereas, This Quarterly meeting having heard that there is a desire on the part of some to divide the Western Association of Nova Scotia.

We do hereby express grave doubts as to the propriety and advisability of pursuing such a course. But we would advise that the whole question be brought up and thoroughly discussed at the next annual session of that body and if possible a decision reached. Tuesday evening Pastor J. T. Eaton preached from Rom. 5:1. An earnest appeal to seek Peace with God.

An after service of great power followed. A resolution expressing strong regard for Pastor H. A. Giffin was read, stating appreciation of the labors performed, and further urging the brother since he had closed his labors on part of the field, to withdraw entirely, thus giving the churches the opportunity of calling a man to continue the work without division. Offerings were taken for Denominational work. Adjourned.

J. F. SAUNDERS Sec'y.,
per Sec'y., pro-tem.

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