

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.

MARYSVILLE, N. B.—On Sunday, Nov. 26th, another happy believer, a mother, was buried with Christ in baptism. Others are deeply interested. H. B. SLAOT.

ARCADIA, N. S.—Eight believers were baptized on Sunday, Nov. 26th. One of these was a young man received by the Chebogue church and baptized for that church. Others have been received, and others, we trust, will be guided by the Word into the same path of obedience. Bro. Martin's two weeks of labor in this place has been greatly blessed of God, and will long be thankfully remembered by the faithful among us. P. R. FOSTER.

UTICA, N. Y.—The Tabernacle church has prospered both materially and spiritually since the pastorate of Rev. William B. Wallace began, three years ago. From the first the congregations gradually grew until they were too large for the auditorium, so in June last the house of worship was closed for alterations, the services in the meantime being held in the large chapel. On the second Sunday in October the church was re-opened for services. The auditorium had been thoroughly renovated, remodeled and enlarged, and 250 sittings had been added, making a total seating capacity of 900. The auditorium has been improved in many respects, including new carpets, new electric lights and a new baptistry. A new organ costing \$6,000 was presented by Mr. Edward Thorn, and stands as a memorial to the late John Thorn, who was for nearly 60 years a beloved member of the church. Mr. Wallace preaches the pure gospel of Jesus Christ, and as a result has been privileged to baptize 111 converts into the church. The prayer and conference meetings are well attended, and are seasons of spiritual blessing and profit. The church is harmonious and united in all its work, and in cordial sympathy with Pastor Wallace in his efforts to advance Christ's kingdom.

CLEMENTS, N. S.—Nine months ago we came to labor on this large field and found the church in bad shape. We held some special meetings and as a visible result eight persons were baptized and united with God's children. But at the end of three months we were, on account of ill health, compelled to take a two months' rest, resuming regular pastoral work again on the first of August last. Feeling the great need of a spiritual awakening among church members, and of the salvation of sinners, we felt constrained to put forth an extra effort. Accordingly Evangelist J. A. Marple was invited to come over and help us. More than a week has passed since he came to our assistance. He preaches the gospel "in demonstration of the Spirit and of power." Last Sabbath morning a bright young man, nephew of the late Rev. Jos. F. Kempton, was baptized, and in the evening with two others received the hand of fellowship. Others have accepted Christ as their personal Saviour, and many are seeking the Lord. Bro. Marple is a man of prayer, full of faith and in dead earnest. He is very humble

and a great student of the Word. For the last seven years he has won souls for Christ in every place where he has labored. And now he has work engaged with different churches for the next six months. We are looking to God for a great blessing. L. J. TINGLEY, Clements, N. S. Nov. 28th.

MAUGERVILLE, SUNBURY CO.—The second year of our pastorate has just closed, and as we look back over these two years we see much to thank our God for. He has given us tokens of His love in saving souls, reviving Christians, and providing for us the necessities of life; never have we gone hungry, and our raiment has been good as we deserve. Fifty-nine were baptized at our hands and one for us at Fredericton, one from the Free Baptists joined our communion, and nine have been received by letter. The three churches to which we minister have shared in these additions as follows:—Maugerville 49; 2nd Sheffield, 17, and 1st Sheffield, 4. We have also to mention a new house of worship at Upper Maugerville, which is up and almost finished outside, but we need more money than what we have in hand to finish it inside. The Lord has shown His kindness in opening the hearts of many to aid us financially, and we trust He will continue to, as He knows our great need. Peradventure He might use a word from our pen now, allow us to say, money from any friend for this building would be thankfully received. The kindness these people have shown us, which is as manifest now as when we came, is another thing for which we are grateful, for only last week the 1st and 2nd Sheffield churches made Mrs. Brown a present of all but enough to buy her a nice fur coat that will make the cold winter up here seem warmer, and she desires to most heartily thank those friends who so kindly considered her comfort. However, amid these blessings from above and kindnesses from about us we have had some reasons to mourn. Death has visited our churches and taken quite a number of the older members. But pray for us that we mourn not over the departed, but for those who know not Christ. O. P. BROWN, Nov. 28th.

2ND HILLSBORO, DAWSON SETTLEMENT.—As it is some time since I reported to MESSENGER AND VISITOR I will now send a short report of how things are moving with us. We do not enjoy all the spiritual prosperity that we would desire, still our services are fairly well attended and the presence of the Lord is frequently realized. In consequence of the failing health of the pastor all the work has not been done in the church that should have been; but we find ourselves among a very kind and sympathetic people. Some time ago the people turned out with their teams and literally blocked our yard with wood. On the same evening about one hundred people, young and old, gathered at the parsonage, and after a bountiful repast prepared by the ladies, and spending a very pleasant evening, the company dispersed leaving with us a considerable quantity of groceries, and a small amount of cash, which will reduce the expenses of the house very much for some time. Somewhat later a number of friends came with sawing machine, driven by horse power, and sawed up the entire wood piles pre-

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viously hauled, ready for the stoves. So we are not likely to be cold this winter at least. We were very thankful for these favors so generously bestowed, and were assured by them that we did not lack friends in the community. But this is not all, for while the pastor was beginning to think seriously of having to resign his charge in consequence of poor health, the church and congregation moved to his relief and have generously granted him a three months' rest, while his salary continues the same. We cannot but feel drawn even nearer to the people on account of this act of Christian sympathy. Our prayer is that the Lord will bless this people both spiritually and temporally, and that they may realize the truth that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." As the church does not intend engaging any regular supply during the pastor's rest we would be glad to have a visit from any brother in the ministry who could spend a Sabbath with us. We very sincerely ask the prayers of God's people that the rest and medical treatment may have its desired effect of restoring the pastor to perfect health again that he may be able to resume his loved work for the Master.

S. W. KIRSTEAD.

Dawson Settlement, Nov. 27th.

Denominational Funds, N. S., from Nov. 1st to Nov. 24th.

Wolfville Ch. \$13.45; Isaac's Harbor, \$14.70; Lunenburg, \$14.50; New Tuskent, \$3; Rawdon, \$11.35; Kentville, \$8.33; do. S. S., \$5.95; Hantsport Ch., \$13; Tatamagouche, \$2; Dartmouth, \$24.73; Cambridge, \$5.80; Estate Capt. G. K.; Trefry, Yarmouth, \$50; 1st Ch. Yarmouth, \$33.23; Hubbard's Cove, 2nd St. Margaret's Bay Ch., \$2.10; East Apple River S. S., \$2; Sidney Ch., \$25; Mahone, \$17.75; North West, \$5.20; New Cornwall, \$2.50; Manchester, \$5.50; Bass River, \$13.25; do. special, \$5; Chester, \$30; Wilnot Mt., \$10; Arcadia Ch., "Christian Workers" Little River, \$5.46; Arcadia S. S., \$4; do. special, \$1.54; Chebogue Ch. \$2.40; Yarmouth Co. S. S. Convention, \$5; Tuskent Ch. \$11.35; Argyle, \$6.84; do S. S. special, 60c; Milton, Yarmouth Co. Ch., \$9.75; do. special, \$6; Dea. James McKeen, Aspen, \$2; E. A. McKeen, do, \$1; Mrs. Allen McConnell, do, \$1; Mrs. David McKeen, 50c; Samuel A. McKeen, 25c; Great Village Ch., \$13; West Jeddore S. S., \$3; Port Clyde, \$2; W. C. Shaw, Berwick, \$6; Jordan Falls S. S., \$4.10; Pleasantville, \$5; Deerfield and Pleasant Valley S. S., \$10; Westport, S. S., \$2.60; Woods Harbor Ch., \$1.25; Daniel Rogers, Springhill, \$10; Goshen Ch., \$13; Annapolis and Roundhill African Churches, \$3.50; do \$6; Granville Ferry for African Chs., \$2; do \$2; New Harbor, \$1; Bridgetown Ch., \$50; Woods Harbor B. Y. P. U., \$1; Hampton S. S., \$2.50; New Germany and Foster Settlement \$15.41; Lewis G. Hamilton, West Jeddore, \$1; Half Island Cove S. S., \$1.25; Wolfville, special collection for Foreign Missions, \$71.40; Antigonish Church, \$18.33; River John \$5.61; New Annan \$5.66 and Temple S. S. Yarmouth, \$10.—\$642.64 Before reported \$1019.64. Total \$1662.28

A. COHOON, Treas. D. F. N. S.

Wolfville, N. S. Nov.

Proposed Meetings to be Addressed by Rev. A. J. Vining.

Wednesday, " 6.—Havelock.
Thursday, " 7.—Harvey.
Friday, " 8.—Albert.
Sunday, " 10.—11 a. m. Germain St., St. John.
7 p. m. Main St., St. John.
Monday, " 11.—Leinster St., St. John.
Tuesday, " 12.—Carleton.
Wednesday, " 13.—Brussels St., St. John.
Thursday, " 14.—St. George.
Friday, " 15.—St. Stephen.
Sunday, " 17.—Fredericton, 11 a. m.; Gibson, 3 p. m.; Marysville, 7 p. m.

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The contributors to the December Ladies' Home Journal include Finley Peter Dunne (author of "Mr. Dooley"), Rev. Cyrus Townsend Brady, Ian MacLaren, S. T. Pickard, Mrs. Burton Kingsland, Edward Bok, George W. Cable, Albert W. Smith, Dan Beard, Franklin Fyles, Sara Beaumont Kennedy, and a half score of other equally well known writers. To the pictorial embellishment of the same number A. B. Frost, W. L. Taylor, H. C. Christy, Frank O. Small, Walter Russell,

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