

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.

SECOND SHEFFIELD, N. B.—Pastor Brown reports an interesting condition of affairs on his field. He is meeting with encouragement in his work. A new member was lately received into the Second Sheffield church.

MONTAGUE, P. E. I.—An effort is now being made in this place to build a parsonage. The undertaking is one of considerable difficulty in a small church, but very encouraging progress has already been made in securing subscriptions for the work. We have strong hope that the enterprise will not end in failure. A parsonage is much needed in Montague.

April 26. W. H. W.

PORT LORNE, N. S.—As a result of special services held here by Pastor Cooney one candidate, Miss Estella Sabean, was received by baptism on Sunday the 21st. A number of spiritually dead members have been quickened to new life and the weekly prayer service is an inspiring hour. We hope for greater blessing yet.

April 27th. A. C. CHARLTON, Clerk.

POINT DE BUTE.—I was much cheered on driving up to the meeting house, Point de Bute, on Saturday, to see the roof being newly shingled, and to learn that the repairs contemplated inside were being provided for. We held a pleasant conference while the music of the tapping hammers mingled with that of our singing. God has a blessing for those who love his house. I felt a peculiar freedom in preaching on the Unbreakable Bond, Rom. 8:35, with a slight counter-current which all preachers understand.

3RD COVERDALE A. CO. N. B.—God is still blessing the people in this place. The meetings were continued last week with increasing interest and definite results. Six more confessed Christ with the mouth for the first time. Wanderers are still returning, one testifying after a period of 20 years. Large audiences all day Sunday, 3 were baptized. Another brother is received who has rejected Christ for more than 40 years and will be baptized by a favorite minister. Others are anxious and ask the prayers of God's people.

HURST AND BREMAN.

GABARUS AND FOURCHER, C. B.—About three months ago I took up the work with these churches, and the Lord has blessed us, many that had been cold are returning and praising their Master. During my short time that I have been with them I have found them to be a kind hearted and loving people and desirous of maintaining the services of the Master. We sincerely ask an interest in the prayers of all God's children for the prosperity of his cause here, and that his Holy Spirit may be abundantly poured out upon us that souls may be brought to own their Saviour.

W. E. CARPENTER, Pastor.

TANCOCK, N. S.—Owing to the prolonged illness of Mrs. Dresser, our absence for eight weeks, while she was under treatment at Victoria Hospital, Halifax, we have not been able to give as much attention to the work as we could otherwise have done. We are thankful to be able to report some progress. Two young men have confessed Christ, others have been strengthened by the Spirit. We wish to thank our many friends in Halifax and elsewhere for their many acts of kindness and sympathy shown us during the months of Mrs. Dresser's illness. She is slowly recovering. We would also thank our dear people. They have truly obeyed the Lord's command, "Bear ye one another's burdens." They have paid us for the time we were away, besides giving us \$60 in donations. Truly they are a kind and loving people. We are praying for a cargo of blessings and are getting ready to go down to the wharf to unload it, we expect it to come.

E. P. DRESSER.

BEAR RIVER, N. S.—Our annual meeting recently held showed about \$1600 raised for all purposes, all bills paid, and a good balance in the treasury. One was baptized April 28th, and four have been received by letter. Conditions are ripening for further

gatherings. The church roll is being revised by a strong committee, which may result in a nominal decrease of membership. I have been holding a weekly meeting of late at Greenfield school house, more familiarly known as the Back Line, and some interest is developing. Backsliders are returning and about a dozen have shown a desire to enter upon the Christian life. Some of our Normal Class will take the Provincial examination.

I. W. PORTER

1ST ST. MARGARET'S BAY AND INDIAN HARBOR.—On leaving this field on account of my wife's health, I wish to place on record, my high opinion of the members of these churches as a whole. From first to last I have received nothing but kindness from them, with not an unkind word from anyone worth mentioning. And poor as they are on the average, we have wanted for nothing. Before the winter set in, they placed a stove and coal in the parsonage at a cost of \$31. Their gifts outside the usual offerings, if small, were numerous, and at the close of a year's ministry, they have not only unfailingly paid the guaranteed amount, but gave a voluntary offering of \$26 in addition. The regularity of their attendance was only equalled by the closeness of their attention and their ever-increasing earnestness, and whoever may follow in the ministry of the Word he will find them far beyond the ordinary congregations in their knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus. Their affectionate regard for me is out of all proportion to the service I was enabled to render them, and wherever the Lord may lead me and however much larger the congregation I will never find a more loving people, nor one quicker to perceive and appreciate additional light on old truths. This field is worthy of far better treatment than apparently it has ever received, it being a physical impossibility for any one man to work the whole of it with profit to anyone, not even himself, and if those who profess to have the care of the denomination at heart, and the only communication received from anyone during the year a request for a subscription to the Convention Fund—would give their attention and efforts to this matter, a strong Baptist field might be found all around this Bay, instead of the "gone to seed" state of things that I found on my first visit.

C. PADLEY.

LOWER GRANVILLE, N. S.—A little more than six months ago we were led to accept an invitation to take the pastorate of the church at Lower Granville. The prospect was not at all encouraging. There had not been a weekly prayer meeting upon the whole field for many months. The cause seemed to be in a very low condition all over the field. The meeting house in the Karadale Section was not in a state to hold service in at all. But with some encouragement and careful management the ladies of this section who had some money in the bank for the purpose of repairing, took the work in hand, and celled the whole inside at a cost of \$130. While this work was going on, the committee on repairs found that the roof of the house must be shingled in order to keep the work that the ladies were completing, in good shape. So the secretary treasurer of the repair committee started a subscription paper and gave it a good send off by liberally heading the list, and through his management cedar shingles were obtained and the roof made new, and the whole inside varnished, and now our house of worship in this section is better than new. While these repairs were going on we were engaged in special services at Stony Beach, also at Lower Granville, with cheering results. Three were received at Stony Beach for baptism and membership, one of them brother I. Wallace's eldest granddaughter, and several were received at Lower Granville section for baptism. The Lord's cause revived all up and down the valley this side of the river. The last Sabbath in March we reopened the newly repaired house at Karadale. Brothers Roach from Annapolis, and Appleby from the Ferry came to our help. Pastor Roach preached and the Lord greatly helped him. We also had service in the evening, and the Master's presence was in our midst, at the close several arose for prayers. Bro. Roach remained over for several days and was a great help in the work. The second week in April Brother Isaiah Wallace came to our aid. His very presence seemed to thrill the older members of the church with new zeal and courage. Bro. Wallace remained for one week and greatly cheered and helped on the work of the Lord. Since the new year came in we have visited the shore of the old Annapolis Basin just a half dozen times, and buried willing con-

verts in baptism beneath its waves. Last Sabbath we had baptism at the Karadale section, when Capt. Young and his youngest daughter, completing the household, and two other young ladies, were baptized and received into the fellowship of the church. There are others who I trust will soon follow in the footsteps of Jesus. More than a dozen wanderers, mostly men, have returned to their Father's house and service. The young people at Lower Granville have organized a young people's meeting for Sabbath evening, with prospect of much good. The work has been quiet and we trust deep, and pray that it may be permanent and far reaching. Much good has been done, but oh, how much remains to be accomplished. Brethren pray for this old historic church, that she may come forth arrayed in strength, putting on her beautiful garments, clothed in the righteousness of her Lord and Master. T. A. BLACKADAR. Granville, May 3rd.

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FROM APRIL 22ND TO APRIL 30TH, 1901.

Hebron church, \$29 63; Jordan Bay, \$2 50; Sand Point, \$1 59; Stelburne, \$5 45; River John, \$7 35; New Annan, \$6 74; Tatamagouche, \$3; Jeddore, \$6; Wallace, \$5; Pleasantville, \$5; Bridgetown, \$10 05; Hampton, \$4; do Sunday School, \$1; Chester, \$1 70; Chester Basin, 60c; New Minas, \$4 03; Nictaux and Torbrook, \$15; Cambridge, \$13; New Ross, \$8; Melvern Square, \$13; Margareville, \$5 15; Prince Albert, \$5; Evergreen, \$2 02; Mahone, \$12 36; North West, \$2 49; New Cornwall, \$3; Shubal J Dimock, Newport, special, \$25.—\$197 66. Before reported, \$5230 36. Total for three quarters of Convention Year, \$5428 02.

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

Wolfville, N. S., May 1st.

Better Prayer than Criticism.

In writing to a pastor, one of our church members makes the discriminating observation: "Our pastor, with many others, needs more prayer than they (sic) get; and if criticism and prayer were reversed in the order of time given, better results would follow. Personally I want to bring them more before the throne."

If this were done,—if members would cease criticising us, and take to praying for us—giving of course the same time and energy to the performance,—the place would be shaken, as of old, and Pentecostal results would follow. Perhaps some one will try this original experiment.

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The Dual Nervous System

(From American Medicine.)

Cross-education is the name given by Prof. Scripture, of Yale, to the results upon the organs on the opposite sides of the body from exercise of a limb or organ. The simplest instance is that a gain of seventy per cent, in strength of the right hand exercising it alone secures a gain of fifty per cent, in the unexercised left hand. The law holds not only as regards strength, but also in other qualities. The fact helps to explain why in right handed people, for instance, the left retains so much strength and expertness. The question also arises if other organs than corresponding one may not be influenced, for example, the left foot by means of exercise of the right hand. (Why are right handed soldiers required to step off with the left foot first?) Finally the development in the defective classes of mental and moral characteristics by systematized physical instruction which teaches order, rhythm, accuracy and judgment is explained and put upon a rational basis. The claims of the manual training advocates are justified and made clear. The experiments at the Kimira Reformatory thus elicit the greatest interest. How far it may be possible to educate into something like normality the weak minded, criminally inclined, and even the idiotic becomes an important study. Professor Scripture calls this "the principle of character building by motor activity."

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The Dispensary System in Clayton, N. C.

The speech of Hon. Geo. E. Foster seems to have created some interest in Government monopoly or Gothenburg System. We call it Dispensary System. This town has had one since July, 1899—about three months before I arrived. It has its difficulties and disadvantages—what system hasn't? It has some advantages also. In my opinion its effects in this town have justified my suffering for advocating it. It is opposed as bitterly by the liquor power as prohibition, that is rather significant. Abstinens in the country tell me Clayton is a different town. The better element in the town say the same. It is much better than "free rum" or license high or low, and it can be established in towns where prohibition can not. I lived in Sydney, Antigonish, and Morehead but under prohibition not backed by public sentiment. I think I prefer the dispensary with all its difficulties. JOHN LEWIS Clayton, N. C.

The most disastrous fire in the history of Jacksonville, Fla., took place on Friday, starting in a small factory from a defective wire. Property damage, estimated from \$100,000 to \$150,000, was caused. According to the city map 130 blocks were burned, many of them in the heart of the business and residential section. The estimate of houses to the block is ten, hence 1,300 of them went up in smoke. Many of the finest public and private buildings were destroyed, including hotels, theatres, churches and residences. The casualties cannot be accurately estimated. That there were several seems to be authenticated. The Mayor ordered all the saloons closed and has impressed help to clear the wreckage. Chief Haney, of the fire department, became insane as the fire spread beyond his control, and had to be taken in charge.

The fine residence of Norman Durkee at Deerfield, Yarmouth county, was destroyed by fire Tuesday last.

BRAIN FOOD.

Is of Little Benefit Unless It is Digested.

Nearly everyone will admit that as a nation we eat too much meat and too little of vegetables and the grains.

For business men, office men and clerks, and in fact everyone engaged in sedentary or indoor occupations, grains, milk and vegetables are much more healthful.

Only men engaged in severe outdoor manual labor can live on a heavy meat diet and continue in health.

As a general rule meat once a day is sufficient for all classes of men, women and children, and grains, fruit and vegetables should constitute the bulk of food eaten.

But many of the most nutritious foods are difficult of digestion and it is of no use to advise brain workers to eat largely of grains and vegetables where the digestion is too weak to assimilate them properly.

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