

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. Cohoon, Treasurer, Wolfville, N. S. Envelopes for gathering these funds can be obtained free on application to Geo. A. McDonald, Baptist Book Room, Halifax.

GIBSON.—Three more were baptized into church fellowship last Sunday.

May 19. J. B. CHAMPION.

LAWRENCE TOWN.—Baptized eight on May 7th and received three by letter.

LHW WALLACE.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B.—Baptized six candidates on Sunday evening, May 14th. Others are trusting Christ, whom we expect soon to receive into membership.

W. C. GOUCHER.

SUSSEX, N. B.—Baptized two ladies at Ward's Creek last Sunday and received one sister by letter the Sunday before. Our work is encouraging. We will soon begin to make preparations for the Southern Association which meets here in July.

W. CAMP.

HALIFAX, N. S., NORTH CHURCH.—Sunday evening, May 14, 3 believers were buried with our Lord in baptism. There is a deep interest in all our regular services. Strangers and the unconverted are attracted in large numbers by the spiritual life of our membership. The church is praying and working for "a revival the year round." That is the best kind. Z. L. P.

TOBIQUE VALLEY CHURCH.—Our special meetings are proving a great blessing, the Good Shepherd has been leading wanderers back to the fold. Last Sabbath Bro. C. H. Henderson baptized two happy believers in the Lord's chosen way, one being an old man eighty years old. Many others are looking forward and we are praying that ere the work closes many more may be born again. Brethren pray for us.

PASTOR D. F. MILLIN.

May 16.

NEW ANNAN.—As in River John Bro. Baker's labors in this place have been wonderfully blessed. Almost every evening during the service our hearts were made glad as we witnessed sinners arising and asking an interest in the prayers of God's people. Strong men were heard expressing their determination to leave the ranks of Satan and henceforth follow the Lord Jesus. Three have been baptized. Others are coming.

River John, May 15.

GERMAIN STREET.—Pastor Gates baptized three on Sunday last. A good interest is manifested in the services, which are well attended on week evenings as well as on the Lord's Day. The young men of the church and congregation are looking toward increased accommodation for general work. A lot adjoining the church property has been bought with this end in view. It is not their intention to proceed further for sometime; meanwhile they have a definite object towards which effort will be put forth.

UPPER WICKHAM, QUEBENS CO., N. B.—We felt drawn to visit this place of late where we had labored for almost ten years sorrowing and rejoicing. Accordingly we left our present field of labor and journeyed thence Monday, May 1st. Found the people without a pastor but holding on to the Word of God and continuing instant in prayer. Held service each night with them and at the close of the meeting Friday afternoon eleven happy converts were buried with Christ in baptism. Then after another meeting and the right hand of fellowship to these in the evening we turned homeward again wearied in body but rejoicing in spirit. J. D. WETMORE.

TORBROOK, N. S.—A rich blessing has fallen upon us at Torbrook. The church is revived. Many who had wandered away have entered the vineyard anew. Many who had not taken upon themselves the vows of discipleship have humbly bowed at the cross, obtained pardon, and are going on their way rejoicing. On Sunday, May 14, seventeen followed Christ in the ordinance of baptism, and with three others received by letter, received the hand of fellowship. Others also profess to have been born anew and others are still seeking. Bro. Corey of Middleton officiated at the baptism, as we were prevented from doing so by a sprained wrist. We recognize most clearly the Holy Spirit's influence in this work of grace. J. W. BROWN.

Nictaux, Falls, May 19.

HALIFAX, N. S., WEST END.—Your correspondent, "Reporter," in a recent issue mentioned the need we are in of a new church building. This was exemplified more than ever on Sunday, 14th inst., when Bro. Lawson preached his farewell addresses. In the morning he preached especially to the juniors, with whom he has been most peculiarly successful, from Eccl 12:1. The house was well filled. In the evening we could not accommodate the congregation, several standing, and others having to go away owing to lack of room. Bro. Lawson spoke from Hebrews 12:1, leaving it as his parting message to the church. In closing he referred very briefly and unostentatiously to the time spent with this church, charging us to rally around his successor whomsoever he might be. At the beginning of evening service Miss Jessie Blakeney followed the Lord in His own appointed way. Bro. W. E. Hall was present and assisted in the services. Bro. Lawson leaves the church in a much stronger position than he found it. We trust the Lord may bless him in his new field of service. We have called Bro. F. O. Weeks to the pastorate and are strongly hoping for his acceptance and a plentiful growth under his ministrations. A building committee has been appointed to devise ways and means to obtain the wherewithal to erect the new edifice so much needed. J. E. D.

PARADISE AND CLARENCE.—On Monday, May 1st, this church held its annual meeting at Paradise at 3 p. m. The different branches of the field were well represented. Reports were received from all the officers of the church showing the financial and spiritual condition of the church of a most encouraging nature. The pastor's report showed 728 meetings including Sunday School sessions had been held during the year and over 400 pastoral visits made. The clerk's report stated that 26 had been received by baptism, 6 by letter and 3 on experience, making an increase of 34. Present membership about 325 resident and 75 non-resident. The W. M. A. Societies, represented by Mrs. Armstrong of Clarence, and Mrs. D. Freeman of Paradise, gave very encouraging reports and reported over \$100 raised. The Unions reported through their presidents, Miss Edith Balcom for Paradise, and Mr. Amon Ramsey for Clarence. These Societies won the Western Association prize banner for last year for superiority in C. C. work. Miss Kitty Rice reported for the Mission Band, Mrs. Joseph Morse for the Mite Society. The finances were never in a better condition. Pastor's salary nearly all paid, amount allotted for denominational work progressing well and all the business transacted in the most harmonious way. Perhaps the best proof the high esteem in which our pastor is held is the fact that it was the unanimous decision of the church to advance the salary \$100 for the next year. Pastor Steeves has entered on his third year's work under very encouraging circumstances and it is safe to say the relation of pastor and people never was stronger and better in the history of the church. At 6.30 tables were spread in the vestry laden with all the luxuries that our good sisters are so capable of providing, about 200 members and guests sat down to these tables, and it was indeed a social tea party. At 8 p. m. the evening session opened by singing and prayer. The roll of the church was called by the clerk to which over 200 responded in person or by letter. Music was interspersed and the meeting was of deep interest to all present. We feel to thank God for rich blessings bestowed during the past year and pray for grace and strength to go forward and do better work for Him next year.

P. N. JACKSON, Church Clerk.

May 15.

The Maritime Convention.

Circumstances seem to render it necessary for the committee, appointed at Amherst to determine the place of meeting of the Convention in 1899, to publish a statement at the present time. We desire to explain two things—the apparent delay in making known the place, and the arrangement made concerning delegates.

The committee consists of the president and secretary of Convention. In the month of January, the church at Charlottetown, P. E. I., was asked to consider the question of holding the meeting in that city. In the latter part of February the reply came to me that the Charlottetown church felt unable to entertain the body this year. At the earliest opportu-

ity thereafter (March 3rd) the same question was introduced at a business meeting of the Fredericton church; and a week later it was discussed at some length, when the prevailing opinion seemed to be—(1st,) that the burden of entertaining so large a number of persons as now attend the Convention was greater than they could undertake, and (2nd,) that it was not yet Fredericton's turn, as the body had met in this place three times in thirty years, and the last time only ten years ago. No vote was taken, however.

At this point let me say that the committee had previously reached the conclusion that, if there were any difficulty in locating the Convention in P. E. Island or New Brunswick, they would be quite justified in seeking a place in Nova Scotia, although the unwritten law has been to alternate between the two former provinces and the latter. The alternation has long ago ceased to be equitable and right. There are many more places in Nova Scotia that can entertain the gathering than there are in the other two provinces. Looking back over the record as far as 1898, eight annual meetings in New Brunswick take us to only three towns; while in Nova Scotia we must go to six towns for eight annual meetings.

Acting on this judgment, I wrote, on the 12th of February, to the pastor of one of the strongest churches in Nova Scotia, proposing that his church, with or without the assistance of neighboring churches, should take care of the Convention this year. An answer was received on the 7th of April to the effect that it was not thought wise to depart from the established custom at present. The next day I mailed a letter to the pastor of one of the largest churches in New Brunswick, where the Convention was once assembled, suggesting that they make their village our Mecca in this present year of grace. But their reply, received a week later, gave a very good reason why such a thing was out of the question. In the meantime, the matter had been again under consideration in the Fredericton church, and I had communicated with President Spurr regarding our subsequent action. Immediately upon obtaining his approval, I proposed to the church in this city that they receive the Convention in August next, and provide entertainment for only a limited number of delegates, outlining to them one or two methods of limitation. The church decided to accept the proposal of the committee, and to invite the Convention here this year, with the following understanding:

They will furnish free entertainment for no more than 2 regular delegates from each church (including pastors and other ordained ministers) together with the delegates from the Associations. This means that if more than two persons come from any church, only those two whose names have been first received by the Secretary of the Convention as accredited delegates will be provided with free entertainment. Ministers or others desiring to share the hospitality of the church must come as delegates and be duly reported as such.

This explanation is given on behalf of the committee, because the committee is responsible for the plan of restricting the number of persons to be provided for, which plan was proposed in order to lessen the difficulty felt by the Fredericton church in regard to the entertainment of three or four hundred persons. It is hoped that the arrangement will be understood, and that everybody concerned will kindly accept it and act accordingly.

HERBERT C. CREED, Sec'y. of Con. Fredericton, May 19th.

Quarterly Meeting.

The Annapolis Co. Conference of Baptist churches met at Port Lorne, May 15, 16. At the opening session, Sec'y Man-

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ning delivered a helpful address on Foreign Missions.

Tuesday morning Pastor Kinley led a social service. In the absence of Pres. Eaton, Pastor Coldwell took the chair and called on Bro. Perry to lead in prayer.

Minutes of Springfield meeting were read and approved. A large number of the pastors of the county were present and Revs J. W. Manning, Kinley, and Layton were invited to a seat in the Conference.

An invitation was accepted from the church at Mariners Section to hold the July session with them. The morning was spent in discussing matters of business and listening to reports from the churches. All the churches in the county have shared in great blessing, many have been added to the churches. Chairman asked the Conference to sing, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Parry.

The afternoon was occupied with the programme as previously arranged. Past r Parry, spoke on Membership in the church; Pastor Brown, spoke on Officers of the church; Pastor Young, spoke on Ordinances of the church; Pastor Waite, spoke on The Work of the church. All of these subjects were well handled to the profit of all present. Tuesday evening a large crowd assembled at which time Pastor Parry preached a powerful sermon from Luke 24:39. A short after-meeting was conducted by Pastor Coldwell, and five stood up asking for prayer. The beautiful weather, the large number present, the splendid programme, the encouraging reports from the churches and the kindness of the people all conspired to make this the most profitable session held for a long time. Collection for Foreign Missions \$3. L. F. W. Sec'y.

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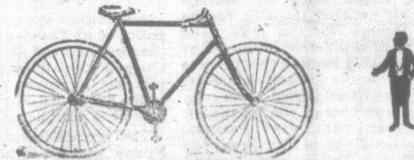
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