

## 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 anyone of the seven objects, should be sent to A. Cohoon, Treasurer, Wolfville, N. S.

GIBSON, N. B.—At the communion service last Sunday evening seven members received the right hand of fellowship. Jan. 8th. J. B. C.

GERMAIN STREET, ST. JOHN.—Pastor Gates baptized three on Sunday morning. A good interest is manifested in all the church services.

WOLFVILLE, N. S.—Professor and Mrs. Haley have the sympathy of the people of Wolfville in the loss of their only child, Francis Bissell, who died on the 29th ult., aged four months.

UPPER GAGETOWN, N. B.—On Jan. 29, four happy converts were baptized and added to the Upper Gagetown Baptist church. We are in hopes that others will soon decide to serve the Lord Jesus. Feb. 7th. C. H.

CANNO, N. S.—Baptized three last Sunday, two young mothers, Mrs. Havelock Horton and Mrs. James O'Hara, and Mr. John Horton, a brother 84 years of age. Some thirty others are on the way. Pray that they may not stop short of a full surrender to Christ. Bro. Baker goes to the Crow Harbor group next week. God has greatly blessed his labors to the good of the church and community. F. H. BRALS. February 8th.

MARGARETVILLE, N. S.—Rev. Isaiah Wallace has been helping me for two weeks past in special meetings at Margaretville. A good and profitable time was enjoyed. This dear brother preached every evening with wonderful vigor and power for one of his age. I perfectly agree with Bro. Nobles that pastors could scarcely do better than secure this brother to help in special work. I trust God has much work for him to do yet among the churches in this province. H. N. PARRY.

NORTH RANGE, DIGBY CO., N. S.—I baptized two more converts into the fellowship of the St. Marys Bay Baptist church on Jan. 29th, a married man and a young man, and two more on Feb. 5th, numbering twenty in all since the revival began, and still the interest is good. We are now into the work in the Barton section of our field. There is a good deal of sickness here at present which makes it unfavorable for us in the work, but we shall make the best of our circumstances. Pray for us. JAS. A. PORTER.

BRIDGTON, N. S.—The church in Bridgton has been holding some special meetings of late. Mr. H. A. McLean, singing evangelist, has helped the pastor for two weeks. His singing has been very helpful and has been much blessed to the edification of believers and the salvation of sinners. The writer rarely heard an evangelistic singer who can sing the gospel with such pathos and power. He can commend Bro. McLean to any pastor needing help in revival meetings as one who will prove in every respect a true yoke-fellow. Meetings will be continued and we hope for an ingathering of souls. Pray for us. PASTOR.

BRISTOL, CARLETON CO., N. B.—Our work at Bristol is moving along nicely, notwithstanding the extreme cold weather, and large number of people who are sick with la grippe. On Sunday, Feb. 5th, Bro. Young and myself were permitted to baptize four young men and one young woman, Arthur Estabrooks, Harry Tompkins, Bruce Churchill, Percy Huntley and Celia Crandall. The interest is still good. Bro. Young has gone this week up to River De Chute to do some work there. We hope to have our new building ready for dedication at Bristol the third Sunday in March. A. H. HAYWARD.

PRINCEVILLE.—Mrs. Munro and myself have been laid by for a few weeks by la grippe but we are now recovering. I trust in a few days we shall be able to enjoy our loved work. There is a great deal of la grippe sickness in our communities. Death is of frequent occurrence. Two are lying dead now at Beaver Harbor. On account of sickness and death our church work has been much affected. We are looking for a brighter day, for a spring day of heavenly sunshine upon the clouded and precious souls that are now in the dark. T. M. MUNRO.

BARRINGTON GROUP.—We have been holding a few meetings in East Pubnico, assisted by M. W. Brown, with apparent good results, church members being revived, interest good in prayer and preaching meetings almost over the whole field but no conversions as far as we can see, that is none as yet have come out to put on Christ. Brethren pray for this field. We are trying to get the different parts of the field in line with our denominational work. S. L.

SALISBURY, N. B.—We entered upon the second year of our pastorate with this church the first Sunday of this month. During the past year have preached 206 times, held 100 prayer meetings, 30 conference meetings, received 10 into church fellowship, 6 by baptism and 4 by letter. Four others have been received by the church who now await baptism. During the year the church has expended over \$300 in repairing the parsonage. We feel that there has been progress along all lines of church work, and pastor and people enter hopefully on another year looking for God's blessing on our united efforts. Feb. 8th. J. E. TINKER.

FAIRVILLE, N. B.—The Lord was with us in a special manner last Sunday, Feb. 5th. Five noble young men put on Christ by baptism in the evening in the presence of an audience of between five and six hundred people. Such a service we believe has a voice, and that voice was heard, we trust, by many who will not only hear, but obey. Our Sunday School session was also a special season of rejoicing. One hundred and ninety were present in the main School and fifty-three in our Mission School, started Jan. 1st. We are continuing our evangelistic services this week with marked indications of great good being done. Several profess to have found Christ and others are inquiring the way. To God be all the glory. A. T. DYKEMAN.

NORTH SYDNEY, C. B.—It is cheering to be able to report additions to our numbers. On Sunday evening, Feb. 5th, five happy young converts were buried with their Lord in baptism in the presence of a large congregation. It was hoped that the number might be much larger. But of those who have recently professed conversion, not a few have yet to learn the importance of immediate obedience to their Lord. Some are halting before recognized duty, awaiting the "convenient season" for its performance. We earnestly hope and pray that these may hear and obey the exhortation, "And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord." We hope to hold special meetings in March. Feb. 6th. M. A. MACLEAN.

WINTHROP, MASS.—Rev. W. M. Smallman, one of our Maritime men, is pastor at Winthrop and believes the readers of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR will be interested in some report from that church. He reports progress during the 2½ years of his pastorate. The spiritual life of the church has been quickened. 53 have been added to its membership, of whom 8 were baptized in '99. The church building has been enlarged at a cost of \$2,000. The Sunday School and other departments of the church work are in a flourishing condition and considerable contributions have been made for Mission work. The church is not large, but the membership is united and earnest in work. Pastor Smallman says: The people are kind and considerate, loyal and prompt in supporting the pastor, not only financially but in every desirable way. The old-fashioned gospel is good enough for us, we find it meets every need of the soul. We wish the MESSENGER AND VISITOR and all the churches in the homeland great success in the Lord's work. Let us continue to pray for each other.

MARYSVILLE, N. B.—The church at Marysville is enjoying a season of spiritual awakening, the outcome of the faithful labors of Bro. H. B. Sloat, of Wolfville, who has been spending a vacation in town. During his sojourn special evangelistic services were conducted, the fruits of which are plainly visible in church and Sabbath school. A large number of silent members have engaged in active service, and many who before were thoughtless have manifested a desire to enlist beneath the blood stained banner. With feelings of deep regret we were forced to part with Bro. Sloat who has returned to College for a few months. It is hoped that the good seed scattered broadcast by his untiring hand may be carefully tended and so blessed that when our brother returns he may find a goodly harvest awaiting him. At present the Marysville church is depending for pastoral

care on what assistance it may receive from those laboring in adjoining fields, whose services will doubtless be shared in our time of need. H. P. L.

NORTH RIVER, P. E. I.—On Wednesday evening, Feb. 1st, when Rev. Addison F. Browne, of North River, returned from the Conference meeting, he found that the parsonage had become the scene of a first class invasion. The people had come with every requisite for a first rate good time, including a bountiful supper. Shortly after 8 o'clock the meeting organized by appointing Wm. Fraser, J. P. chairman, who called upon Wm. Scott, Lic., to state the real object of the gathering. In a most eloquent and witty speech the latter gentleman declared Pastor Browne to be a worthy successor of John the Baptist, who was clothed in a garment made from camel's hair. On Prince Edward Island such a coat was not procurable. But there are other animals whose hair is adapted to garments, especially for a northern climate. At this point, to make the pastor look as much like our Lord's herald as possible, Mr. Benj. C. Ward stepped forward and enveloped him in a magnificent fur coat, the gift of his congregation in Kingston and Clyde River. The chairman declared that he voiced the wish of the entire field in hoping that the pastor might continue until the coat should be worn out. A. F. B.

### The Testimony of Demons.

In the article by Rev. Dr. Schaeffer on "Christ's Divine Authority," in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR of the 8th inst., it is stated that "even evil spirits cried out that he was the 'Son of God,'" and this is gravely adduced as an evidence of the Christ.

Now in all reverence I beg to ask whether such a statement does not seriously weaken the argument, rather than the reverse? Of course every educated physician recognizes the "possessed" person as among the insane, often the epileptic insane, and has no hesitation whatever in consigning him to a well regulated asylum for the insane; but if there is any truth in the theory that "demons" are able to get inside any human being and actually speak through the victim's mouth, the aid of the exorcist, instead of the physician, ought to be invoked.

Does any rational man in this age of the world really believe that "evil spirits" ever entered into men, and thence passed into animals, besides performing other extraordinary feats? Do not such stories belong to the infancy of the world, and ought they not to be relegated to the owls and the bats of that twilight age? MEXICUS.

### Report From the Lumber Camps.

As I have visited about 40 camps on the various branches of the Miramichi and Nashwaak this winter, I thought I would write a few lines that might interest the readers of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR.

As soon as fall sets in, three or four thousand men in this province go to the lumber camps there to spend the winter, where the rough life is quite a contrast to that of the village or settlement. Although there has been a very marked improvement in life and general conduct yet the behaviour is very rough and a great deal of the conversation is low and degrading, and swearing is the greatest sin of the lumberwoods. The lumber camp is the place where a Christian man is put to the test. Many a man who makes a very fair showing as a professor in the settlement, shows his true character in the lumber camps; the whitewash rubs off many an old church member—which makes a serious hindrance to the young converts and to the work in general. Only a small percentage of the converts remain steadfast. One thing that accounts for a great deal of this is the lack of prayer. It is very seldom indeed you see a man kneel in prayer in the camp. The Bible is very little read, and while hymn singing is practiced the beautiful words are too often sung irreverently. Novels of the detective and Jesse James style, are seen around every camp. So you will easily imagine that with such surroundings it is very hard to accomplish much for Christ in the lumber camps. The idea is very prevalent that its no use trying to live a Christian life in the woods,

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not only amongst the Roman Catholics but amongst the Protestants too, are hundreds who leave their Sunday clothes home and their religion as well. But there are many bright examples, men who live very near to the Saviour in spite of drawbacks, and show what, with the help of the Lord, can be done.

A trip through the camps gives a person an opportunity of seeing men from all parts of the province, different nationalities and religious training. You will find good, spiritual men of all denominations. As far as practical results go, you can see very little difference between the different evangelical denominations, and the men who come from districts where they have Calvinistic teaching are no better than those who come from districts held by denominations holding free will doctrines according to the lumber camp test.

The spiritual condition of the lumber camps proves that there is a great lack of something in the churches of this province. It is not education, for men coming from where they have the privilege of listening to ministers educated up to the very last notch, are no better than those coming from fields controlled by the Osierites. The lack is not apostolic succession, for camps with a majority belonging to churches claiming to be in the direct line were the worst on the best.

It seems to me the power and fulness of the Holy Spirit is what we most need, as Dr. Gordon has it. Let us all pray for more of the Holy Spirit that the failures of the past may not be repeated, because there is such a great work to be done.

If our doctrinal view, that only those who are saved from sin will be saved at all, and that nothing that defileth shall pass through the pearly gates, and with no chance of forgiveness in the next world, how many thousands of our own province will be lost. I spent two months in the woods, preached 70 sermons and walked 480 miles. I hope many of the readers will pray for men in the woods.

C. BLACKBURN.

### FINE TAILORING.

A gentleman prominent in public life in New Brunswick writes from Albert County under date January 23rd.

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BREMNER—Digby, on Feb. 1st, by Rev. Daniel Brewster, Ceretha Oliver.

HALLIDAY—Digby, on Feb. 1st, by Rev. Jesse Halliday, of Digby.

BALCOM—The bride's mother. Morgan, Herby, to Agnes Tor.

REES—Est hotel, Spok by the Rev. the 1st Bap Rees, of Ca Irene Estab parties form N. B.

MOWLE—the bride's father. Co., Jan. 25 to Capt. Geo.

MCCALLY—Feb. 1st, by R. McNally, ton Theologi ministry), to of Mayor St.

REICKER—residence of Spragg, of Pastor S. D. Kars, to Miss field.

HARVEY—M parsonage, F by Rev. A. W. Harvey, Beatrice May McElhinney.

LOVENS—N. S., Dec. 1, and Mrs. Osh.

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