

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.

NORTH RIVER, P. E. I.—This evening in our conference meeting of the Kingston branch of the North River church, nine young people were received as candidates for baptism. **ADDISON F. BROWNE**, Jan. 10.

IMMANUEL CHURCH, TRURO.—Received ten into our fellowship first Sabbath of the year, six by baptism and four by letter. We hope to baptize again on the 20th. **M. A. MACLEMAN**, Jan. 14.

AYLESFORD, N. S.—Rev. A. S. Lewis, of Acadia, has accepted a call to the Baptist churches of Aylesford and Kingston, and is speedily getting hold of the hearts of his congregations.

WALDICK, N. S.—I began special services here on the 14th inst, and I am glad to report that God is blessing the people. Some have been converted and others are seeking the Saviour. Expect to baptize soon. Brethren, remember us in your prayers. **L. J. TINGLEY**, Clementsvale, N. S., Jan. 19.

ST. ANDREWS, CHARLOTTE COUNTY.—Moving along quietly, indications encouraging, congregations slowly increasing, prayer meetings lively. Observed the week of prayer in union with the Presbyterians and Methodists, and the meetings were of such an encouraging character that we resolved to continue them this week, holding one in each church. Our prayer is, God revive thy work in this town and surrounding country. **CALVIN CURRIE**.

WEST RIVER, P. E. I.—On Sunday evening a "Missionary Concert" was given in the Baptist church, West River, P. E. I. The programme was of a most interesting nature, consisting of recitations, solos and choruses and an address upon missions by pastor who presided. The secretary's report (Miss Hannah Scott) showed that no less a sum than \$80.64 had been raised by the "Mite Society" and "W. B. M. S.," \$5 of which amount had been sent to assist the Rev. D. G. McDonald's work in the North West. The proceeds of concert amounted to \$7.17. The "Mite Society" meets fortnightly and is doing good work.

AMHERST, N. S.—Since August 1st, 1900, the writer has been laboring here as assistant pastor of the Baptist church. This office gives us the care of the three out stations, Amherst Point, Salem, and Warren. No person could have received more kindness and hospitality than have been shown Mrs. Huntley and myself since coming here. The relations existing between the pastor, Mr. Bates, and myself have been of the kindest. The greatest token of good will yet received came on Friday, Jan. 18, when on behalf of the friends at Amherst, Warren, Amherst Point and Salem, the writer was presented with a handsome coon skin coat and mittens and also a Persian lamb cap. Nor was this all. Mrs. Huntley was also the recipient from the same source of a beautiful black martin boa and a small amount in cash. We wish to express our sincere thanks to all who so kindly remembered us. With these tokens of kindness may there come to each of us renewed activity for Christ. **J. A. HUNTLEY**, Jan. 19th.

WILMINGTON, VT.—Since settling in the beautiful little town of Wilmington the Lord has most graciously caused the mercy drops of his favor to descend upon us. The church, which has always been known for its Christian activity, has increased both in numbers and in power. The first Sunday of the new century was appropriately ushered in by the baptism of eleven very promising young men and women. Two of these were heads of families and two of the young men were from Peco-baptist homes. This makes a total of twenty-two who have united with the church since October, nineteen by baptism and three by letter. Among the first to be baptised was the youngest brother of the pastor. The good spirit still prevails, others are coming forward in the near future. Brethren, do not forget, at the throne of grace, the Province boys across the line as they try to advance with you in the grand work. **MILFORD R. FOSHA**.

LUNenburg, N. S.—A word from Lunenburg will, no doubt, be of interest. Work is going on as usual. We find ourselves among a kind, warm-hearted people. On Christmas eve a number of the friends took possession of the parsonage and left a well-laden Christmas tree, on which every member of the family was generously remembered. These tokens of the people's appreciation were received by us with grateful hearts. On the evening of 14th inst., we had a thank-offering service. Addresses, recitations and music constituted the programme. At the conclusion of this service a free-will offering was taken amounting to \$152. Those who know how few we are in numbers will consider this heroic. We expect (D. V.) to begin special services next week. **HARRY S. ERB**.

Lunenburg, Jan. 15th.
SYDNEY, C. B.—The annual meeting of Pitt Street Baptist church was held Wednesday evening, Jan. 9th. The several offices were filled unanimously. Upwards of sixty members were present. The finances of the church are in good condition. During 1900 fourteen have been added to the church, eleven by letter and three by baptism. Congregations have been large, especially at Sunday evening services, when our church has usually been filled to overflowing. After meetings find twenty or thirty ready to witness to the saving and keeping power of God. The church has extended an unanimous call to Rev. A. J. Vincent as pastor for 1901 which has been accepted. Owing to the rapid growth of the town some of the members have decided to erect the second Baptist church and preparatory to that work have called Rev. F. O. Weeks who is now here ministering to their spiritual needs. Pastor Vincent was the recipient of \$100 in cash besides several valuable presents during the holiday season. Two or three candidates are expected for baptism shortly. One came out as a bright convert Sunday night. The outlook for the present year is very encouraging. **R. M. C.**

PORT HILFORD AND SONORA.—Rev. Ward Fisher, pastor. The work of the Port Hilford church is more promising than at any time the past year. A deeper interest in the work is manifested, and it is hoped the church will become a decided spiritual force in this part of the country. The people are generous, intelligent, and possess much "character," which needs but be turned in the way of true Christian activity to have them become of much worth to the kingdom. Materially the church is all that can be desired. The recent annual meeting which was largely attended, was of excellent spirit. Capt. James McConnell, after 25 years continuous and painstaking service as clerk, wished to retire, but continues at urgent request. Rev. R. B. Kinley and family continue to reside here to the great benefit of the church. Bro. Kinley is much improved in health. He looks after the interests of the Wine Harbor church. First St. Mary's church at Sonora continues its fine record for activity and unity. Every department of church life is in a healthy condition. The Sunday Schools of both churches have made great progress, and are doing valued work. New libraries have been put in and other desirable improvements made. A promising young man was recently baptized into the fellowship of the Port Hilford church. The Sonora church have one of their members at Acadia as a student for the ministry. The pastor and his wife have been gladdened by the remembrance of the people. From Sonora came a costly fur coat and a China tea set. From Port Hilford a valuable fur robe, and countless packages as a result of a visit to the parsonage on the 12th Jan.

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LOWER ECONOMY AND FIVE ISLANDS CHURCH.—During the last year death has been in our midst thinning our ranks. Our aged sister, Mrs. Chas. Faulkner, who had been kept from the house of God here for some time by bodily weakness was called to her Father's home on high early in the year. Bro. C. W. Soley, our treasurer, a staunch supporter of our church, both materially and spiritually, so followed. Then Bro. Chas. McLellan, our choir leader, a faithful Sunday School teacher and the one whom God had blessed with more spiritual power in exhortation and prayer than any of us and who was always in his place at church, was called, in full strength and vigor, and last Bro. G. W. Marsh was taken, a kind father and a regular attendant at church. We miss them. They all united with the church of God here in prime of manhood and womanhood and have been like pillars of righteousness in our midst. At the dawn of the new century we have been busy. Two suppers, one at Five Islands and the other at Lower Economy, and Sunday School concert and Christmas tree at Five Islands realized in all about \$120 for the church funds, and the interior of Five Islands church is clothing itself in neat and appropriate form. We never can repair our loss, but may God help us to be clothed upon with the whole armor for the century war, and may he raise up others to recruit this army.

F. E. ROOP.

SAINT STEPHEN, N. B.—The cup of joy and the cup of sorrow often stand side by side and God permits his people to drink them in quick succession. Such has been the experience of the Baptists of St. Stephen during the past fortnight. On the third of January occurred the annual "roll call," which was regarded by all present as the most delightful and encouraging gathering of the kind in the history of the church. All departments gave good accounts of themselves. Financially the church surpassed the record of any previous year by several hundred dollars. In addition to this a new debt of a thousand dollars, incurred by the repairs made on the property during the past summer, had been provided for by pledges payable in four years. The free pew system was adopted. Officers for the new year were elected. When the roll of membership was called, 154 responded in person or by letter. Refreshments were served and pastor and people went home full of joy and thanksgiving, desiring and expecting a more decided advance during the first year of the new century. One to rejoice with us and who had contributed in large measure to our success was Edwin B. Keirstead, the efficient treasurer. When his name was called he rose and with unusual force, for he was by nature extremely reticent, he said, "I have been wondering all day what I could say in response to my name that would indicate my present attitude toward the church. I love the church as I have always loved it, and I know that I have passed from death unto life because I love the brethren." This proved to be his valedictory to the church and to the world. On the following Tuesday evening he went to St. John with his son Will, who was returning to his studies at Wolfville. On Wednesday afternoon he took the C. P. R. train for home. The

train reached McAdam and was moving out toward Vancorbore before Mr. Keirstead realized that he was being carried by. He rushed into the pullman for his overcoat and then to the platform of the car and stepped out. In some way not yet explained he was caught or slipped back after striking the snow: in a moment the train hands felt the jar and realized something was wrong. The train was quickly stopped and there beside the rail lay the bruised and mutilated body. Within an hour life was extinct. Mr. D. H. Bates of St. Stephen, who chanced to be on the same train identified the body and wired the sad intelligence to friends here, and the writer had to go with the terrible news to the bereaved family, still awaiting the loved one's return. No event in the history of the town has come with such a shock and made so deep an impression on the entire community. The deceased was a member of the firm of Ganong Bros., a member of the Town Council, the treasurer of the Masonic order, the Knights of Pythias and the Foresters. Mr. Keirstead was a man of noble impulses, a humble and devout Christian, loved and respected by all who knew him. The loss to the town, the church, the home, appears to be irreparable, but God makes no mistakes. What he does now we cannot understand but we will learn by and by. The funeral took place last Sunday. The services were held at the church. Not a third of the people who came to show their respect could gain admission. The ministers of the town assisted. The pastor gave an address. A quartette of male voices sang with sympathetic sweetness. The long procession reformed and proceeded to the cemetery. After the committal service by the pastor, the Masonic burial service was read and then we wended our way homeward, but with a better understanding of the words: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." **W. C. GOUCHER**, Jan. 17.

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The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Baptist Book and Tract Society will be held in the Meeting Room, 120 Granville Street, Halifax, at 4 o'clock, p. m., on Friday, the first day of February next. By order, **J. PARSONS, Secretary**, Halifax, January 17.

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