

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 from an application to A. Cohoon, Wolfville, N. S.

TABERNACLE.—We are much encouraged. New voices are heard in almost every testimony meeting. Five were baptized Feb. 25th. Others are ready to follow. G. W. SCHURMAN, Halifax, March 1st.

HANTSPOUR, N. S.—Pastor White has received fourteen persons into the fellowship of this church during the month of February. Eleven by baptism and three by letter, one more has been received for baptism, and quite a number more have manifested an interest in personal salvation. COM.

OXFORD, N. S.—Six more were buried in the likeness of their Lord's death and resurrection on the 11th of this month. Others are awaiting baptism, and many are interested in the all-important question of their soul's salvation. May the spirit of the Lord anoint his servant to preach the word. A. F. BAKER

PARADISE AND CLARENCE.—Our work is moving on about as usual. The monthly conference meetings indicate a healthy spiritual life. We have a good class, about one hundred pursuing a course in Bible study again this winter. The presentation of a fine sleigh at the beginning of the winter indicates the thoughtful kindness of the people towards their pastor. E. L. STREVE.

AMHERST, N. S.—On Sunday evening, Feb. 25th, Pastor Bates administered the ordinance of baptism in the presence of a large audience. On Thursday, March 1st, the funeral of Miss Helen Miles, who died very suddenly at Digby on Tuesday, took place. In the services held in the church, Revs. Dr. Steele, B. H. Thomas of Digby, A. H. Newcombe and the pastor participated.

RICHMOND, CARLTON CO.—Our work of late has been much hindered by unfavorable weather. The four Sundays of February were stormy, the storms of the third and fourth were so furious that it was impossible to have service. We have held but one prayer-meeting in five weeks, but we are praying and hoping for better times. We greatly enjoyed a brief visit from Bro. Stackhouse of the Tabernacle church, St. John. Will report donations later on. CALVIN CURRIE, Feb. 28th.

2ND HILLSBORO.—As I have been laid up for the last three months, we have very little to report. I have not in that time attempted any pastoral work, and we have had but little preaching in that time. We have had very acceptable visits from Brethren Miles, Townsend and Tiner, each of whom gave the people a sermon which was highly appreciated and for which we were very thankful. I hope to be able to do some work from this time forward, but my health is not what I would desire. S. W. KEIRSTEAD, Dawson Settlement, Feb. 27th.

FREEPORT, N. S.—The special meetings to which we referred in a previous letter are bearing fruit to the glory of the Lord. The church is being greatly quickened. Some who have been astray for seven years have returned broken hearted, confessing to the Lord, the church, the world. They seem to be thoroughly broken up. Heads of families have been born again. Sinners are manifesting a deep interest in their soul's eternal well-being. The congregations are increasing as the interest deepens. Christians pray that the kingdom of Satan may be broken up and that rebellious souls may humbly submit to the government of God. E. H. HOWE.

WATERSIDE, N. B.—We are holding special meetings at Waterside. Rev. J. A. Marple came to our assistance two weeks ago. God is blessing our united efforts. Many souls are enquiring the way of life. Yesterday it was our privilege to baptize six believers. We hope to baptize others next Sabbath. Brother Marple is one who has been greatly blessed in winning souls for the Saviour. We are getting along nicely with our new church. This church when completed, will be one of the best in Albert County. PASTOR M. ADDISON, Alma, N. B., Feb. 26th, 1900.

CHRYSTER, N. S.—Six rum-sellers fined since last report. As Bro. Chute says in his

recent article they are worse enemies than the Boers. Some of my friends do not think a minister ought to say anything against the liquor devil, but I am glad to say that the brethren and sisters in Christ are of a better opinion. The most rousing pound party since my pastorate was held in Chester, and as a new departure in kindness another at the Basin. These expressions of interest help out the grocery bill marvellously but their value in the way of encouragement is unspeakable as every pastor knows. Many, especially from Chester Grant, help us to keep down the expenses of fuel. May God reward them all. W. H. JENKINS, Feb. 26th.

HAZELBROOK.—I am near the close of the fifth month of the fourth year of my pastorate on this field. Have to record only words and deeds of kindness. Not long ago I received a warm sleigh robe from the friends at Hazelbrook. This is only one of the many evidences that their hearts are warmed and cheered by the love of God. On Sunday evening the 4th of February, the annual thank-offering for church debt was taken up, amounting to over one hundred dollars. The Sabbath school, Aid Society, Mission Band, and prayer meeting are all prospering. Sabbath congregations are large and attentive. This is only one of the churches in my field. Will send reports of others. Pray for us. J. C. SPURR.

PARRSBORO, N. S.—During the last year matters have proceeded harmoniously with us. Many tokens of thoughtfulness on the part of our people cheer us in our work. We have made valuable improvements in church property and we are endeavoring to raise for denominational work the amount expected of us. Our ranks at the same time continue to be depleted by deaths and removals, and though there are a number of unconverted among us we have not succeeded in filling the vacancies. We have had a few additions, however, one good sister received by letter from the Moncton church is especially helpful. We are cheered by good news from other churches and feel that our great need is such a spiritual uplift as comes from a genuine revival of religion. D. H. MACQUARRIE.

ANTIGONISH, N. S.—Your postal card reminds me that I have not reported to MESSENGER AND VISITOR for some time. The pastor was generously remembered at Xmas with a purse of \$28. Our hearts have been cheered by the return of Bro. Graham Whidden and family to his native place and the church of his boyhood. We feel God has brought them back to us. He is a well qualified and experienced S. S. worker, and it is a great help to the pastor in this work. We have been holding some special meetings since the week of prayer and have had tokens of God's presence. Some of the fold who were walking in darkness have returned and given themselves anew to Christ. One sister, a married woman, has experienced God's saving grace and been received for baptism, others we trust are near the kingdom. Expect Bro. Marple to assist in further services soon. We ask you to pray for us. W. H. ROBINSON.

CAMBRIDGE, N. S.—I have just completed my seventh year as pastor of this church, and the prospects seem good for future usefulness. For the past two weeks I have been holding extra meetings each evening in the Waterville Section. The weather has been rather unfavorable, but the meetings for the most part have been well attended, and the divine presence has been manifest. A few have, we trust, been converted, and a number have risen for prayer, but we still need a greater quickening in the lives of many whose names are on the church role. The meetings are being continued, and we are looking for larger blessings. It is my deep conviction that when the pastor, under the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit, will call his people together and they heartily co-operate with him in evangelistic work, that rich and heavenly blessings will surely follow. This has been God's plan in the past, and he changes not. E. O. READ, Waterville, Feb. 26th.

ALEXANDRIA, P. E. I.—This is an old and faithful church. A little more than three years ago a number of members were dismissed to form the Hazelbrook church. While there has been a decrease in members we are glad to record an increase in spirituality and zeal. Their kindness to their pastor and his family has been unflagging. Hardly a week goes

by without some tangible expression thereof. Each year has brought its donation visit full of cheer and help. The Aid Society, presided over by Mrs. T. K. Wood for many years, is still vigorous. The Sabbath school, Mission Band, and prayer meeting are well sustained. Sabbath congregations are excellent. We trust the time of ingathering is not far distant. The P. E. I. Baptist Conference will meet with this church on March 12th. A loving invitation is extended to all the brethren and sisters interested in our work to be present. Brethren wishing to meet in Charlottetown will please notify the pastor so that this may be done. Pray for us. PASTOR I. C. SPURR.

TORQUE VALLEY GROUP.—Our labors are closed on this field. We have labored two years among the people with very good results. When we came to the field the cause was very low, we had no house of worship excepting a school house. Now we have a new house at Linton's corner, one at Birch Ridge very high completed and another up and enclosed at Sisson Ridge. The people are poor yet they have contributed nobly to the cause besides paying their pastor. We trust the Lord will send them a real earnest man, one who will carefully and prayerfully seek the people's interest and have the cause at heart. We wish to express our gratefulness to them all in behalf of my wife and family for their many acts of love and good will during our residence among them, besides making up a purse of twenty dollars when we moved away. May the dear Lord prosper them and cause them to grow in grace and in knowledge of the truth is my earnest prayer. PASTOR D. A. MILLIN, Feb. 27th.

WALTON, HANTS CO., N. S.—It would (we hope) be difficult to find a more disheartened people than we were, when our present pastor, Rev. D. W. Crandall, came to us in August, 1899. Our membership had been depleted by continuous migrations to other places. We had no services of any kind in our church, but a small Sunday School in which other denominations assisted. We were fully up to the times in this, however, our pastor would stand strictly on his merits, without any official halo. It sounds very hard hearted but he has stood the test. We are glad to be able to state there has been improvement all along the line. We have a monthly conference and communion, a weekly prayer meeting that is both interesting and instructive in which we are taught by example as well as precept, that the blessed Master deserves our very best in every service. The preaching services are well attended and each one feels that the scripture is being opened unto him, showing him the "ruin wrought by the fall" and the greatness of the redemption by Jesus Christ. There seems to be this peculiarity about our pastor's preaching, truth is not given to us "cut and dried," but reverently, the door is opened and we must ourselves enter and think and believe. Special services were held recently for nearly three weeks, resulting, we trust, in more spirituality in our members, and the saving of some immortal souls. Our pastor was assisted in these meetings by Mr. Alfred McCabe, Lic., a consecrated young man. We hope he will continue near us, assisting Pastor Mathers, who is very feeble this winter. Mr. Parker (Methodist) rendered valuable assistance also. In addition to all these services our kind pastor neglects no one. The sick, sorrowing, tempted and tried find in him a minister, indeed, and so he has won all hearts, bearing constantly the motto "Ich dien." We are sorry to add that Pastor Crandall was taken ill whilst the special services were still going on, and was tenderly cared for by Mrs. Capt. Charles Hines at Noel. He has been at Windsor and Wolfville since, but is not fully recovered yet. B.

WESTPORT, N. S.—Your post cards received to-day remind me that you would like to get good news from the churches for the readers of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR. I came to Westport in January to hold evangelistic meetings for a few weeks. We are now rejoicing in the love and power of God manifested among the people. A large number of the members of the church have reconsecrated themselves to God and have fresh evidences of their acceptance with him. Many whose voices have not been heard for years are praising God in the meetings. Yesterday morning we gathered at the sea shore where twenty-three young men and thirteen young women were baptized in the presence of a large number of people. The following are the names: Ivan Sutherland, Charles Gower, Hubert Bowers, Freeman Welsh, Albert Dakin, Fred Gower, Percy Glavin, Willie Glavin, Harley Glavin, Murray Gower, Randolph Gower, Benjamin Gower, Harry Lent, Robie Titus, Reid Benson, Leonard Benson, Hugh Collins, Cleve Collins, St. Clair Carr, Joseph Sutherland, Charlie Pugh, Amos Welsh, Edward Coggings, May Crouse (Miss C. is one of our public school teachers and comes to us from another denomination).

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ation). Bella Gower, May Hicks, Annie Titus, Eva Denton, Ethel Morrell, Margaret Morrell, Edith Welsh, Lillie Welsh, Fannie Haycock, Mina Welsh, Alice Besser, Mrs. Amos Welsh, and Edna Bailey was baptized on a previous Lord's day. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Piper were received into the church by letter. One of the deacons told me that a larger number was at the Lord's table last Sunday evening than at any time in all the past history of the church. The good work continues to deepen and broaden and others will unite with the church. I have accepted a call to the pastorate of the church on condition that they or I can sever the connection by giving one month's notice. It may be God's will that I should continue to do the work of an evangelist. I would rather settle as pastor for the years to come, but I am looking to God to guide me in this matter and will follow as he leads at any cost. I am teaching others that they "must follow Jesus all the way." We have been greatly aided in the work here by the Sunday School and public school teachers. Mr. R. Richardson, principal of the public school, has thrown himself heartily into the work and his efforts have been greatly blessed especially among the young men. The cause of temperance has been strengthened as a result of the religious awakening here. About seventy persons have joined the Division of the Sons of Temperance during the past few weeks. The Disciples are being blessed in their meetings. They baptized a number of candidates last Lord's day. Rev. E. H. Howe on the east side Harbor is holding meetings. They have been crowded out of the vestry and are holding their meetings in the church. A number of converts are reported. Feb. 26. P. S. MCGREGOR.

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