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OUR DENOMINATIONAL WORK.

Some twelve years ago an endeavor was put forth to systematize our methods of raising funds for our denominational enterprises.

It is also proposed that the apportionment of the fund be made upon the basis of a much larger expectation from the churches than that of one dollar per member.

It is evidently a matter of urgent importance that our denominational funds should be increased.

stitutions, in order to maintain their efficiency and extend their influence, are making appeals which we can by no means afford to disregard.

To enter these doors of opportunity, to occupy these fields of usefulness which Providence is opening up to us on every side, requires money.

Our denominational work is essentially a unity. It has its different branches or departments, but these are vitally connected.

CENTENNIAL OF WESLEY'S DEATH.

Our Methodist friends have just celebrated, with their usual enthusiasm, the completion of the hundred years since the death of their founder.

How far the Wesleyan movement has influenced theology, opinions will probably differ.

ture." Socially this movement has had great influence among the lower classes. Green, the historian, is quoted as saying: "The noblest result of the religious revival was the steady attempt, which has never ceased from that day to this, to remedy the guilt, the ignorance, the physical suffering, the social degradation of the profligate and the poor."

We can all rejoice in all the good done by Christians of every name.

QUESTIONS.

1. Is it out of order in the Baptist denomination to administer the Lord's Supper to aged or infirm members of the church who are unable to attend public worship?

1. It is not customary. We think there are good reasons why such a practice should not obtain.

2. The custom is not uniform. In most Baptist churches, we presume, it is right to say, for the deacons are ordained, that is, set apart for life to the office.

3. We believe the pastor should be considered as, ex officio, chairman of all meetings of the church.

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During the last decade very gratifying progress has been made. The Baptist cause in Toronto had almost phenomenal growth.

No doubt there is a legitimate place for the minister in politics. But that place is in the pulpit, not on a partisan, political platform.

At one of our missionary days at McMaster, Bro. McEwen, the earnest superintendent of Home Missions, mentioned the case of a church which may well have wider notice.

the trouble comes in. It would be well if the church, irrespective of political parties represented in it, should frankly advise the pastor, for the sake of the higher interests at stake, to pursue a different course.

We have been led on to say more in answer to the above questions than we had intended, but the matter seems to us worthy of careful consideration.

Letter from Dr. Goodspeed.

The considerate and forbearing kindness which for five years made work to the brink of break-down a gladness, encourages the hope that a few words from the old editor of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR may not be unwelcome to its readers.

It is as true in the West as in the East that one who is willing to work will have his fill of it; but while one may suddenly fill his hands and brain with new forms of effort, it takes time before they fill his heart and kindle all his enthusiasm.

The Proposed Readjustment Scheme.

I want to say I am very glad that Bro. Williams has moved in this matter, and in my opinion a proposal to readjust our Convention Scheme, on a broader and more generous basis, has come none too soon.

I think, also, it will be considerable advantage, as a matter of convenience as well as economy, to give the North-west and Grande Ligne Mission a regular place in our financial plan.

In my opinion, however, the scheme as proposed by Bro. Williams, is open to objection in several particulars.

I know the call for more laborers is very loud, and consequently the demand for more money correspondingly great.

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It can be shown that we can do justice to Home Missions, Acadia College, and all the other enterprises we have on hand, and to which our support is pledged, and give to one department considerably more than one-half of the whole amount contributed, there will be an end to controversy.

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40 members, not one of them is wealthy, a large proportion of them are sisters, and yet this little band of disciples pay their pastor a liberal salary and give generously to all denominational calls.

But what about the work at McMaster Hall? It may be asked. Those who are in a position to judge say the outlook is very hopeful.

Finally, allow a sincere word of congratulation at the success of the new regime in connection with the MESSENGER AND VISITOR.

Young Men!

Will the young men—candidates for the Christian ministry—now at Acadia College, Horton Academy, St. Martin's Seminary, Newton Theological Institution, Rochester, Morgan Park and McMaster, keep well in mind the following facts, when trying to decide as to what part of the Master's vineyard they will settle in, and begin the active work of the pastorate.

Fact number one: The New Brunswick Western Baptist Association has, according to statistical returns, 73 churches within its jurisdiction.

Fact number two: At least forty of the seventy-three churches are at this moment pastorless.

Fact number three: The Baptists within this Association are losing ground.

Fact number four: Pseudo-Baptists are placing their ministers in some of these pastorless communities that have been considered heretofore almost exclusively Baptist ground.

Fact number five: Young men, the remedy for this lamentable and most deplorable state of affairs, is with you, ready, i. e., a willingness on your part to come and throw all your ransomed energies into the work on these too long neglected fields.

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The same is true, to some extent, of "Ministerial Education," and "Ministerial Aid and Relief." It is generally admitted, I think, that the amount these Boards are at present receiving is exceedingly small and altogether inadequate to the great needs of the work undertaken, yet if the new scheme were adopted these Boards would be asked to get on with considerably less proportionally than they are now receiving.

By the permission of the editor I would like, at another time, to say a few words by the way of explanation of the proposed amendment.

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From Upper Canada

The weekly visits of your paper are one element in the life of our Upper Canada life.

"The pillar of fire and cloud" guidance I have earnestly followed ever since I gave my blessed work of the gospel seemed to have paused over which I came about 15 m. so here we have paused, willing to stay until the "pillar" will not confess that a secretly wish it would lift eastward, but the mind hand that leads us is wise quietly and cheerfully as blessed in denying ourselves His leading.

With some hesitation did succeed such men as this who been blessed with during 32 years. Not to go beyond to your readers, resting to state that from Bro. John McLaurin was of Bro. Joshua Denovator to D. A. McGregor, of precious a professorship, and after presidency of Toronto B. and Bro. J. P. McEwen to tendency of Home Missions many nationalities are the membership of the church seem that they have a ing for the Scotchman, as their pastors shows fine "The church has a good a city of about 11,000 (the and also the baby city of have an excellent house of of brick and located in the second anniversary of ing will be celebrated on We are seeking to do all New Testament lines. money-making tea-meet abominations of modern have we any special col- the annual contributions ary of the re-opening. lent work at home and ported by the free-will week offerings of the peo gets his salary every m missionary enterprises have their respective them at each quarterly the funds on hand.

The following report of work as given on the 11th in December last, will Lord approves of our eff

"The recorded mem church a year ago today that day we visit waters on eleven different home. We have given township to 95-70 of wh baptism, 22 by letter a perience. . . . Of the year, 31 are young men 11 who are under sixteen 21 are young women under sixteen years female-heads of families heads of homes. Amo homes are 12 couples. I out. I intend to say th who joined us during th their training in the faith, 14 in the Episco the Methodist faith, an byerian faith. By the year 23 families are no our membership roll w a year ago, besides fo who have left the city.

Mercy drops are sti for which we are grat holding any special s enjoying special favor constant occasions. eighteen have been b, six of them this people's meetings ar profit and encourage "Y. P. S. C. E." and present pastor holds t esteemed Bro. D. A. S we have all confidence organization—the chur desire to supplant, I ment her. We pray ren by the sea and gre success. May we all and more with the Sp

Stratford, Ont.

From British

Reading in the Mus some weeks ago an a Jenkins, and later, on of Regina, setting fo and advantage of e churches in the North pecially pleading th as the centre of a va lated country, I wis you have only to go more in every scen in the North-west l three days (of 24 rate of say, 30 mill feeling at home ill breeze, west of the to detract from the needs, but simply to bilities on the coast. is something remark day, the 20th of Fe

Collections from Churches to the Annuity Fund.

Table with 2 columns: Church Name and Amount. Includes Great Village (\$4.50), Cardigan church (4.05), 1st Kingsclear (5.00), Prince St. church, Truro (5.33), Cow Bay, C. B. (4.14), Glace Bay, C. B. (4.50), Homeville, C. B. (1.36), Goschen (1.55), Tabernacle, Halifax (23.79), Southampton (1.50), Chegoggin (2.55), Pleasantville, Lunenburg Co. (3.44), Digby (7.00).

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