

* From the Churches. *

Denominational Funds.

Fifteen thousand dollars wanted from the churches in Nova Scotia during the present Convocation year. All contributions, whether for division according to the scale, or for any one of the seven objects, should be sent to A. Johnson, Treasurer, Wolfville, N.S. Envelopes for gathering these funds can be obtained free on application.

The Treasurer for New Brunswick is Rev. J. W. Manning, D. D., St. John, N. B., and the Treasurer for P. E. Island is Mr. A. W. Stearns, Charlottetown.

A contributions from churches and individuals in New Brunswick to denominational funds should be sent to Dr. Manning; and all such contributions in P. E. Island to Mr. Stearns.

GERMAIN STREET.—Two members were received into this church on Sunday, one, after baptism, the other by letter.

HAYLOCK, N. B.—Last Sunday, 25th, we were privileged to baptize seven believers from the head of the Ridge, one of the sections of this field. In the service that followed the baptism these seven, and another who had been received by letter received the hand of fellowship. Among those baptized was a mother and her two daughters. Others are seeking the Lord.

J. W. BROWN.

IMMANUEL CHURCH, TRURO.—We are not wholly absorbed in the work of political and moral reform. Our hearts are gladdened by evidences of the Spirit's saving ministry among us. On January 18th it was my happy privilege to baptize into the membership of Immanuel church three of our brightest and most helpful young people. Others will follow in the near future. All departments of our work are in a healthy and hopeful condition.

NEW MINAS, KINGS CO., N. S.—On New Year's evening a large number of friends gathered at the home of Mr. Fenwick Millet, New Minas, to make glad the hearts of their pastor and wife by a special gift of material blessings. After spending a most delightful evening in social entertainment the friends dispersed leaving us materially better in cash and goods to the amount of \$30.00. We are exceedingly grateful for these tokens of appreciation on the part of these people, and we are praying that God will make known among us the riches of His grace in the salvation of precious souls.

GORDON H. BAKER.

ARCADIA AND CHEBOGUE.—The work in both these churches moves on harmoniously and hopefully. A severe storm greatly lessened the attendance at the Arcadia annual meeting, but a goodly number braved the storm, and a very successful meeting was held. The reports from the different departments were of a very encouraging character. The same is true of the reports presented at Chebogue. The interest in this church has made very marked advance during the past two years. The attendance has more than doubled. A large class of bright young people are very much interested in the Sacred Literature course we are giving there this winter. We are planning on special meetings later in the season.

R. J. GRANT.

CLEMENTSPORT AND SMITH'S COVE, N. S.—I wish to acknowledge the many seasonable kindnesses from the people of this field. The barn, the cellar, the pantry and purse are witnesses of their generosity. Last week an enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Deacon George Purdy, Upper Clements, when an offering of \$22 was taken. The annual meeting of the Smith's Cove church has just been held, and the reports showed a successful financial year. Besides extra bills for repairs and insurance, an additional \$50 was raised on salary. The church has just conveyed to its Sons of Temperance, for the purpose of a public hall, the old church property vacated some fourteen years ago.

CHESTER, N. S.—We began special evangelistic services in Chester the first Sunday of the year, assisted by those consecrated workers, Bros. Baker and MacLean, evangelist of the Home Mission Board. Chester is a confessedly bad place for evangelistic work. But it is not too hard for the Holy Spirit. Pastor and people had been planning, praying, and preaching with this evangelistic campaign in view. Brother Baker earnestly proclaimed the three R's of the gospel—Ruin by the Fall, Redemption by the Cross, Regeneration by the Holy Spirit. Bro. MacLean sweetly sang the same gospel. The Lord added his blessing. Many were saved. On Sunday morning, Jan. 25, the pastor baptized fifteen of the converts. There will be more to follow.

RUPERT OSGOOD MORSE.

KINGSBORO', P. E. I.—On January 20th, a number of friends gathered at the parsonage to present the pastor with their annual donation; after refreshments were served, the senior deacon, (Bro. Alexander Scott), in a most felicitous address complimented both Mr. and Mrs. Gardner upon the success of their ministrations among the people and the high esteem in which they are still held and he particularly referred to Mrs. Gardner's efforts in collecting from among the members and friends around the sum of about \$200 for the finishing of the interior of the new church edifice, which is drawing near completion, adding "I do not think any other person could have succeeded so well!" To this amount the pastor has received from his friend Richard Corry, Esq. J. P. (of Wales) the sum of \$25.00. On Sunday at Baltic, a missionary address was given by Mrs. Gardner when a collection was taken amounting to \$53.70. This was the first missionary service ever held in this place, we think.

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CANSO, N. S.—The roll call and annual business meeting of the Canso church was held on Wednesday evening, Jan. 28th. A large number were present and responded to their names. Cheering responses came from absent ones as well. In the business meeting, reports were received from thirteen officers and committees. The pastor, in his report, made mention of the diligent attendance of the boys and girls at the preaching services. Twenty-one members had been added by baptism and four by letter. Another was received by letter at the meeting. The Sunday school moves on well and for a number of years has continued to support a native preacher in India. Of special encouragement were the reports of the treasurer and finance committee. These reports showed that for local and denominational work—apart from over \$200 toward the Forward Movement Fund—the church had raised during the year nearly \$2100. The Canso church is fortunate in having an exceptionally strong and capable finance committee, but, may we add, few churches have learned the grace of giving as this church has.

O. N. CHAPMAN.

ADVOCATE.—To those who have formerly served with the Advocate Baptist Church, a few notes from the faithful little band with less than twenty heads of families might be of interest. During the last ten years this little band of workers have been struggling under a heavy burden of building and paying for a parsonage and a new house of worship. They saw the year 1902, close with all debts paid, the interior of the church repaired so as to present a neat and attractive appearance, a double manual organ costing \$250, a new individual Communion service and upwards of one hundred dollars in the treasury. The pastor's salary has been promptly paid, together with many tokens of esteem. On the tenth anniversary of our wedding the good people from the different sections of the field came to the parsonage leaving us goods and money amounting to fifty dollars, and Christmas did not pass without many tokens of love and good wishes from the people. While thus deeply interested in the home work, they have not forgotten the needs of the denomination, the largest amount for many years having been contributed amounting in all one hundred and thirty (\$130), besides the pledges that were redeemed for Acadia forward movement. The spiritual prosperity of the church we cannot report so favorable, but we have some praying people, and we trust in God's own time the refreshing showers may come.

O. E. STEEVES.

Cumberland County Conference.

The Cumberland County Conference met at Springhill, Jan. 20th. In the absence of the chairman, Dr. Steel was asked to preside. After devotional exercises and reading of minutes, Pastor Belyea reported he had not been able to make arrangements to visit the Linden group of churches before the bad roads and bad weather in the fall. Pastor Steele reported that the committee appointed to visit Hartford had not done so as the conditions upon which they were to go had not been brought about. After amending the programme the meeting adjourned.

In the evening Pastor M. S. Richardson of Amherst delivered an excellent sermon from John 12, 21. A very interesting and profitable social service was conducted by Pastor McQuarrie.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

was occupied in hearing reports from the churches. Deacon John Hunter reported

that the financial condition of the Springhill church was very encouraging, the debt had been about wiped out. Pastor Bates reported that the condition of the Amherst church was encouraging, some conversions were reported. Pastor Richardson said the condition of the out stations was good.

Bro. W. Hunter reported for Greenville, the situation was improving members who had been backsliding had reported at the last conference and new voices were also heard.

Pastor Belyea reported for Wentworth and Millville that they were holding on their way without much change. The outlook for Greenville was much better.

Pastor McGregor reported that Oxford church was prospering, at present special services were being held and blessings received.

Pastor McQuarrie reported that Parrobro church was in a very encouraging condition, special meetings were being held but as yet no conversions could be reported.

Pastor Haverstock reported that peace and harmony prevailed in the Pogwash church and that in all its departments it was doing efficient work.

At Wallace bridge souls had been saved, some baptized and others awaiting baptism.

Bro. Blenkhorn reported for Westbrook spiritual things were encouraging there. Pastor McGregor gave some encouraging facts concerning River Hebert. He thought the near future would bring news of blessing being received on the field.

Evangelist Walden addressed the conference giving something of his experience. His address was encouraging. The conference sang "All hail the power of Jesus name" at its close.

Pastor Belyea read a paper subject "Training of the children in and for the church." The subject was discussed by Pastor McGregor.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

After social service the Sunday school work was discussed by Bro. Blenkhorn, Pastors McGregor, Estabrook, Deacon J. Hunter, Deacon Porters, Bro. Potts and Pastor Belyea. On motion, Resolved, we advise the officers and scholars of our Sunday school to use all the helps they can in studying the lesson, but to have such helps at home. Adjourned to give place to the meeting of W. B. M. U.

At 5 o'clock the conference resumed the session. Dr. Steel reported that the church at Maccan was in much the same condition as when last reported. Pastor Bates reported the statement of Bro. Canon Cann who had visited the Linden group recently that there was great need of a pastor to settle in that field, moved by Dr. Steel seconded by Pastor Estabrook and resolved that we ask Bro. Walden to labor on the Linden field for at least one month and that the Home Mission Board be asked to carry the resolution into effect. Arrangements were made to hold the next session at Pogwash on the 2nd day of June. Adjourned after prayer by Pastor Bates.

At the Wednesday evening session after scripture reading and prayer, Pastor Bates read an excellent paper, subject, "Child conversion." Pastor Robinson of Sackville gave a stirring address on "Individual work as exemplified in the life of Uncle John Vassie. A vote of thanks was presented Pastor Robinson for his address and kindness in attending the session as well as his assistance in the work of the conference. A profitable social service was led by Pastor Richardson. Adjourned to meet at call of executive.

The sessions throughout were profitable and interesting, but the attendance was small on account of the bad storm.

J. G. A. BELYEA, sec'y.

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NEW BRUNSWICK.

Gilbert W. Titus, H and F M, \$40. Main Street church (F M), \$0.30 N W M \$1, Jun Union F M, \$15 \$26.30; Bartlett's mill church D W, \$5; Upper Gagetown, D W, \$11; Germain Street church D W, \$80.30, Rev. C. Henderson (F M, \$2.50; Grande Ligne \$2.50) \$5; Carleton church Sunday School (H M \$10, F M \$10, N W M \$10, Church H M, \$6.13 F M, \$6.12; Grande Ligne \$6) \$48.25; Engle's church (Florenceville, Sunday School), Grande Ligne, \$1; St. George 1st church Annuitv Funds, \$5; Leinster St. church (per J. Prince) H M, \$5; Pollitt River church H M, \$2.25; St. Andrews 2nd church D W \$5.50; Centreville church D W \$2.84; Florenceville church (per T. H. E.) D W \$10. Isiah Steeves, Lower Coverdale F M, \$25 Queens Co. quarterly meeting, H and F M \$30.40; Fairville church, D W \$6.77; Brussels St. church F M, \$1.12; Fredericton church, D W \$88.75; Norton church F M, \$10; Hopewell church D W \$17.60; Gibson church D W \$14 Leinster St. Sunday School (primary class) H and F M \$4. Total \$423.08 Before reported \$897.67 Total to February 1st, 1903, \$1320.75.

J. W. MANNING, Treas., N. B.

St. John, Jan. 31, 1903.

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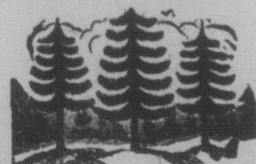
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