

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.

ELGIN 3rd.—I have concluded my pastoral charge of the third Elgin church to resume my studies at Acadia, which I was caused to quit about a year ago on account of sickness. The following is a brief account of my labors there. Preached forty-nine sermons, attended fifty-eight prayer and social services, with an average of thirteen testimonies at each service, made one hundred and forty pastoral calls. The church is now without a pastor. May God direct the proper one to this field. Jan. 16. W. H. SMITH.

KARS, KINGS CO., N. B.—I am glad to be able to report that our pastor, Rev. W. J. Gordon, has been holding special services for the past three weeks in our church at Kars. The cause has been greatly revived; many members of the church that we had not heard from in a long time have again taken their stand as workers for the Master; and eight young converts have been baptized, and joined the church, and we hope it is but the beginning of better days in our church work. MILLS G. JENNINGS, C. C.

OSBORNE, N. S.—We have had a successful Christmas concert. Have observed the week of prayer, and are now engaged in special work for the spiritual upliftment of Zion. This kind and sympathetic people is somewhat discouraged because of the financial depression in our midst, caused by the failure of shore fishing. But the clouds are dispersing; the dawn is breaking in upon us; and we are praying for the full orb of the spiritual sun. ALLAN SPIDELL.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—The special meetings have been in progress all the week with increasing attendance. The main audience room was well filled Thursday and Friday evening. Many Christian workers of other churches are assisting, and their help is much valued by us. Pastor Browne, of North River, comes in and preaches every evening, (weather permitting). On Tuesday evening Pastor Turner, of Montague Bridge, preached a good sermon on sanctification. G. P. RAYMOND.

Jan. 21.

GIBSON, N. B.—The Gibson church has issued its annual report in a neat little pamphlet which, besides containing lists of officers, statistical statements, etc., is adorned with neat cuts of the church building and the new parsonage. The report shows moneys raised by the church for local purposes, (exclusive of Sunday School), amounting to \$96.90; for Missions, \$146.30; Sunday School receipts, \$94.36; \$83.08 have been paid in subscriptions to the building fund. The membership of the church is 196. Baptized during year 7; received by letter 5; dismissed 10; died 2. Number in Sunday School 150; number in B. Y. P. U. 47.

EAST MARGARETSVILLE.—I have been holding meetings at East Margaretsville for some weeks with increasing interest. Indeed I never knew a more general interest among the unconverted. But they are coming into the light of the gospel and liberty of God's people slowly. Yet the work progresses and much has been accomplished for which thank God. The church has been greatly quickened. Backsliders and some of long standing have come back to their Father's house. Difficulties of long standing have been removed and quite a number we trust have been saved. Rev. D. H. Simpson was with us four evenings and did splendid service. Last week Rev. Isa. Wallace gave us three services and a great uplift. H. N. PARRY.

Melvern Square, Jan. 13.

RAWDON CHURCH.—During the year death claimed one of our number, and the Lord added three to our membership. We purchased and placed in our church a new organ, which, with Miss Mason as organist, adds very much to the interest of our meetings. We expended about \$45 on our church property, which adds much to the comfort of the worshippers. On Dec. 26th, the Sabbath School favored us with a Christmas Tree bearing much fruit, and a concert that was highly appreciated by the large congregation present. On the last evening of the year a sociable was held at the home of Bro. John McLaran, Esq., at which everything was enjoyable, but nothing more so than the contents of the well filled table provided by the ladies of Rawdon. The pastor was presented with \$22. H. HATCH.

NORTH RANGE, DIGBY CO.—Sunday, Jan. 15th, was a happy day with us at North Range, Digby Co., N. S. Notwithstanding it was stormy and cold, we had the pleasure of baptizing nine happy converts, three young men, three boys and three girls, into the fellowship of the St. Marys Bay Baptist church, and still the good work is going on. We expect to baptize again next Sunday. Bro. Wm. McGregor, (whose family is living in South Range section of our field), has rendered us valuable assistance for about two weeks. Our Bro. is selling his lecture, on revelation. He is open to a call to any Baptist church wanting a pastor. Yours in the work, JAS. A. PORTER.

MIDDLETON.—We have recently paid \$175 on our church debt. At a business meeting, January 16, the trustees were instructed to sell the old parsonage, when this has been done the question of a new one near the church will be considered. The old house is a mile away. Anyone desiring a comfortable home with 2 acres of land and orchard, would do well to correspond. The desirableness of Middleton as a location is evinced in the steady inflow of new comers. Three retired Methodist clergymen are here and others want to come. Our Juniors are enjoying their work. Their society is steadily growing in numbers. Dr. Chiver's course of lessons for them is very helpful. C. W. CORRY.

NEW TUSKET.—On New Year's day a new meeting house was opened at Hillsdale—a section of the New Tusket field—under hopeful conditions. No debt remains on the building, and no unscriptural methods have been resorted to in order to secure money for the work. So far as we know, all has been given freely and cheerfully. Two persons have recently united by letter with the New Tusket church. A number of professed followers of the Lord appear to be seeking a closer walk with God. A donation of \$24, from Tew Tusket, and another of \$30 from Weymouth, have been received by the pastor recently. We praise God for whom all blessings flow! H. A. GIFFIN.

Weymouth, Jan. 17.

WOLFVILLE.—The sudden death of Arthur L. Calhoun is deeply felt. He was an esteemed citizen, and we hoped for him a long and useful life in the town. He was interested in Acadia, from which he was graduated in 1882, and his college friends loved him. But he was suddenly cut off. The sympathy is deep and general for his bereaved family. Pastor Hatch made fitting references to the event in his sermon last Lord's Day. The church is prospering. A new departure has been made in the appointment of deacons, who will hereafter hold office for seven years. On retiring from office they are to be ineligible for re-election until at least a year has elapsed. An exception is made in the case of Dea. J. W. Bars, who is deacon for life, and a proper recognition of a most worthy man, this action of the church will be considered.

RICHMOND, CARLETON CO.—The McKenzie Corner church made their seventh annual donation visit to the parsonage on Dec. 9, which exceeded all former ones both in numbers and gifts. In addition to Baptists were Presbyterians, Methodists and others. The visit gave pleasure to those who made it, and gave encouragement to the pastor for whom it was made. Being away on Sunday the 8th, Bro. Cary Barton took our appointments preaching with much acceptance, and we earnestly hope with much profit to the people. The good news from the churches in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR, is very cheering indeed, and we are not at all jealous that others are enjoying greater blessings than ourselves, but we are anxious to share in those blessings. But we are not altogether discouraged, for we know that the Holy Spirit is not confined to either time or place, therefore we are hopeful. It may be "the time of figs," with us, "is not yet." The vision is tarrying, and we are waiting. However, it is inspiring even, to know that we yet have the privilege of praying and working, and that our labor is not in vain in the Lord. C. CURRIE.

Green Road, Jan. 14.

NEWCASTLE, NORTHUMBERLAND CO., N. B.—On the evening of the 13th of January, a number of our friends at Newcastle paid us an informal visit in the guise of a surprise party. With refreshments, musical and social entertainment went a very pleasant evening. Before the meeting broke up, Bro. G. A. Lounsbury, on behalf of the company, presented the pastor and his wife with a purse representing about twelve dollars. This

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with many other marks of kindness and appreciation refresh the weary body and warm the heart of their pastor as he strives to do his duty over this large, cold and hard field. May God bless the dear Baptist people of Miramichi. E. C. BAKER, Pastor.

SUSSEX, N. B.—We held this week our annual business meeting. The reports from the various committees were very encouraging. During the year a stone foundation has been put under the church and vestry, giving an excellent cellar under the entire building, costing \$775 in all. This was provided for by three of the brethren. In the fall a large furnace was placed in the church costing \$100. This expense was met by a thank-offering. In addition to this a tower is being erected at the cost of something over \$550. This expense has been provided for by subscriptions, part of which has already been paid to the Treasurer. We purchased a bell from McShone Co., in Baltimore, costing \$220. Over \$50 of this has already been subscribed. A year ago a sewing circle was organized. This society has raised during the year about \$340. This circle has undertaken to provide \$108 a year towards pastor's salary. The circle gave \$70 towards the tower and contributed liberally towards repairs on parsonage. The amounts raised by subscriptions and voluntary offerings amounted to nearly \$900. Since the present pastor assumed the pastorate, the people have raised for all purposes a considerable over \$2,000. We have been greatly assisted by two gentlemen, members of our congregation, who while not members of the church have contributed most generously towards this work and are anxious that the cause may prosper; and manifest this anxiety in most practical ways. In fact every member of the church seems disposed to do all he or she can to make the work successful. The pastor has found a kind, intelligent and progressive people; and since coming to the church there has not been a ripple of unpleasantness. Everything moves on most harmoniously and agreeably. Twenty-one have united with the church during the last year and others are ready to come. God has abundantly blessed us and for His mercy and goodness we wish to utter our praise. The officers of the church and its different departments of labor for 1899 are as follows: Pastor, Rev. W. Camp; Clerk, J. S. Trites; Superintendent of Sunday School, C. D. Davis; Superintendent of Home Department, J. S. Trites; President of B. Y. P. U., C. H. Perry; Superintendent of benevolent offerings, C. H. Perry; Treasurer, Gordon Mills; Organist, Mrs. J. J. Daly; Janitor, N. Nealy. W. C.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—We have had our annual meetings of the church and church organizations and were encouraged by the review of the year's work. The treasurer's report was gladly received because it presented a small balance on the right side. The sum of \$1928.05 was raised during the year 1898 for local expenses and missions. Mr. John Gordon, son of Rev. J. A. Gordon, who had been acting Superintendent of the Sunday School for several months in the absence of Superintendent A. W. Sterns, presented a carefully prepared report of the year's work done in that department of the church. The School has an enrolled membership of 210 and an average attendance of 121. Nearly \$100 was raised for running expenses, and this year we expect to contribute something to the Denominational Boards. A very enjoyable entertainment was held on New Year's day, Jan. 2nd, for the children. Mr. Gordon was elected Superintendent, and has already had a meeting of the teachers and officers to consider the advisability and possibility of introducing the grading system, the advantages of which were so well explained by Rev. J. D. Freeman at the Provincial Sunday School Convention held in this church in the month of November last. The Senior Union has a membership of eighty and are enjoying the Sacred Literature Course, conducted by Deacon J. K. Ross. This Society will endeavor this year to pay \$100 on the church debt. The Junior Union numbers about fifty and meets on Friday evenings at 7 o'clock, so that those wishing to do so can remain to the Senior Union which meets at 8 o'clock. Pastor Corey was much in love with the Juniors and they reciprocated his affectionate interest on their behalf. They are now attempting to raise \$50 this year for Foreign Missions. Mr. Ira J. Yeo is their Super-

tendent, and Ross Bethune, President. About thirty copies of the Junior Union are taken and the Sacred Literature Lessons conducted by the pastor. The Woman's Missionary Aid Society was organized in 1872 with eight members. Mrs. James DesBrisay was then chosen president and still continues in that honorable position. The present membership numbers forty, and the amount raised last year for Home and Foreign Missions was \$70.28. A very profitable thank offering service was held last Wednesday evening and \$30 obtained towards the amount for this year. The various amounts raised during 1898 by the church for local work and benevolences total \$2,153, not including the individual pledges to the Forward Movement Fund for Acadia College. The church and pastor are looking hopefully forward to a good year's work and the blessing of God upon all efforts. We are now entering upon a series of special meetings in which we are being greatly assisted by Rev. A. F. Browne, of North River. Reports of these meetings will be forwarded for this column next week. G. P. RAYMOND.

DEAR EDITOR.—As I have been asked to collect the moneys of the Forward Movement I want to explain my plan and ask all the friends of Acadia to aid in the work. It must be evident to everyone that the collecting of so many small sums is a difficult task.

First I want the pastors to aid. As soon as I can I will send each pastor a list of subscribers on his field, and if he will say from his pulpit that he will receive and forward to me all amounts given to him, and then send to my address, 93 North St.

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