

From the Churches.

Denominational Funds.

Fifteen thousand dollars wanted from the churches of 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. Osborn, 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.

BEAR RIVER.—Work is fairly well sustained, though not so aggressive as desired. A Law and Order League has recently been organized in town. We held a special Thanksgiving service at which a creditable offering was made for charitable purposes. An effort will be made to provide a meeting house at Greenland. Some meetings have been held recently at this station, resulting in conversions and quite a general quickening. I. W. P.

DORCHESTER, N. B.—The "Helena Blackadar" Mission Band was organized in the vestry of the First Baptist church of this town on Nov. 8th, with a membership of 35, by the Pastor Rev. B. H. Thomas. Officers are as follows: Supt's., Miss Rimmerman and Miss Cole; Pres., Minnie Bishop; Sec., Cecil Ward; Treas., Stella Palmer. Prospects are unusually bright. The children are enthusiastic. Any matter you have that would help. We will gladly pay for. B. H. THOMAS.

HILLSDALE, N. B.—Our church work is moving quietly forward. In mission, Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. work faithful ones are moving steadily on. As a result some have recently decided for Christ. At the close of our last B. Y. P. U. study, the pastor was presented with a very encouraging (although somewhat flattering) address, accompanied by a beautiful pair of fur mittens, the value of which was enhanced by the donors lining them with greenbacks. May the Lord reward them and enable the pastor to hold the high expectancy breathed in their address. Nov. 28th. R. M. BYRON.

LAWRENCETOWN, N. S.—During the past few months we have been enjoying a measure of progress. Our church presents a much better appearance by reason of a new coat of white paint. The exterior is now more in harmony with the interior which was renovated about six months ago. The new church bell continues to summon large congregations to the Sunday services but is not so persuading in its appeal on the evening of the weekly prayer-meeting. The people at the Inglesville branch of the church deserve great credit for the handsome appearance of their newly renovated meeting house. May God speedily send rich spiritual blessings! W. L. A.

CLEMENTSPORT.—On Sunday, 24th, baptized three more at Deep Brook and received one by letter, as a result of the special services. Thus far, twenty-four have united with the church from the Deep Brook section of the field—twenty-one by baptism and three by letter. Nearly one-half are married people. We hope to arrange for special services at the Port and Upper Clements within the next few months. On the 25th a number of the Port folk visited the parsonage and presented the pastor with an address and a number of valuable gifts as an evidence of their good-will. We expect soon to again baptize at Smith's Cove. Thirteen have already been baptized there. WARD FISHER.

HAVELOCK.—A quiet work of grace has been in progress at Frederickton Road—one of the outlying sections of this field. This work has been through the instrumentality of Deacon Beckwith—the senior deacon of this church. Yielding to what he considered the voice of the spirit, he visited the place and began holding services and visiting from house to house, speaking the message as he had opportunity. As a result he had the privilege of leading a number of sinners to Christ. Two have been received for baptism and others have found the Saviour. Let this be a suggestion to other deacons and Christian workers, to go into destitute sections and garner sheaves for Christ. This is true Home Missionary work. J. W. BROWN

Nov. 28.

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.—We had a dream, a vision of an institutional church, which should be industrial and educational, and which should practice the morality of Jesus. Our dream has vanished, broken by the bitter rocks of the world's realities. Although our attempt has proven a forlorn hope, yet the idea is not lost, and we feel that sometime in the future it will be most gloriously realized. The causes of our shipwreck are, first, the lack of money, which in this age of the kingdom of gold and the rampant spirit of commercialism, proved a fatal lack; second, the coming in of cranks and hobby riders, and disaffected members from other churches, who seized the opportunity of something new to press their views and who, when thwarted, made trouble; third, the impossibility of combining the heterogeneous prejudices, and circumscribed sectarian notions, bedded too deeply in ignorance and fear to give way. To accomplish that which we have failed to do needs a deeper heart, a wiser head, and a stronger arm than ours. We write this for the information of our friends who may be watching the outcome of our work, and for the instruction of all such dreamers as we have been. Our work will henceforth be known as the Fort Hamilton Avenue Baptist Mission. The old lines will broaden with broadening culture. H. S. BAKER.

CAMPBELLTON, N. B.—The sixteenth anniversary of the Baptist church here was celebrated Monday evening the 11th inst. After devotional exercises conducted by the pastor an interesting programme was carried out, consisting of music, calling the roll of church members, and the reading of a brief history of the church by clerk, H. H. Bray. According to the historical sketch read the church was organized by Rev. Isaiah Wallace, B. A., at that time general missionary of "The Maritime Baptist Home Mission Board." The church began its life with twenty-five members. It now has two hundred and twenty-three, with a total enrolment since its organization of two hundred and seventy-four. Seven pastors have been successively employed during these sixteen years and two or three others supplied the pulpit for a brief period. The names of the pastors are: W. C. Vincent, D. H. McQuarrie, C. P. Wilson, John Lewis, C. W. Sabes, A. F. Brown, J. W. Keirstead. The church owns a house of worship valued at \$2,500, and a parsonage valued at \$1,000; and next spring the church hopes to build a vestry and repair their house of worship, which will probably cost in the neighborhood of \$1,000; and part of the necessary funds for this are already on hand. During the last year fifty-five persons have been added to the membership, forty-eight of these by baptism, and the creditable sum of \$1,668.09 has been contributed by the church, \$525.00 of which was contributed as a thank offering on the anniversary occasion. The church expects to receive valuable reinforcements in Mr. Frank

Wortman, son of Dr. Wortman, Professor in Acadia; and J. E. Price, General Superintendent of the I. C. R. Mr. Wortman has recently bought out a grocery business in town and expects to move here with his family in a few weeks. J. E. Price will be no stranger either to the town or church, for while in Campbellton before as District Superintendent of the I. C. R., the Campbellton church was organized, he being a charter member and one of the first deacons. He and his esteemed family will be most heartily welcomed back to Campbellton and especially by the little Baptist church. Altogether the outlook for the future of the church is bright and the present pastor has every encouragement in his work. In compliance with the invitations sent out to ex-pastors to be present at the anniversary, or send a word of greeting, a note was received from Rev. C. P. Wilson, B. A., expressing the pleasant memories he had of the loyal little church, and wishing it every success; and also from Rev. C. W. Corey, B. A., of Liverpool, N. S. Bro. Corey, supplied this church as a student during a summer vacation. His words were also very hearty and much appreciated by the church.

Both of these brethren are esteemed very highly for their works' sake, and it is with deep regret that the church learned of Rev. C. W. Corey's recent severe illness. H. H. BRAY.

SANTA CRUZ, CAL.—Rev. D. L. Parker, son of Rev. D. O. Parker, formerly of Wolfville, N. S., has recently become pastor of the First Baptist church of Santa Cruz, and writes encouragingly of his work there. One very bright young man, the son of a Nova Scotian, has been baptized, and others are expected to follow. Congregations are growing and the interest deepening. Pastor Parker finds many of his fellow countrymen in the part of the State where he is situated, including a number of Baptist pastors who are doing valuable service for the cause. He has also met, at Stockton, Mr. R. W. Dodge, a graduate of Acadia and a successful lawyer, who is an active worker in the church. The Baptists have a second church in Santa Cruz, and a mission in the vicinity of the town.

PRINCE WILLIAM AND KINGSCLEAR.—As news from the churches is always interesting I send a few lines from this field. We have been laboring with this people for only six months but have found some of the kindest, most sympathetic people in our denomination. Our prayer-meetings at Prince William and Long Creek are increasing in attendance and interest and some are expressing a desire to live a Christian life. We have received donations both from Kingsclear and Prince William. About a month ago while the pastor and his wife were making some calls one brother had a barrel of flour rolled into our pantry. Our congregations are good and we are praying for an outpouring of God's spirit in our midst. On Sunday, Nov. 24, the pastor exchanged pulpits with Bro. Rogers of Mangerville who preached two very interesting and instructive sermons. C. W. S.

Personal.

Rev. H. G. Estabrook, having removed from New Glasgow to Springhill, N. S., desires his correspondents to note the change in his address.

Rev. Z. L. Fash has lately entered upon his work as pastor of the Woodstock church under what seem to be very favorable auspices. The position is an important one, and we trust that Pastor Fash's work may result in great blessing to the church.

Rev. N. A. McNeill has removed from Hampton Village to Pettitcodiac having accepted a call to the pastorate of the church in that place. Mr. McNeill's successor at Hampton is Rev. H. S. Shaw, formerly of Liverpool, N. S., who, after a short period of rest for the strengthening of his health, is now, we are glad to see, entering upon pastoral work again. We trust that these excellent brethren may be very happy and successful in their several fields of labor.

Annapolis County Conference.

This Conference convened at 10 o'clock on Monday, Nov. 25. On account of the very inclement weather the attendance was small. Pastors Smallman, Blackadar, Tingley, Archibald and Rev. I. W. Wallace were present together with a number of laymen. A sermon on "Divine Delays" was preached by Pastor W. L. Archibald at the Monday evening session, the evangelistic service which followed being led by Rev. I. Wallace.

On Tuesday morning after devotional service the business was taken up. In the absence of Pres. Daley, Vice-Pres Small-

man presided. The Conference recorded its disappointment that Rev. L. Morse had not seen his way clear to accept our invitation to hold missionary meetings among the churches of this county. Reports from the churches were of a hopeful character. During the afternoon Rev. I. Wallace and Rev. C. J. Tingley presented able addresses on "Revivals" followed by an earnest discussion in which every individual was deeply interested. A platform missionary meeting was held in the evening, at which addresses were delivered by Rev. T. A. Blackadar, Rev. W. L. Archibald and Rev. Isaiah Wallace. Although the attendance was small, yet the spirit of these meetings was excellent. They were regarded by the delegates as exceedingly helpful and inspiring. The words of Rev. Isaiah Wallace, the veteran Pastor and Evangelist, were especially valued as representing a long experience in the work of God. The kindness and hospitality of the people of Tor Brook could not be surpassed. The session will convene about the middle of February, probably in Granville.

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