

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 John Nalder, Treasurer, Windsor, N. S. Envelopes for gathering these funds can be obtained free on application.

The Treasurer for New Brunswick, Rev. J. W. MANNING, D.D., St. John, N. B. and the Treasurer for P. E. Island is Mr. A. W. STERNS, CHARLOTTETOWN. All contributions from churches and individuals in New Brunswick should be sent to Dr. MANNING; and all such contributions P. E. Island to Mr. STERNS.

MAHON, Oct. 19, 1904.—I baptized a young sister at New Cornwell yesterday afternoon. The interest in all sections of this field is good and the prospect for an ingathering of such as should be saved is very encouraging.

ADDISON F. BROWNE.

PENNFIELD.—On Sunday, 16th at 5 o'clock p. m. quite a large number of persons gathered at our natural baptistry for the purpose of witnessing the baptism of Miss Helen S. Rene of excellent parentage. She comes into the church with culture and refinement, with pious heart and life and will no doubt prove a great blessing to the church and the world.

F. M. MUNRO.

IMMANUEL CHURCH, TRURO.—At the regular prayer-meeting of the Church, Wednesday evening, Oct. 19th, a most enthusiastic and unanimous vote was taken in favor of organic union with the Churches of the Free Baptist Conference of N. B., on the Basis of Union adopted by our Convention in August last.

M. A. MACLEAN.

Truro, Oct. 20, 1904.

AMHERST, N. S.—During the past few weeks a very marked spiritual interest has been manifested among us. No special services have been held, but decisions for Christ are made in nearly every meeting of the church. After meetings at the close of the Sunday evening services have been of great power and have taxed the seating capacity of the building to the utmost. People had to be turned away Sunday evening last. Over fifty have expressed their determination to accept Christ as their Saviour. On Oct. 2nd we baptized five, on the 16th nine, and others await the ordinance. At the last Communion service Dr. D. A. Steele, pastor emeritus of the church gave the hand of the fellowship to Pastor Selden, W. Cumming, his wife and little daughter, and to the assistant Pastor Rev. J. L. Dimock. The annual church meeting recently held brought forth very encouraging reports. Amounts raised for benevolent purposes for the year were large; the balance on current account stood on the right side by \$100. The pastor's young men's class is increasing in attendance weekly. A Training Class for the rudiments of Christianity conducted by the pastor has been organized. A recognition service to Pastors Cummings and Dimock will be held Oct. 26th.

S. W. C.

ZION CHURCH, YARMOUTH, N. S.—Four months have passed since beginning work here. The first two were spent in getting acquainted and adjusted, the third in rest, at the request of the church, and the fourth in steady pastoral work. Since deciding to come here almost a year ago, there has not been a day when I would have changed the decision made. I doubt if ever a pastor had a more loyal people, a more helpful deaconate or more abundant reason for thanksgiving. The opportunities for work in this field where holy men of God have wrought so successfully, are many and inspiring, while the responsibilities are so great that they cannot be carried without the aid of the promised Helper. In these months the church has raised something over \$200 for denominational purposes and \$90 for a furnace, beside the current expenses. The membership has been increased by fifteen valuable helpers and about as many more are expected in the near future by letter or experience. The Young People's Society, which died over a year ago, has not been revived, but the young people have organized

themselves into a band of workers called "Zion Helpers," with the threefold object of benevolence, which includes practical work among the needy at home and abroad; sociability among the members of the church and congregation; intelligence, by which is meant such helpful instruction and inspiration as can be received through lectures or other public meetings. The young people will not have a separate prayer meeting, but will make the regular meeting of the church their prayer meeting. In this decision they have met the desire of both pastor and people as well as their own. May the Master's blessing rest upon our united efforts for the salvation of souls!

C. W. ROSE, Pastor.

LOWER GRANVILLE, N. S.—This is historical ground. Our records show that here the first Baptist Association was held a hundred and four years ago. 'Bro. Joseph Dimock was moderator, and preached the introductory sermon, and Edward Manning was Clerk.' These "minutes" are very interesting but they are not at present the object of my writing. In April last I received a call to the pastorate of this church. The first of May I accepted the invitation for six months and began my labors and thus far we have been encouraged in our work. The people have been invariably kind, and have listened with interest to the gospel. We have held no extra meetings, but the congregations have increased, and the indications are that the word preached is not in vain, and that soon there may be additions to the church. There are improvements in other directions. The church in Karsdale section has just been painted. At the Lower Granville section the church has been thoroughly repaired, painted and new pulpit furniture provided. Preparations are being made for either building a new house of worship or repairing the old one at Stoney Beach, which was built 71 years ago, and stands on the spot where the Association was held in 1800. Thus the outlook is hopeful. At the annual business meeting held a short time ago, it was the unanimous wish of the brethren that I should continue my labors for a year after the six months expires, and I have decided to comply with the request. Mrs. Read who has been very ill at our home in Bear River, is now able to be with me, this, we trust, will enable us to devote our time fully to the work here. The Middleton and Victoria Beach Railroad will soon be completed and an immense pier is being built at the terminus of the road. This side of the Basin is noted for its beautiful natural scenery, and the road when completed will greatly add to the prosperity of this part of the Country.

My address until further notice will be
E. O. READ.

LOWER GRANVILLE, N. S.

COLCHESTER AND PICTOU QUARTERLY MEETING.

Notwithstanding bad roads, heavy rains and long distances, a large number of delegates from the churches in the District met with the Church at Lower Economy on the 9th and 10th inst. in quarterly session.

Within the bounds of these two counties we have 18 churches (or eleven groups). At the present time the following churches are pastorless:—Lower Economy and Five Islands; New Annan, River John and Tatamagouche; Zion (African) Truro. Since January, the Londonderry, Great Village and DeBert group has been pastorless, owing to the removal of Pastor Martell to Yarmouth Co., but a pastor has been secured in the person of Rev. E. T. Miller, who will take up the work on this most important field on Nov. 6th. The other pastorless groups should have men at once, and if within our Convention, there are men who want to do some hard work in good churches and among kind people, let them correspond with



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The Baptists in Colchester and Pictou, according to the last census number 4,415. The membership of our churches last year was 1,142 with 405 non-resident members and according to the statement of our Treasurer for Denominational Funds submitted at our last Convention these churches contributed for Denominational work \$1583.24—this includes the W. M. A. and three miscellaneous contributions. This information, although not usually given in a report of a Quarterly Conference, will give those who care to read it, some idea of our constituency and our condition.

Our first session opened at 8 o'clock on Monday evening, the 9th inst. Pastor L. A. Loomer, of Lower Stewiake, preached an admirable sermon, taking as his text, Eph. 3:17, "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith." An after meeting was conducted by the secretary, a large number taking part, and some rising for prayer.

On Tuesday morning at 9:30 the chairman, Rev. M. W. Smallman, of New Glasgow, conducted a very helpful devotional service. At 10 o'clock the business of the Conference was proceeded with. After the enrollment of delegates, the following were elected to office, the chairman having been appointed by the Association:—Sec'y. Treas. Rev. G. A. Lawson; Ex. Com., Revs. W. H. Jenkins, M. A. McLean and Wm. Cummings (Lie).

The reports from churches followed. These were for the most part full of good cheer. During the quarter baptisms had taken place at Onslow, Truro 1st, Truro Immanuel, Bass River, and Portauquique. Nearly all reported improvements on church property. All have some discouragements and these were reported and considered carefully and prayerfully. The outlook is bright for the churches reporting. It was inspiring to hear the lay delegates speak of the kindly relations existing between pastor and people in the various churches, indicating that in this respect at least, things are as they ought to be.

In the afternoon the claims of the Sunday School were considered. The program for this service was in the hands of Rev. W. N. Hutchins, of Truro, and although he was unavoidably detained at home, the program, as arranged by him, was carried out. Pastor Roop, of Brookfield, gave an excellent address on "The Sunday School as an Educative Opportunity." Pastor Jenkins of Onslow followed with one of his most practical addresses on the topic. "The Sunday School

as an Evangelistic Opportunity." The closing address was given by Mrs. Gunn, of Belmont, and it is unnecessary to say that her earnest words on "How the Home may help the Sunday School," were most helpful. At 4 o'clock the meeting was given over to the sisters of the W. M. A. S. A report of this service will appear in the W. B. M. U. column.

In the evening an expectant congregation greeted Pastor MacLean, of Truro, who preached a heart searching sermon from Acts, 8:4. Pastor Jenkins conducted a helpful after service, a large number taking part, and several rising for prayer.

The abundant hospitality of the always hospitable people of Lower Economy, the commodious and pleasant church building, made even more sacred to all by the presence of a life sized portrait of Father Samuel Thompson, whose earnest labors on this shore in other years made such a gathering as this possible. The brotherly love and conscious presence of the Holy Spirit, all combined to make this conference one of the best in our history.

The next meeting will be held at New Glasgow, probably in December.

GEO. A. LAWSON, Sec'y.

Bass River, N. S., Oct. 18, '04.

DENOMINATIONAL FUNDS.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

TO OCT. 1ST, 1904.

Jas T Allaby in memory of Mrs Jas Allaby, Salt Springs, F M, \$5; Prince Wm ch, F M, \$3; Harvey 1st ch, A F B per R B Smith, F M, \$12; Alma ch, F M, \$1; Harvey 2nd, F M, \$3; Hopewell ch, D W, \$7.78; Leinster St S S Primary class, F M, \$3.50; Hillsboro 1st, (D W, 15.61; H M, \$3; F M, \$4.50; N W M, \$5.)—\$26.11; Covedale 1st, H M, \$7.30; Leverett Ktabrooks (H M, \$3; F M, \$5; N W M, \$2; Gr Ligne, \$2.)—\$10; Jas O Steeves, F M, \$5; Philip Hoyt (H M, \$3; N W M, \$2.)—\$5; Collection at N B South Assoc, D W, \$5.87; Musquash and Dipper Har, D W, \$8.30; Lewisville, S S, F M, \$25; Albert and Westmorland Q M, H and F M, \$1; Sackville 1st, H and F M, \$20; Rolling Dam, F M \$3.05; Bartlett Mills, F M, \$1.06; Oak Bay, F M, \$1.39; North River ch, (D W, \$3.62; S S, \$1.25.)—\$4.87; Covedale 3rd, H M, \$5.15; D A Vaughan, H and F M, \$10; Mid Sackville, (D W, \$2.90; An Fund \$4.15.)—\$7.05; A friend, Pettitodine, F M \$4; Upper Queensbury, H M, \$2; Moncton 1st ch, (S S, F M, \$16.53; B Y P U, per Miss Clark, \$18.07.)—\$34.60; Norton, H and F M \$6.85; Mrs V Harding (Hillsdale) F M, \$2.50; Fairville, H and F M, \$3; Leinster 1st, H and F M, \$14; Beaver Har, H M, \$4; Kingsclear 1st, H and F M, \$8; St George 1st, F M, \$9.13; Carleton and Victoria Q M, H and F M, \$2.90; Mrs A C Plummer, F M, \$1; Rev Jos A Cahill, F M, \$1; Total, \$379.92

J. W. MANNING, Treas. N. B.