

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 A. Cohoon, Wolfville, N. S.

IMMANUEL CHURCH, TRURO.—I baptized three of our young women on Jan. 20th. We hope to see others thus publicly confess Christ in the near future.

M. A. MACLEAN.

January 23.

TABERNACLE, ST. JOHN.—Spent Sunday Jan. 27th, with the Sussex church. In response to an appeal made for funds towards our new church building the church very generously subscribed \$113.

PERRY J. STACKHOUSE.

BARRINGTON, N. S.—Here we have a small but a model church, especially as regards finances, all current expenses including pastor's salary promptly paid, prayer meetings and Sunday Schools much increased in interest. We expect to have some additions to our membership.

T. LANGILLE.

FORBES' POINT.—Here too we have a very kind Christian people to minister to, very devout in worship, prompt in giving, kind in doing. Amongst other things they presented Mrs. L. with a nice quilt for which we are thankful. Hope God's richest blessing may rest upon our united efforts resulting in the conversion of precious souls.

T. LANGILLE.

NEW TUSKET, N. S.—The New Tuskett Baptist Church is still without a pastor. Elder J. D. Skinner spent one Sabbath with us, and will be with us again the 27th January. The W. M. Aid Society are still holding their monthly meetings, one new member added last meeting. They are preparing for a missionary concert to be held in the near future.

CENTRAL GROVE, LONG ISLAND.—We have just concluded a series of special revival meetings in Central Grove. This place is about midway between Freeport and Tiverton. The Lord manifested His power among the people. The faithful in Zion have been greatly blessed. A number of backsliders have returned, and some young people have experienced a new found hope. The young people have started a Sabbath evening prayer service.

E. H. HOWE.

PORT CLYDE, N. S.—We have been holding a few meetings with good interest, expect to baptize next Lord's day, finances in a very good condition. Here we have a few devoted, self-sacrificing people but they are so few they must have large help from the Board and this is a help to the whole field. We are at work paying off some of our debts (church debts). Our contributions last year was more than double what was asked for. We hope to do as well this year.

T. LANGILLE.

MELVERN SQUARE, N. S.—I am happy to report that a few weeks of special services at Prince Albert have resulted in great good to the church and I trust in salvation to some who were without. The pastor had been much tried and discouraged by the condition of things on this part of his field for some time. Now he rejoices in the evidences of God's mercy in a revived, united, happy people, determined to give themselves afresh to the Master's service. We hope also for some additions.

H. N. PARRY.

WEST YARMOUTH CHURCH.—In November the church voted not to receive my resignation, and as they differed from some churches that we know of at the present time, we concluded to remain for a while longer. The Lord has been graciously working in our midst at Yarmouth, and over twenty young people have spoken in a few meetings we have held. They are mostly from the Sunday School. I am going to do all I can to help them see Christ more perfectly. We entertained the Sunday School at the parsonage on Xmas eve. All went away happy. We have received much kindness from the church.

C. P. WILSON.

KESWICK.—Church news is always interesting, even though there is not much of special interest to report. We are enjoying good roads and large congregations over this extensive field and the "power of the Lord is sometimes present to heal." The people are kind and considerate all the year round, but they never forget the annual "donation." Quite recently, I

was made the happy recipient of \$80, mostly all in cash. These expressions of practical sympathy are very encouraging. The churches on the opposite side of the river are still without a pastor. It's a fine field for a good man. G. W. HOWARD.

NORTH RIVER.—Among the mistakes in the long delayed Year Book is one in the treasurer's report, which gives \$94.60 as the amount given by the North River church for various denominational objects. The amounts given are as follows: Church, \$81.60; Woman's Missionary Aid Society, \$60.00; Mission Band, \$27. Total, \$168.60, which is I think the largest amount in the history of this vigorous little body of Christians. The accounts were all sent in plenty of time and there is no reason why the correct figures should not have been printed. In denominational contributions we are the banner church of P. E. Island. It is due to our self-sacrificing people that the correct figures should be published.

ADDISON F. BROWN.

January 22.

ONSLow.—The holiday season was extremely pleasant to me. During the entire time it was my privilege and pleasure to labor amongst the good people of two sections of the Onslow field. The weather both day and night was especially fine and the traveling very favorable, enabling large and regular attendance at the services. A series of special services was conducted for almost a fortnight in Nutby from which much lasting good resulted. A general quickening of God's people and evidences of interest aroused in the heart of unbelievers was realized. We were encouraged by seeing several, who had never before taken a stand on the Lord's side, manifest their determination to follow Him.

The outlook in all these sections of the Master's vineyard is very encouraging. The writer could not have felt greater kindness and sympathy than that exhibited by the fervent Christian people of these two places. An evidence of this is worthy of special mention. On the eve of my departure to resume study at Wolfville the warm-hearted friends of Nutby presented me with the handsome amount of \$14.00 as a token of their sincere and cordial sympathy in the extension of Christ's Kingdom. May God graciously bless and prosper His Work in these places.

A. WARREN.

WOODS' HARBOR.—Last Sabbath we could not help thinking of a year ago when on account of bad chimneys, bad pipe and stoves and cold weather we were compelled to fly for refuge with our meetings to the Hall. Last spring we thought a good furnace might save from such a dilemma another winter so we started the kind friends both outside and inside the church, especially amongst the young men who were willing and ready to help. So a furnace worth \$125 was placed in our church. Now instead of inhaling coal gas and smoke we are inhaling healthy pure atmosphere with Christian warmth. To all our churches who would enjoy comfort in connection with their worship we would say just give Mr. Church of Yarmouth, N. S., an order for one of his improved furnaces. Interest in meetings and Sunday Schools fairly good, our finances in a very good condition. When it was reported that Woods' Harbor was asking for aid from the Board some of the brethren said, No, we will raise our own money. Accordingly they went to work and yesterday they placed in my hands their part of the \$100, so the \$75 granted will be for Clyde, Barrington and Forbes' Point. We are hoping for a revival in spiritual things. Pray for us.

T. LANGILLE.

ANTIGONISH, N. S.—The annual business meeting and re-union of the Antigonish Baptist church was held Tuesday evening, the 15th. Bro. D. G. Whidden presided most efficiently. Reports were presented from the different officers and departments of church work. The report of the treasurer, C. Edgar Whidden, was most gratifying and stimulating. All the expenses of the church and Sunday School are met by voluntary weekly offerings. Not a scrap of a subscription paper or a pledge card is to be seen. The collections for denominational work are taken quarterly. The treasurer's report showed that the pastor's salary had increased during the past year, and that the amount raised for local purposes as well as that of our denominational work, was the largest in its history according to membership. If we include what is raised by the Missionary Aid Society, the average is over \$3 per resident member, for our Denominational objects. This is cheering, and should be an incentive to larger giving on the part of

many of our churches. Bro. J. Payson Clark, as clerk of the church reported an increase in membership by baptism and letter of thirteen, with a net increase of eight. As Superintendent of the Sunday School he also showed, that it had been a fruitful and most encouraging year. The W. M. A. Society reported through their President, Mrs. J. N. Brough, that with a membership of twelve they had raised the past year thirty seven dollars, and in closing the writer made a strong and tender appeal for more members. One of the most interesting and important features of the evening's exercises was a review of the History of the Church prepared by Bro. D. G. Whidden. It was not only exceedingly interesting, but instructive and hope-giving. All felt as they listened that God had been with the church from its very beginning, and that he was saying to us, "As I was with your fathers, so I will be with you. I will not fail thee nor forsake thee, only be thou strong and very courageous." We hope to see this history of the church published soon. These reports were interspersed with excellent music and recitations. A thankoffering for the "Twentieth Century Fund" was taken, amounting to \$21.36. At the close of the exercises all were invited to the vestry, where a social hour was spent and refreshments were served by the sisters. I think we all came away feeling we had much cause for thankfulness to God for his many mercies, and cause for humility because we do not love him more, and serve him with greater zeal and fidelity. O for more of the Holy Spirit's power to convict and regenerate in our fervent prayer.

W. H. ROBINSON.

Sunday School Convention.

The forty-first session of the Kent county Baptist Sunday School Convention convened with the St. Mary's and Dundas Sunday Schools, Jan. 12 and 13, 1901. It will be remembered how it snowed and how it blew on Saturday, yet by 2.30 o'clock ten teams came a distance of from twelve to seventeen miles through all the storm, showing the interest our Baptist people have in this great Sunday School work. Saturday afternoon was devoted to business. After a devotional service led by Brother Valentine Ward, Convention proceeded to election of officers. The officers were elected as follows: Rev. R. M. Bynon, President; Wm. Ayer and E. H. Hicks, Vice Presidents; Mrs. E. H. Hicks, Secretary. All the reports handed in from the different Schools showed that our Baptist Schools are greatly increasing their average attendance. The delegates were welcomed by E. H. Hicks and responded to by Rev. R. M. Bynon. The Home department work was discussed and decided that a great work could be done in Kent.

Evening session.—Twenty minute social service conducted by Mrs. N. C. King. At the close of this service Rosefield division, No. 280, entered clothed in regalia and favored Convention with an excellent and lengthy temperance programme which was highly appreciated by all. The friends from Little River also gave a good temperance programme. Several others spoke on temperance. In all we had a most excellent temperance session. After the transaction of some unfinished business, Convention adjourned to meet Sunday morning at 9.30.

Sunday morning 9.30.—Fifteen minutes' praise service. After the opening of School by Rev. R. M. Bynon, the teaching of the lesson by Mrs. N. C. King, the teachers and officers of St. Mary's and Dundas Sunday Schools for the ensuing year were installed. The installation service was conducted by Rev. R. M. Bynon and others, each teacher and officer had a constitution placed in their hands. The installation of teachers and officers is a grand and interesting feature in our Convention. It makes each teacher and officer feel the responsibility more fully that is resting upon them after the installation service. Pastor Berrie being absent, Rev. R. M. Bynon spoke from the text found in Exodus 12:2.

Afternoon session, 2 p. m.—Notwithstanding the bad roads the house was filled. So much are our friends becoming interested in those Sunday School Conventions that storm and bad roads does not hinder a goodly number from coming up to the meetings. After the usual prayer service the Sunday School programmes were brought on. St. Mary's, Dundas and Little River Sunday Schools furnished most beautiful programmes, beside showing good taste on the part of committees they showed the deepest interest of both teachers and scholars. An interesting Normal Lesson was taught by Rev. R. M. Bynon.

Evening session.—After some very interesting essays were given, Rev. R. M. Bynon preached an able sermon from Isa. 25:16. At the close of this session about forty testified for Christ and several rose for prayers. We have great reason to believe God is blessing us in our Conventions, and not only in our Conventions

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but in all our Sunday School work and we are determined with God's help to make this year of the twentieth century a red letter year in this noble work in Kent county. Brothers and sisters pray for us.

SECRETARY.

In the latest contested will case in New York the heirs of a distinguished merchant, lately deceased there, seek to show that he was of unsound mind, and in support of their contention they have brought out testimony to show that he made his wife wear the same bonnet for nine years, declaring that a new bonnet in ten years was enough for any modest woman. It is testified furthermore that he sought to procure legislation closing up all the show windows of the shops, for the reason that they attract the attention of women, and make them spend money.

The German Empress has lost large sums of money through several recent bank failures. The one in which she had most of this money was at Potsdam, and the chief director of this was a particular favorite at the Prussian court on account of his piety. In his palatial residence he had a chapel built for his own particular edification, which he was very fond of showing to all his friends and acquaintances. Recently he gave 300,000 marks towards the building of a new church; but it has now been discovered that the shares he gave at the time are not worth the paper they are printed on. Herr Sandes, the bank director in question, had prepared a very fine tombstone for himself at a cost of \$7,500. Fortunately he has been found out in time and the monument has been seized.

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