

## 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.

**STEWIACK, N. S.**—Rev. A. Chipman has reluctantly retired from the Stewiack and Musquodoboit field on account of its extent and requirements, hoping a worthy successor will soon be on the ground to take up the work. Mr. Chipman's address is Berwick, Kings Co., N. S.  
Nov. 18th. A. CHIPMAN.

**THIRD YARMOUTH CHURCH.**—Sister Jean Killam was baptized and received into the church Sunday, Nov. 19th. We purpose holding special meetings soon, and hope others may decide for Christ. N. B. D.

**SALISBURY, N. B.**—Baptized two more on this field last Sunday. God has blessed us in this church for which we desire to be thankful. Though we are thankful we are not satisfied, but pray to the Giver of all blessing to bring more into the fold of Jesus.  
J. E. TINKER.

Salisbury, Nov. 24th.

**ALMA, N. B.**—We have been holding some special meetings. Bro. Marple spent two weeks with us, during which time we baptized twelve. We continued the meetings another week and baptized eight more, making twenty received into the church. Others are seeking the Lord. To God be all the glory.  
M. ADDISON.

**VICTORY.**—The new Baptist meeting house was dedicated for worship on Sunday, the 19th inst. At the morning service Evangelist J. A. Marple preached a very appropriate and soul stirring sermon. In the afternoon Rev. G. W. Schurman, of Bear River, preached a very able sermon, taking for his subject, "The Church." In the evening Pastor L. J. Tingley preached an evangelistic sermon, followed by the earnest testimonies of God's children. Thus ended a day long to be remembered by the people of Victory.  
L. J. TINGLEY.

**WINDSOR, N. S.**—We had a great day on the 19th when we dedicated our new meeting house to the worship of God. Dr. Keirstead preached the dedication sermon in the morning, Pastor Chute, of Halifax, preached in the afternoon, and Dr. Trotter in the evening. These brethren have placed us under a deep debt by their sermons. They were of the nourishing and invigorating kind and will be long remembered by all who heard them. The choir was ably assisted by Mr. Lewis Rice, of Truro, and local singers. We expect to baptize three candidates next Lord's day.  
A. A. S.

**AYLESFORD, N. S.**—The Aylesford section of this field was favored with a delightful visit from Rev. A. J. Vining on Nov. 16th, who spoke to us with his usual energy and power of the work in the great West. Adverse conditions rendered his audience much smaller than we could have wished, but a deep impression was made upon those privileged to hear him, and we were able to send him on his way \$77.77 richer than when he came, with the assurance that we would make it at least \$100 before he leaves the Province. This is from the Aylesford sections alone. Bro. Vining's visits are calculated to impart to our churches a distinct spiritual impulse, and no effort should be spared in securing a large hearing for him everywhere. He is God's own messenger and gives more than he gets. We say "amen" to Pres. Trotter's words of commendation, and would urge the brethren to look out for the mid-week engagements.  
Nov. 22nd. JOHN BURT MORGAN.

**SPRINGFIELD, ANNAPOLIS CO.**—On Friday evening 17th, the Woman's Aid Society of Springfield held, at the parsonage, an exceedingly pleasant Social. Members from our sister Society at Falkland Ridge and other friends were present. We had no less than five of our worthy deacons with us and all present spent the evening in happiest mood of mind. The immediate purpose of this gathering was not the raising of money but the strengthening of the ties of Christian fellowship so helpful in our work. Sunday, the 19th, the pastor baptized, at Dalhousie East, four bright, intelligent young people. It is several years since the deep baptismal waters were visited in this place. The hearts of the faithful through long waiting had become heavy, but now we thank God for this token of Divine remembrance and gather courage for future work.  
F. E. LOCKE.

**BOYLSTON, N. S.**—A most enjoyable social gathering was held at the Baptist parsonage in Boylston on the evening of the 16th inst. Though the entire day had been very stormy, and friends outside of Boylston were disappointed in their expectation of being with us, the parsonage was brightened at an early hour by the presence of many happy faces, representing the young and middle-aged, all on harmless mischief bent. On taking stock at the close of the evening's enjoyment the pastor and wife found themselves richer by about \$20 in cash and other needfuls, for which the kind donors have our sincere thanks. The disappointed friends of Middle Manchester and other sections threaten to invade our grounds at a later date and have their "good time" also. We are among a kind and united people in whom we feel a deepening interest. May God bless them, one and all.  
R. H. BISHOP.

**P. S.**—Last winter the friends donated a year's supply of wood, the gift chiefly of Birchtown.  
R. B.

**TABERNACLE, ST. JOHN.**—The influence of the Holy Spirit has been felt to a wondrous degree in our church during the past few weeks. Marvelous results have followed the series of meetings conducted by our beloved pastor. At times we forget that we are merely the sowers and look immediately for the harvest, forgetting that it is God that giveth in his own time the fruit, and also the inspired words, "He that goeth forth and weepeth bearing precious seed shall doubtless come again with rejoicing bringing his sheaves with him." It has been our joyous experience to see many precious souls receive the Word gladly, the seed having fallen on good ground. Three have united by letter, three by experience and twenty-two by baptism, a total of twenty-eight added to our membership. Our pastor, Rev. Perry J. Stackhouse, by his untiring energy and zeal for the Master, his genial and kindly manner, his ready sympathy and manly character has so endeared himself to us that indeed it would seem almost impossible to exist as a church without him. Pray for us that we may be strengthened to hold up his hands in his labors. It is our intention if possible to enlarge our church building the coming spring, as we find it impossible to accommodate the numbers who wish to attend our meetings. A great many being obliged to leave the doors, every available space being occupied. Our prospects financially are good.  
A. H. PATTERSON.

St. John, N. B., Nov. 27th.

**BERWICK, N. S.**—The good people of Berwick and vicinity on Tuesday, Nov. 7, made a special effort to bring good cheer to the hearts of their pastor and his wife. It was the tenth anniversary of their marriage. Large numbers came, quite filling the new and spacious parsonage. Deacon Rupert Killam was called to the chair and introduced the following speakers: Dea. John March, M. D., being called upon read a carefully prepared address to the pastor and wife, briefly reviewing their five years of service; Rev. C. H. Martell, of Canard, who with his wife were the special guests of the evening, made a congratulatory and fraternal address, speaking at some length of the intimate relation between pastor and people. Rev. T. McFall (Presbyterian), of Somerset, spoke also words of congratulation, and dwelt briefly upon the pleasant relationships which existed between the different churches. Dea. Chas. Sandford spoke in behalf of the church. A very interesting recitation, from Washington Irving, was rendered by Mr. Almor Morse. Mrs. Harry Lyons presided at the piano and rendered several selections of instrumental music. At the close of the programme refreshments were served by the ladies, after which the company departed leaving their pastor richer by some forty-five dollars. Too much cannot be said of the generosity and kindness of this people, who have recently built at a large expenditure the new parsonage. May heaven's richest blessing rest upon all the donors.  
D. H. SIMPSON, Pastor.

**NICTAUX.**—Our new meeting house was formally opened for worship on Sunday, Nov. 19th, by a striking coincidence, this being the same day of the month on which the old house was burned just ten months ago. The preachers for the day were Rev. J. C. Morse, D. D., of Digby Neck in the morning; Rev. D. H. Simpson, of Berwick, in the afternoon, and Rev. H. N. Parry, of Melvern Square in the evening. Besides these the following pastors were also present during different parts of the day: Revs. C. W. Corey, L. F. Wallace, R. D. Porter, Wm. Brown, W. C. Brown and Mr. Howie, the last three are Methodist ministers. Strong and stirring sermons were preached. The congregations were large, overflowing our seating capacity, the aisles

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were well filled with chairs, although the weather was unfavorable, there being a thick mist all day. The church is hopeful but we are not yet over the hard place. The house with its furnishings will cost about \$3,500, and a large part of this is still unpaid. We have made as yet no distressing appeal for outside aid nor do we intend to do so, but we have not refused as yet any sums large or small which our friends have sent us. Any help now will be most welcome and timely. We are longing now for spiritual blessings.  
Nov. 20th. J. W. BROWN.

**CHESTER.**—Some of the people in these parts think it is time the illicit rum-selling was rendered unprofitable, and they mean business this time. I will keep you posted as to the conflict. The Sunday Schools are doing better work, especially those having a teachers' meeting. It is a monstrous absurdity to attempt to run a Sunday School without having a teachers' meeting for the study of the lesson, etc. I trust that the Junior Union work will assume better proportions this year. I am trying to get the Junior Baptist Union paper in all the homes. It is the best boys' and girls' paper printed in America, and the price in clubs is only 15c. per year. I wish all the pastors would take hold of this work. If they do there won't be so many wishy-washy Baptists in the rising generation. I am anxious to see our people with the MESSENGER AND VISITOR in their homes. I notice that those families which read it year after year are intelligent and useful. It is a pastor's right-hand man. Elder Blakeney is spending two weeks with me. We have had a week's meetings at the Basin and it has been a time of refreshing. He preaches with great eloquence and in the power of the Holy Ghost. A large number have manifested a desire for salvation and it is our hope that many of these are the subjects of redeeming grace. If so we will hear more from them.  
W. H. JENKINS.

**PUGWASH, N. S.**—The Baptist church, which has been enlarged and remodelled, was dedicated on Oct. 29. Rev. D. A. Steele, of Amherst, preached at 11 a. m. to a large and appreciative audience from 1 John 5:3. The sermon, which was pungent with truth and most impressively delivered, was listened to with rapt attention. At 2.30 Rev. A. F. Baker, of Oxford, delivered a second impressive and telling sermon from Luke 22:31, 32. "Sinners, Satan, Saviour." At 7 p. m. Rev. H. G. Estabrook, of New Glasgow, spoke from Hagai 2:9. The discourse throughout was highly instructive and clearly presented. The Presbyterian and Methodist pastors of the town assisted in the services. All the services of the day were of a highly appreciative order and we feel very grateful to the kind brethren who came to our help. It is fifty years since the old house was dedicated but the building was so good that it was thought better to enlarge and renovate than to build anew. This has been done in a most tasteful and modern manner. The audience room, which will seat about 350 is very neat and comfortable. A very bright and convenient vestry 28x32, with well finished class rooms above, make it a very convenient church. The house throughout is lighted with acetylene gas, which has proven very satisfactory. The audience room is seated with circular pews nicely cushioned. The vestry and class rooms are seated with reversible settees. The cost has been something over \$1,500. During the four months that the house has been undergoing repairs the Presbyterian congregation kindly gave the use of their house of worship. In view of what has been done by a band of faithful workers, we "thank God and take courage."  
C. H. HAVERSTOCK.

### Home Missions.

#### BOARD MEETING.

The H. M. Board of the Maritime Convention, met in regular session on the 15th inst. Reports for the first quarter were received from Brethren A. E. Ingram, St. Margaret's Bay; F. L. Cann, Granville Mountain; F. Beattie, Little Glace Bay; J. A. Huntly, Brooklyn church, Kings Co.; L. J. Slaughterwhite, Port Hawkesbury and Tracadie; C. W. Turner, Montague, P. E. I.; E. B. Locke, East Dalhousie; P. R. Foster, Chebogue; E. A. McPhee, Souris, P. E. I.; E. N. Archibald, Lunenburg; R. Mutch, Rawdon; T. A. Blackadar, Kempt;

J. T. Dimock, River John, etc.; P. D. Nowlan, Amherst Shore, H. Carter, Murray River; D. W. Crandall, Maitland and Walton; R. B. Kinley, Little Hope church; A. Chipman, Lower Stewiacke; H. L. Kempton, New Ross; S. S. Poole, Crow Harbor; J. G. A. Belyea, Gabarouse. Some of our missionaries failed to have their reports in hand in time for meeting.

### GRANTS.

1. To Acadia Mines church, Colchester Co., \$50, to assist them in making up their part of pastor Chipman's salary for one year. This church has been having a hard experience for some time past, owing to the shut down of the iron works. It is hoped that these may soon be re-opened.
2. To Lunenburg church \$125, to assist in making up the salary of pastor Archibald for one year.
3. To Country Harbor group \$100, to assist in making up the salary of pastor Edwin Simpson for one year.
4. To Port Hawkesbury and Tracadie churches, \$125 for one year, Rev. L. Slaughterwhite, pastor.
5. To Montague, which now includes Georgetown, P. E. I., \$150 for one year, Rev. C. W. Turner, pastor.
6. To Annandale, Dundas, and St. Peters, \$60 for one year, Rev. A. C. Shaw, pastor.
7. To Souris, P. E. I., \$15 for balance of his year with the church.
8. To Greenwich and Wentworth and Westchester, Cumberland Co., \$125 for one year, Rev. J. Clark.
9. To River John, New Annan and Tatamagouche churches, \$150 for one year, Rev. J. T. Dimock, pastor.

### CAUTION.

We wish all our mission churches to understand, that when the Board advises a minister to visit a church, they advise the church of their action.

A. COHOON, Cor. Sec'y.  
Wolfville, N. S., Nov. 22nd.

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