

From the Churches.

CALEDONIA.—Sept. 12th, baptized six believers into fellowship of this church. Three were heads of families, one brother over 60 years. Others are seeking salvation. S. W. KEIRSTEAD.

SECOND HAMMOND'S PLAINS.—The colored Baptist church building was crowded Sept. 5th, to listen to the preaching of the gospel and witness the ordination of two deacons. Much union has been effected among these people during the last year by the preaching of the Gospel of Christ.

FIRST HAMMOND'S PLAINS.—The ordinance of baptism was administered to one willing candidate Sept. 5th. Also on the previous Lord's day the hand of Christian fellowship was extended to one. A deeper interest in the Lord's work is being manifested here, some have taken part in our meetings who have not been heard for a long time. We earnestly ask the prayers of God's people that we may have a greater manifestation of Divine power.

PARRSBORO.—A correspondent writes that the work in Parrsboro in connection with the Crossley and Hunter meetings is going on most blessedly. About three hundred have avowed decision for Christ. The pastors and people in the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches emulate one another in hearty co-operation.

SECOND ST. MARGARET'S BAY.—The building committee of the Black Point section, of the 2nd St. Margaret's Bay Baptist church, beg to acknowledge the receipt of five dollars from the members of the Tabernacle church, Halifax, viz.: W. E. Crowe, \$1; Wm. Davies, \$1; J. W. Heckman, \$1; George Evans, \$1; J. H. Blakeley, 50 cents; Cyrus Hubley, 50 cents; all of which was thankfully received.

C. F. HUBLEY, Sec'y-Treas. Building Com.

FRENCH VILLAGE, HALIFAX CO., N. S.—The Cheerful Workers' Mission Band, held their annual business meeting, on Aug. 22nd. The officers appointed for the year are the following: President, Louise Hubley; Vice-President, Mrs. Neil MacDonald; Secretary, Mrs. Norman Hubley; Treas., Sanford Hubley; May the God of love guide and direct each officer, through the year that is before them.

BUCTOUCHE, N. B.—I see by the report from the N. B. Convention that the field at Buctouche is pastorless. Allow me to say that there has been some mistake about this report as I have been laboring on the largest part of this field since the first of May, when I came here by the direction of the H. M. Board and my time does not expire until the first of January. This is a very hard field, the stations are so far apart, but we have had good congregations at all of these places, where before very few came out to hear the Word the house is full. There has been some dark clouds pass over the land, but we are hoping for better times. Pray for us that the Lord may visit and pour out His Spirit upon this place that souls may be born into His Kingdom. W. E. CARPENTER, Lic.

Albert County Quarterly Meeting.

The Albert County quarterly meeting met with the Caledonia church September 7, at 2 o'clock. The meeting opened with Christian conference, led by Rev. E. Hopper, in which a large number took part. It was a very encouraging meeting. The spirit of the Lord seemed to move upon the people with power. In the evening Bro. Davies preached the quarterly sermon from Luke 15:17, first clause. Wednesday morning a social service was conducted by Rev. I. B. Colwell. It was a season of refreshing and power. It was evident that God was with His people. An address on Home Missions was given by Rev. E. Hopper, after which

the business of the quarterly was done. It being the annual meeting the officers were elected, viz.: Rev. I. B. Colwell, Pres., and Rev. S. W. Keirstead, Sec'y-Treas. These meetings seemed to prove a blessing to the people. The pastor continued the services during the remaining part of the week and on Sabbath morning had the privilege of baptizing six believers into the fellowship of the Caledonia church. Bro. W. Smith, Lic., remained after the quarterly and rendered very valuable assistance to the pastor. The next session of the quarterly will be held with the church at Nickson Settlement.

S. W. KEIRSTEAD, Sec'y.

Yarmouth County Quarterly Meeting.

The Yarmouth County quarterly meeting met in regular session September 7 with the Deerfield and Pleasant Valley church, over which Bro. T. A. Blackadar presides as pastor. The day was fine; the place beautiful; the hospitality all that could be desired, and the attendance at all the meetings large. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Pres., P. R. Foster; Vice-Pres., James Rose; Sec'y-Treas., W. P. Parker. Executive Committee: officers above named and J. W. Tingley and C. P. Wilson. Reports from the churches showed an average degree of all-round interest in their work and worship, with longings on the part of many for more spiritual life and the quickening of those who are dead through sin. Very precious seasons of prayer characterized this session, and there were indications before the session was over that while we were yet asking God was answering. Mrs. P. R. Foster gave a very effective address on the work and recent Convention of the Maritime W. M. A. Societies. A social service of much power and interest was conducted by Bro. P. S. McGregor, following a sermon by the Secretary. The next session is to be held with the Argyle church.

SECRETARY.

Quarterly Meeting.

The Quarterly meeting of the Hants County Baptist Convention, met with Brookville section of the Kempt church on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 7th and 8th inst. The morning meeting on Tuesday was a prayer service. In the afternoon, the W. M. A. S. held their meeting, presided over by Mrs. Nalder. Rev. Mr. Higgins (missionary) addressed this meeting in his usual earnest manner. The evening meeting was held by the B. Y. P. U., led by Pastor Roop, Mr. Higgins speaking again. A very interesting service, and an appreciative audience. Wednesday morning the Aux. Board held its session with President Weathers in the chair. The p. m. was taken up by the Sunday School Association, Vice-President Smith, presiding. The programme carried out was helpful to S. S. workers. Wednesday evening, an evangelistic service led by Pastor Hardy. Good fellowship prevailed throughout. The devotional and evangelistic services were marked by the Spirit's presence, and were precious seasons. E. A. B. Sept. 16th. Sec. pro. tem.

The Annapolis County Conference of Baptist Churches.

The above organization held its September session, with the Paradise and Clarence Church, at Clarence, Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 6th and 7th. In the absence of the president Rev. J. T. Eaton, Rev. E. L. Steeves was chosen chairman. The first service held was on Monday evening: Pastors present; E. L. Steeves, E. P. Coldwell, Lew. Wallace, S. Langille, G. J. C. White, J. Webb, F. M. Young, and J. W. Brown, Rev.

Isa Wallace was also present, and by vote of the Conference, was made a member in his own right. The programme of the evening consisted of addresses on the work of the Convention. Rev. G. J. C. White gave an earnest address on the educational work. The following gave addresses on the general work of the Convention: Revs. S. Langille, Isa Wallace, E. P. Coldwell and J. W. Brown. On Tuesday morning the Conference met for business for one hour. A committee consisting of Revs. G. J. C. White and J. A. Porter, was appointed to visit the Granville Mt. field, with a view of learning their condition and needs, to report at our next meeting.

The Conference then gave the right of way to the Baptist S. S. Convention, of the County for the remainder of the day. During the evening session the Conference was asked to resume its sitting for the purpose of setting, apart as deacons of the entertaining church, brethren Watson, Foster and Henry Messenger. Ordaining prayer, offered by Rev. Isa Wallace, charge to the deacons, Rev. E. P. Coldwell, and charge to the church by Rev. F. M. Young. The next Conference will be held with the church at Clementsvalle in November. Executive, Revs. S. Langille, J. T. Eaton and G. J. C. White. J. W. Brown, Sec'y.

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Acadia Seminary.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTEREST ACCOUNT FROM MAY 1 TO CLOSE OF CONVENTION YEAR, AUGUST, 1897.

W M McVicar, Annapolis, \$5; Prof F R Haley, Wolfville, \$5; H C Creed, Esq. Fredericton, \$5; Rev S Langille, Clementsvalle, \$2; S H Rogers, 25cts; Mrs Sarah McCully, Amherst, \$10; Mrs H E Wallace Shaw, Windsor, \$10; Jesse G Harding, Amherst, \$10; Rev H V Corey, India, \$5; Rev A Martell, Wolfville, \$2; Miss Minnie Pitch, Wolfville, \$5; R E Harris, Wolfville, \$5; Mrs Mary Smith, Amherst, \$10; W H Duncanson, Wolfville, \$5.51; Rev Z Pash, Liverpool, \$3; Rev W H Hutchins, Canning, \$2; Arthur Whitman, Esq., Halifax, \$20; E C Simmonson, Tusket, \$5; Mrs R R Crosby, Hebron, \$12.50; Rev R. B. Kinlay, Port Hillford, \$3; A Cohoon, Wolfville, \$25; Rev J E Bleakney, New Ross, \$5; G D Payzant, Windsor, \$2; C J Shand, Windsor, \$5; Fred Shand, Windsor, \$5; A P Shand, Windsor, \$25; Rev C B Freeman, Edmundston, \$4; P H Eaton, Kentville, \$2.25; Dr F Macfarlane, St John, \$5; Rev J E Tiner, Murray River, \$2; Rev J Miles, Boylston, \$2; S R Giffin, Isaac's Harbor, \$5; Harry Walker, Truro, \$5; H W Ryan, Truro, \$5; J P Ryan, Truro, \$2; J E Price, Truro, \$5; Rev H F Adams, Truro, \$5; Rev A A Shaw, Windsor, \$5; I B Oakes, Wolfville, \$4; Miss Annie M Short, Digby, \$1; G W Christie, Amherst, \$5; J A Christie, Amherst, \$5; Charles Christie, Amherst, \$5; Miss A A Wadman, Charlottetown, \$5; Rev J A Marple, \$5; Rev F M Young, Bridgetown, \$5; J W Bigelow, Wolfville, \$10; T S Simms, St John, \$5; Rev J Webb, Springfield, \$5; Rev G O Gates, St John, \$5; Rev E M Keirstead, D D, \$10; Rev H P Whidden, \$10; Rev E N Archibald, Lunenburg, \$5; Rev J W Tingley, Hebron, \$5; W M McVicar, Annapolis, \$6; J Harry Crowe, Bridgetown, \$5; Rev W M Smallman, Winthrop, \$5; F P Rockwell, Wolfville, \$5; F J Porter, Wolfville, \$5; J W Caldwell, Wolfville, \$5; J W Vaughn, Wolfville, \$1; Mrs Donald Grant, Montreal, \$12.50.

Manual Training Department Contributions for last quarter of Convention Year, ending August, 1897:


W A Harris, Windsor Junction, \$4; C J Shand, Windsor, \$5; A J Walker, Truro, \$5; J W Bigelow, Wolfville, \$5. A. COHOON, Treas. Acadia University, Wolfville, N. S., September 15.

Home Missions.

BOARD MEETING.

The September meeting of the Home Mission Board was held in the vestry of New Zion church, Yarmouth, on Monday, the 13th inst. Officers for the year: W. R. Doty, Esq., Chairman; Wm. Corning, Esq., Vice Chairman; A. Cohoon, Cor-Sec'y and Treas.; Rev. J. W. Tingley,

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GRANTS.

1. To the Preston field (African), Halifax County, to assist in keeping up Sunday School work, \$25; 2. To assist in the support of a colporteur for one year, \$150.

CHURCH EDIFICE FUND.

Voted to ask the Sunday Schools for \$300, at least, for Church Edifice Fund during the present year. In order to raise this it is proposed to ask the schools to take a special collection on the first Sunday in December. We hope that all pastors and Sunday School superintendents who read this will begin at once to take this matter up so as to send forward a good collection.

GROUPING APPROVED.

Voted, that the Board approves of the grouping of the West Brook, Diligent River and Port Greville churches as they have been united during the last two years, and strongly urges these churches to co-operate in settling another pastor as soon as possible.

A. COHOON, Cor-Sec'y.
Wolfville, N. S., September 15.

Seminary Debt.

At a recent meeting of the N. B. Baptist Convention, held at Gibson, the following resolution was moved by Rev. J. H. Hughes, seconded by Bro. Senator G. G. King, and unanimously adopted. In view of the fact that N. B. Baptists are under a moral obligation to pay the amount of debt on the N. B. Seminary.

Therefore resolved, that the churches composing this Convention be requested to make a strenuous effort at once to raise fifteen hundred dollars of the amount due Mont. McDonald as their share of the debt, also that all amounts raised be forwarded to J. S. Titus, at St. Martins, Treasurer of N. B. Convention.

Now, Brethren, please act promptly and thus relieve our burdened Bro. and prove our honesty. S. D. ERYINE, Sec'y.

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