

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 year, or for any one of the seven objects, should be sent to A. Cuthbert, 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. CHARLOTTETOWN.

All contributions and individuals in New Brunswick should be sent to Dr. Manning; and all contributions in P. E. Island to Mr. STERN.

FAIRVILLE, N. B.—Three were baptized into the Fairville church on the 3rd inst., and one on the 10th. Recently two have joined us, one on experience and one by letter. We are expecting others soon. A. T. DYKEMAN.

SPRINGHILL, N. S.—On Easter Sunday, April 3rd, eight (four men and four women) were received into the Baptist church. One young man and one young woman, by baptism and the remainder by letters. All workers. H. G. ESTABROOK.

STONEY MOUNT, C. B.—Pastor A. H. Whitman reports very encouraging progress in the work of the church. Another candidate was baptized Sunday evening 10th inst., making twenty one received by baptism and letter since the organization of the church in December last. The church is making a special effort to pay off its debt of \$500, and hopes when this is accomplished, to become a self-sustaining church.

CENTREVILLE, DUNDY Co., N. S.—On the evening of April 11, three more men were added to the church by letter, more to follow. On the evening of 13th inst., organized a W. M. A. Society with 40 members. Mrs. W. A. Crossaboom, Pres., Mrs. B. C. Robins, Sec. Here we find a kind-hearted intelligent Christian people, second to none, and they seem by their acts to say "the Church of Christ must be victorious." S. LANGILLE.

CANNO, N. S.—Evidently desiring to lighten the burdens and increase the joys of the pastor and wife, a goodly number of the Canno people gathered at the parsonage a few evenings ago, and after an evening of good cheer, left a generous supply of groceries together with a very substantial sum of money in "pure gold," "pure silver" and "silver certificates." The Methodist pastor, Rev. W. M. Ryan, made the presentation of money in a manner both unique and entertaining. O. N. CHIPMAN.

FAIRFIELD, N. B.—Our work here is still pressed by a consecrated few. There are those who have recently manifested a desire to accept Christ and we confidently look for an ingathering in the near future. Monday the 11th inst. the church and congregation supplemented a salary that is now paid three months ahead with a donation of \$35. Cold winter and bad roads count not against such warm-hearted and sympathetic workers as constitute Fairfield and Hillsdale churches. R. M. BYRON.

CANAD—As a partial result of special services at Port Williams and Lower Canard sections of the church, eighteen have recently been baptized. Our thanks are due neighboring pastors and brethren from Wolfville for able and valued assistance in the meetings. We have recently completed the raising of our pledge for the Glendinning Fund for this year. It is to be hoped none will forget this fund in attending to other calls. We are now taking steps looking to completion of needed repairs on our church and parsonage properties. D. E. HATT.

MADUCTIC, N. B.—The work on this field has been moving along with fair success. The attendance at the preaching services have been encouraging. We held some special meetings with the 1st Canterbury church. The church is strengthened and sinners were converted. Last Lord's Day seven young women and one young man followed their Lord in the ordinance of baptism. Owing to the breaking up of the river and roads we have closed our special work for a time. We have great reasons to thank God for such blessing. We expect to have special services with another church on the field. Pray for us, brethren. C. N. BARTON, Pastor.

NASBORTH, N. S.—We have no special religious interest to report during the winter months, the greater part of the male members of the church

and congregation were away to the woods, came home for a few weeks and are of again to the drive, but while at home on the 25th of March the members of the church and congregation gathered at the parsonage, spent a pleasant evening and left a donation behind them amounting to about twenty dollars, and on Friday afternoon April 1st, about twenty men and three teams went to the woods, cut and hauled to the parsonage our summer supply of wood, we are looking forward to a season of special meetings and trust much good may be accomplished. C. W. SABLES.

TRURO, N. S.—A powerful work of grace has been in progress with the First Baptist church for four weeks up to 1st of April led by Evangelist Walden of Antigonish, over fifty have been brought to Christ and a general awakening of the church membership. Then Brother Walden went home for ten days rest, returning to Emmanuel Baptist church, both churches uniting for a further blessing, and the outlook is most hopeful. Each night some souls have been won for Christ and last night between twenty and thirty stood for prayer. Mr. Walden is an excellent helper in Evangelist work, a good speaker, puts things straight and forcibly and seems to grip the conscience and leads to decision. Without any incitement the work goes on and power seems to follow him wherever he goes. To God be all the glory. C. W. SABLES.

GASTRAL, N. S.—Easter Sunday morning it was my privilege to baptize fourteen young men and women. The work has been considerably revived here. The first two weeks of our special meetings, Rev. H. F. Adams rendered us most valuable service. Rev. Simon Spidell is the honored and worthy pastor of the Pleasant Street Baptist church, Worcester Mass. The MESSENGER AND VISITOR recently giving a favorable report of his work used my initials instead of his. He is worthy of all that was said of him and much more. J. D. SPIGILL.

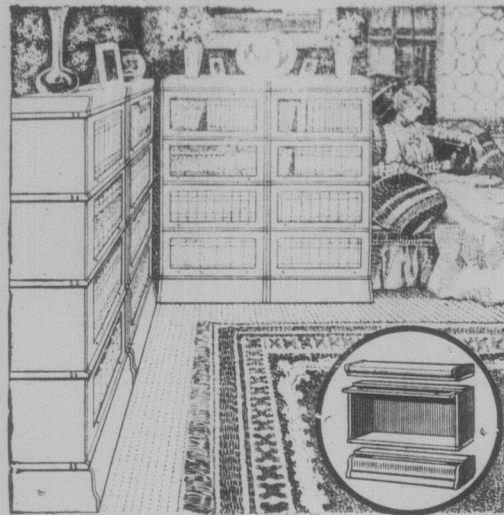
GLACE Bay.—We had the privilege of extending the hand of fellowship to six more new members on Sunday last, all of whom came in by baptism. Brother White has been with us a week and his meetings held especially for the colored people have been greatly blessed. These six whom he baptized himself are the fruits of his labors, and there are others who still profess conversion and will probably follow the Lord in baptism. E. L. S.

TUSKET, YARMOUTH Co., N. S.—The Master is blessing the work on the Tusket field. The spiritual interests has been deepening through the winter months. Many have been led from darkness into the fulness of a Christian life. On Easter Sunday a Union Baptism was held in Pleasant Lake. Four young women were baptized and taken into the Baptist Church. Rev. David Price of Milton, baptized for us. At the close of the baptismal service a large congregation assembled in the Baptist Church. Bro. Price preached an eloquent and practical sermon, Subject, Resurrection of a little maid. Two other candidates have been received for baptism, one in Casaan and one in Pleasant Lake, and still the work goes on. Many are seeking Jesus Christ. Truly God is blessing us, nine have been added to the Church by baptism since October, and many others will follow. I find a very kind people on the Tusket field. Last winter Mr. W. T. Lent of Tusket, presented the pastor with a beautiful fur coat, and the kind people of Pleasant Lake gave the cap and gloves to match. For these gifts I am truly thankful and I pray that God may richly bless the kind people. On the Tusket field we are laboring in the name of Jesus looking to Him for strength and guidance. Brethren pray for us. J. D. BREHANT.

MURRAY RIVER, P. E. I.—One week was spent with the Pastor of this large field at Beach Point. This is an interesting locality composed largely of fishermen. They are now as busy as bees in preparation of their summer work. Three churches adorn the community, Methodist Baptist and Campbellite. This last one was organized a couple of years ago, by the famous Gauge. The Baptist have a comfortable house of worship and a number of good faithful men and women who carry on successfully the work of the Lord whether the pastor is present or absent. The services held by the writer were of a profitable character, some sought and

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found the Saviour and voices long silent were heard again praising God. Yesterday was enjoyed with the pastor at Murray River. In the afternoon nine were baptized. The view was an inspiring one as the man of God led the six sisters and three brothers down into the baptismal waters, the crowd from the shore silently watched the sacred symbol while white-winged gulls quietly floated over the heads of the candidates. It was a scene to be remembered, this is but a partial result of the ceaseless efforts of Bro. Crandall during this exceedingly hard winter. Five others have been received for baptism and others will be at next conference. The pastor is held in highest regard on this entire field by both old and young for his unfatigable efforts in behalf. We begin evangelistic services here this week. A. F. BAKER.

NEW GERMANY, N. S.—Our work through the winter has been maintained as usual. In March we held special meetings at Farmington with encouraging results. A number of young men and boys were brought to the Lord. One young man and a young girl have been received for baptism. Others we hope will come before long. The meetings were well attended, and the church members were encouraged and strengthened in their service. For one week during these services, I was assisted by Rev. S. W. Schurman, of Lunenburg, who proved himself to be an earnest laborer. We have decided to put extensive repairs on the interior of our meeting house at Barr's Corner. The work is to be done during the months of Oct. and Nov. of this year. In a few days tenders will be called for. Necessary repairs have been made on the inside of the meeting house at Fosters settlement, further particulars will be given after the reopening which takes place the 4th Sunday in April. Last Friday P. M. a number of men came and reduced our woodpile to dimensions that can be more easily handled. In the evening a large number gave us a complete surprise. With happy faces they flocked into the parsonage and we were glad to see them. After spending a pleasant evening and before departing Bro. J. W. Langille called the friends to order, when deacon J. L. Delong in an interesting address, presenting the pastor with a purse containing \$13.87, these expressions of kindness tend to unite pastor and people more closely in Christian service. May the Lord bless the donors. H. B. SMITH.

ADVOCATE, N. S.—After Mr Steeves left us first of last October we were without a pastor for three months during which time we had a visit from Rev. D. W. Crandall who remained with us three stormy Sabbaths preaching very acceptably. On the recommendation of one of our former pastors a call was extended the Rev. C. C. Anderson at Iona Station, Ont., who accepted and came to us on the coldest of the cold days Jan. 4th, an untired man. The cold weather and hard

drives proved too much for his delicate constitution and he on this account was compelled to resign. His ill health however did not deter him from preaching the most stirring sermons to which we have ever listened, and during his stay was exceedingly popular in all sections of this field. We regret his departure. Since his return to his old home in Sackville, N. B. he has not been so well as when here. At Mr. Andersons leaving April 1st, a call was extended to another Ontario man who had intimated that he might accept. Anticipations run high as to the outcome. We have now learned that he has "married a wife and cannot come." This leaves us without a pastor, and in all probability we will be without preaching until a suitable man can be secured. The conditions pertaining to this field are such that it is difficult to make supply work at all satisfactory either to minister or people; and candidates are something uncalled for. Our parsonage needs an occupant and our people need the Grace of God; nourished by Gospel Truth, and sinners all around us are coasting down to death. It is our hope that in the near future the sore which caused the institution of a Free Baptist interest here will be entirely healed and that we will again become one people both in interest and name and mighty for the upbuilding of God's cause. Why may not this be the case all over the maritime provinces? CLERK.

AMHERST, N. S.—On Lord's day, April 11, after a pastorate of nearly five years, our Pastor, Rev. W. E. Bates presented his resignation, stating he had received an unsolicited call from the Union Baptist Church of Mystic, Connecticut (in the neighborhood of his and Mrs. Bates' home) that after careful examination and prayerful consideration he feels "that this door has been opened by the hand of the Lord." Members of the Ministerial Supply Committee interviewed Mr. Bates and at the quarterly meeting on Monday evening reported that they found his decision final and that no persuasion or pressure at the church's command could alter his purpose and speaking words of warm appreciation of him and his work among us. Our pastor addressed the meeting, referring to the harmonious relations existing between himself and the church. He then retired and with kindly expressions the motion was made and carried to accept with regrets the resignation to take effect at the time Mr. Bates desired, June 30th. A committee was then appointed to take steps to secure a successor. Pray for us that the Lord may direct in this matter. During the winter a number have been added to the church by baptism and letter. For some weeks past special meetings have been held at our Highlands Mission led very efficiently chiefly by our Pastor and the Assistant Pastor and a goodly number have manifested a desire to be Christians and some have decided. Our dear Bro. Richardson, Assistant Pastor, will be leaving us at the end of May, being about to resume his studies and