

From the Churches.

Denominational Funds.

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

The Treasurer for New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, to whom all contributions from the churches should be sent, is Rev. J. W. MANNING, ST. JOHN, N. B.

HAVELOCK, N. B.—Pastor Brown administered the ordinance of baptism to two candidates on Sunday, Dec. 8th, at Hicksville at outstation of the Havelock church.

HAMPTON, N. B.—Rev. H. S. Shaw writes that he is comfortably settled on his new field, and is meeting with great kindness on every hand. He hears his predecessor in the pastorate, Rev. N. A. McNeill, spoken of very highly as a man and a preacher, and is hoping to reap some of the fruits of his earnest, faithful ministry.

TEKKALI, INDIA.—We baptized a young man at Palasa on the 24th October. This is an important railway centre where a few of our members reside. It would be an ideal location for a missionary. We hope there may some day be a church at this place. It is 17 miles from Tekkali. Our cool season has begun and India is charming. W. V. HIGGINS.

CANAAN STATION.—Is a somewhat neglected place. Since returning from a grand trip west we have enjoyed a good series of meetings here. 7 or 8 took a decided stand for Jesus Christ while 16 in all expressed a desire to become Christians. A prayer-meeting was organized and started. A S. School was desired by some but did not seem possible till spring. The lessons are to be studied from quarterlies during the winter. There is some talk of building a church in spring. BRAMAN.

CLEMENTSVALE, N. S.—I have been in this part of the Lord's vineyard for about a month, preaching alternately at Clements and Annapolis. I have just received and accepted a call to the pastorate of this church and God is now blessing us with showers. Our aged Bro. Wallace is with us preaching the grand old gospel with power and effect. The church is getting revived, and souls are coming to the Lord. We then, make mention of us in your papers. IRA D. LITTLE.
Dec. 5th, 1901.

ROLLING DAM, CHARLOTTE COUNTY.—The Lord's work at this place is advancing more and more, and interest good, all denominations come. Congregations large as can be expected for this place. Conferences well attended at times, the Divine Spirit always present. Souls are being saved. Three came out in our meetings lately and are waiting baptism. The dear Master is leading us on in the good and great work. We are trying to do our best, we trust for him. We are expecting great things from God and also attempting great things for God. H. D. WORDEN.

PT. DE BUTE.—The meeting house has been repaired, and it was a pleasure on a recent visit to find the walls newly papered, and the seats cushioned. Sunday School has been kept up to the mark by Frank Trueman while the veteran superintendent, W. M. Tingley has been laid off for a time by lameness. Also at Westmorland Point, there is a good Summer Sunday School. Colpitts filling superintendency, and regular prayer-meeting presided over by Dea. Jas. Minor. Rev. D. A. Steele preaches at both places.

AYLESFORD, N. S.—On the evening of Nov. 18th, we were presented with the last donation of the season. This one amounted to \$57.75 cash, (\$1.70 goods) since increased by \$3.00, given by the Kingston church. For this expression of appreciation we are heartily grateful. At Aylesford on the 24th, I preached a Thanksgiving sermon and at the close made an appeal for a thank-offering towards reducing our church debt. To the appeal the people heartily responded, contributing three hundred and eighty-seven dollars, as an expression of grateful, loving hearts for all God's benefits towards them.
Dec. 2, '01. A. S. L. KWI.

NEW GERMANY, N. S.—Yesterday, at Foster Settlement, I baptized Elva Rafuse and Edom Dory, and at the close of the preaching service gave them the right hand of fellowship. The Sabbath school and congregations are large at Foster Settlement. The first of last month we were treated to a lecture by Bro. W. A. Lyston, of Lunenburg, on the following subject: "The British Nation, the Loss Ten Tribes

of Israel." The lecture was most interesting, and appreciated by all. J. A. McLain, Esq., of Bridgewater, is to favor us with his lecture on the 20th inst., entitled, "Through the Holy Land from Joffa to Damascus." We are looking forward to a treat.
H. B. SMITH.
Dec. 2.

1ST HARVEY, HARVEY ALBERT CO., N. B.—Matters are moving along in this church harmoniously. During the summer the ladies raised about \$50.00 with which to improve the house. A flight of substantial steps with hand rail has replaced the dilapidated old platform. Other improvements are under way. The ladies too have a very thriving W. M. A. S. of twenty-five members. Six were added Crusade Day. Preaching services are well attended, as are the prayer-meetings, though we should like to see more of the men getting out to the latter. We plan to hold special services during the winter. M. E. FLETCHER.

GERMANTOWN, ALBERT COUNTY, N. B. The resident members of this church are few and widely scattered, yet they turn out well to the preaching services and Sunday School. We feel proud of this Sunday School which, under the leadership of Deacon H. Tingley, kept open all through last winter which every one will remember was an exceptionally hard one. We purpose to keep open this winter also. The School is much encouraged by the gift of \$10 from the "Sunday School Times" for an article written by the pastor on Sunday School work. We are planning special services this winter. M. E. FLETCHER.

WITTENBURG, COLCHESTER COUNTY, N. S.—The work of the Lord here is not without tokens of the divine favor. At nearly all of the preaching stations on the field we have good congregations who give close attention to the Word which we are preaching in expectation of the fulfilment of the promise that God's word shall not return unto him void. Our prayer-meetings are well attended by the young people, are full of interest and we are at peace among ourselves. God's Spirit has been working in some hearts and as a result two promising young men, Lowell Pulsifer and James Pulsifer, were baptized on Lord's day, Dec. 1st. Others are contemplating this step and we are hoping to receive them ere long. A. E. INGRAM.

NEW HORTON, N. B.—We rejoice to be able to report good things of this old church, once one of the leading churches of Albert Co. As a result of special services held during last month the members have been drawn closer to each other and to God; some whose voices have long been silent in the prayer-meetings have been revived and are again heard from; fifteen have professed conversion and on Dec. 1st, we buried in baptism eight rejoicing converts, Mrs. Moody Reid, Mrs. Geo. Reid, Misses Eliza Copp, Laura Reid, Bronzella Forsythe, May Canning, Minnie Wilbur and Mr. Enias Gallagher. We expect others to follow soon. A site for the new church has been agreed upon, the plan procured; and the work of preparing material has begun. We plan to hold more special meetings in the lower section very soon and are expecting a blessing. Altogether there is much reason for thankfulness and encouragement on this part of the field. M. E. FLETCHER.

UNION CORNER, RICHMOND, N. B.—The interest on this field has been well sustained since Bro. Dakin left first of October. On Nov. 3rd the church at McKinzie Corner was reopened for service. Three services were held, preaching by Bro. Cahill and the writer, a full house at each service, about \$200 in all has been expended and all paid on the interior of the church which gives it a bright and chery appearance and adds very much to comfort of the congregation. Sorrow as well as gladness has also come to the Union Corner church in the sudden death of Bro. Beaman Carpenter. Since his death another young man of the community has yielded his heart to God and will in the near future follow the Lord in baptism. We spent last Sunday, Dec. 1st, on this field and will, D. V., spend next as well. Bro. Dakin is expected to spend his vacation on the field where he was so much appreciated last summer. A. H. HAYWARD.

SPRINGHILL.—During the storm of the 4th inst., rafters creaking and timbers

groaning in the meeting-house, with a very select congregation, the important fact that a new man had taken charge of the spiritual interests of this church, was dwelt upon for an hour and a half, with some little prayer for the sanction and help of the Most High. The new compact was also sung of quite prettily and effectively. Rev. Mr. McQuarrie addressed the congregation, placing in various lights the words of the Apostle to Timothy: "Let him be without fear among you, for he worketh the work of God, as I also do. Rev. D. A. Steele spoke of the solemnities of the occasion, insisting on the efficacy of the gospel to save and elevate us all. Rev. Messrs. Wright, (Presb.) and Brown, (Meth.) each from his own standpoint gave a kindly welcome to the new pastor, who replied in a way that touched all hearts. Bro. Estabrook comes with some experience and yet with the buoyancy of youth, and we all believe that a blessing will result from his leadership. He is not quite settled yet, meantime people are pegging away at the parsonage, repainting, refitting, reawarding, and reanimating generally. The men who have been pastors have left their impress and are not forgotten. Their labor has not been in vain in the Lord. The church has plenty of hard work and sacrifices are required; but she has all the strength of omnipotence to fall back upon. So we shall expect to hear of good things continually even "that this and that man was born in her."

D. A. S.
BRIDGEWATER, N. B.—We have been holding some special services at both Lakeville and Lapland, with encouraging results. Many of the church members were refreshed and some are showing a deeper interest in the Lord's work than they have for some time. There has also been quite a number to profess conversion. On Sunday, Nov. 17th, I baptized at Lakeville, three men, all over thirty years of age, one nearly sixty. One other is approved for baptism and others have expressed a desire to offer themselves for baptism at an early date. We are hoping and praying that some others, who have been thinking very seriously about their souls, may yet come out into the light of the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ. On Sunday, the 1st day of December, at the close of the communion service, Rev. Stephen March, who was present, expressed his thankfulness that he had been spared to commemorate fifty years of service for the Master. Fifty years ago, brother March was baptized in London, England, by the Rev. Mr. Brock. It was a coincidence that for Brother Thomas R. Pattillo who was also present it was the fiftieth anniversary of his baptism. Bro. Pattillo's father and thirteen others were baptized with him that day in 1851, at Liverpool, N. S. He now alone remains the others have gone before. Our desire is that these worthy brethren may long continue to adorn and exemplify the principles of Christ's Kingdom in our midst. C. R. FREEMAN.

BridgeWater, N. S., Dec 2, 1901.

A Seventieth Anniversary.

A few weeks ago the First Baptist church of Montreal, of which Rev. J. A. Gordon, formerly of Main St., St. John, is pastor, celebrated its seventieth anniversary. The programme covered six meetings and included among its features an address and a sermon by Rev. Elmore Harris of Toronto; a historical sermon by Rev. J. L. Gilmour of Olivet church, Montreal; a sermon and a general statement by the pastor, with addresses by visiting pastors and others. The first church is the parent church of all Baptist churches in the city. It was organized in November, 1831, in a little building on St. Helen street, now occupied by the Gault Brothers. The Rev. Mr. Gilmour, grandfather of the present pastor of Olivet Baptist church, the Rev. J. L. Gilmour, was the first pastor. In this old building there are still two tablets on the walls, one commemorative of the organizing of the Baptist church, and the second recording the fact that it was here the first Y. M. C. A. on the Continent was organized, the name of a prominent Baptist, Mr. T. J. Claxton, being well known in this connection.

In 1861 the church took up its quarters on Beaver Hall Hill, in the edifice now occupied by the Reformed Episcopal church, and in 1875 moved to the fine

building it now occupies on St. Catherine street.

A rather curious item in the programme of one of the services was a special offering of \$1,350. Being asked by a 'Witness' reporter before the meeting as to the significance of this feature Mr. Gordon said: "We want just that sum for certain church expenses; we are praying for it and we have no doubt but that we shall get it." Then he went on to relate an incident: "A curious thing happened on our annual church day celebration last year. On the programme was put down '\$1,000 collection.' After the services for the day were over the ushers were asked to go and count the money. They counted and they found they had \$999 and 90 cents. Just at that moment a little boy knowing nothing of what was going on came up and tossed a cent into the collection box, saying, 'Who says I didn't contribute?' Well that made the \$1,000 complete." Mr. Gordon further explained that the result was accepted as an answer to special prayer.

On Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday mornings, before going down town, some of our business men who have charge of the church finances, meet together for prayer on this subject. They had prayed for \$1,000 and it was given us. I must add, however, that we also received pledges for further contributions, but the fact remains that on that Sunday we had in hand the exact sum of \$1,000.00.

The second collection did not, however, correspond so exactly to programme as the first, the \$1,350 specified being exceeded by more than fifty per cent. The results of Mr. Gordon's two years' work in Montreal have appeared to have been of a most satisfactory and substantial character. The life of the First church which had reached a very low ebb has been materially strengthened. The outlook is believed to be highly encouraging, and in spite of a call to enter a very attractive field of service elsewhere, Mr. Gordon has decided to remain in Montreal. His object, which he announced at the anniversary celebration, would be the policy of the church if he were spared as its pastor for five years more, is to celebrate the seventy-fifth anniversary free of debt and to have the church understand its function: to save souls. Other churches and societies might entertain people, but he wished this church to be a moral force for the regeneration of the community.

DEPEND ON YOURSELF.

My girl or my boy, do you know how necessary it is to learn to depend on yourself? It is so easy to fall into the habit of depending on some one else who is quicker or brighter, or perhaps has more confidence in speaking out at the right time, or doing the right thing. This is especially so during your school lives. A good natured but mistaken companion may help you along for a while, but if you are separated from that companion you hardly know how to act.

I knew two little girls, Annie and Teresa, who always sat together at school. They prepared their lessons in the same way, and appeared to be making equal advancement. They seemed to be particularly bright, and were noticed on that account by all the teachers who had anything to do with them. They were promoted from class to class together, and always managed to sit side by side. One day it happened that they were separated, and then a discovery was made. Teresa continued to do well, but Annie did not show the same efficiency as before, and so it turned out that Teresa, out of mistaken kindness for her friend, had been helping her right along. And Annie had learned to depend on Teresa's assistance, and when she was separated from her scarcely knew how to go on with some of her class work. Do you see how wrong they both were: Teresa in giving the help, and Annie in accepting it? Then, too, they had made the more grievous mistake of deceiving the kind teachers who had trusted them.—S. Jennie Smith, in Christian Work.

A CHANCE TO MAKE MONEY.

I have been selling Perfumes for the past six months. "I make them myself at home and sell to friends and neighbors. Have made \$710. Everybody buys a bottle. For 50 cents worth of material I make perfumes that would cost \$2.00 in drug stores. I also sold 125 formulas for making perfumes at \$1.00 each.

I first made it for my own use only, but the curiosity of friends as to where I procured such exquisite odors, prompted me to sell it. I clear from \$25 to \$35 per week. I do not canvass. People come and send to me for the perfumes. Any intelligent person can do as well as I do. For 10 cents in stamps I will send you the formula for making 12 of the most popular odors and sample bottle prepaid. I will also help you get started in the business.
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