

## From the Churches.

### Denominational Funds.

**Fifteen** thousand dollars wanted from the churches. Nova Scotia during the present Convocation 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.

The Treasurer for New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, to whom all contributions from the churches should be sent, is Rev. J. W. MANNING, ST. JOHN, N. B.

**HOPEWELL, N. B.**—A sister was received by letter at our last Conference at Albert, and the hand of fellowship was extended on Lord's Day morning. Three have been excluded for holding false views of doctrine, and following after the "Holy Ghost and us" people.

F. D. DAVIDSON.

**NORTH BROOKFIELD, QUEBENS COUNTY, N. S.**—Agreeably with the appointment of a pound party at the parsonage, quite a large number of friends came together on the evening of Feb. 19th. But the hidden purpose of the gathering was revealed when the pastor was asked to take a seat, and after a few appropriate remarks, Dea. Dalley, in behalf of the donors, presented him with an excellent coon-skin coat. This expression of affection strengthens the bond that has been binding both pastor and people together.

J. H. BALCOM.

**WOODSTOCK, N. B.**—Sunday evening, Feb. 23, five happy believers were baptized. Others are awaiting the ordinance. During the special services which we have been holding, I have been very ably assisted by the Rev. J. C. Bleakney, whose home is here. Bro. Bleakney leaves this week for a short visit to New England. I can very heartily recommend him to the pastorate of one of our churches; and hope he will soon be settled again in the work he loves so much. We continue the special services this week. At our Roll Call in January \$31.25 in cash was cheerfully given. A pledge for \$60 from the B. V. P. U. was received. This goes to pay off part of the church debt.

Z. L. FASH.

**HEBRON, N. S.**—On Monday evening an ordination service for deacons was held in the Hebron Baptist church. J. H. Saunders, D. D., preached the sermon. Rev. J. Miles offered the ordination prayer. Rev. E. J. Grant gave the charge to the deacons and Rev. D. Price the charge to the church. Besides these brethren Rev. W. F. Parker, of Temple church, Yarmouth, and Rev. W. J. Rutledge, of Bay View church were present. The occasion was a very solemn one, and the audience, which was very large, seemed much impressed. The new deacons are Nathan Darkee, Lewis Durkee, Jesse Darkee and Arthur Patten. We have been much encouraged by the presence of the Master and by our recent accessions to the membership. We are confidently looking for more baptisms in the near future. Pray for us.

R. T. MILLER.

**UPPER GACHTOWN, N. B.**—I began work with this church Nov. 1st. Here we have a good meeting house in which to worship and a comfortable parsonage in which to live. Good congregations meet us on the Lord's day, among whom are many faithful workers in the Lord's vineyard. We also have a Sabbath School doing excellent work under the competent leadership of J. W. Travis and his staff of faithful workers. On Lord's day morning, Feb. 16th, we listened to an excellent discourse delivered by the Rev. H. F. Adams in the interest of twenty century funds. The Committee made no mistake in their selection of a man to plead that cause. On the evening of the 22nd a large number of the members of the church and congregation met in their town hall, spent the evening very pleasantly, and gave their pastor a cash donation of \$40, for which they have our sincere thanks, and best wishes for their present and future prosperity.

R. MITCH.

**TABERNACLE, HALIFAX.**—At the close of the Conference meeting, Feb. 26th, the pastor's resignation was taken up for consideration and was accepted. At the same time resolutions were adopted expressing the regret of the church at the severing of relations which had so happily subsisted for two and a quarter years between them and Pastor Schurman, and placing on record their very high appreciation of the

services he had rendered and his character as an earnest and fearless exponent of the truth, an earnest and strong preacher, stimulating the spiritual life of the church and an energetic and faithful pastor, active in every branch of church work and making the influence of his leadership felt by all. They also express their interest in Pastor Schurman's future, knowing that his labors will always be for the advancement of the kingdom, and praying that he may long be spared to preach the glad tidings of salvation. Pastor Schurman's resignation takes effect May 15th.

MIDDLETON, ANNAPOLIS COUNTY.

Union meetings were held here the week of prayer which proved encouraging. These were continued for four weeks longer, the meetings being held alternately in the Baptist and Methodist churches and conducted by Rev. A. B. Higgins, pastor of Methodist church, and myself as pastor of the Baptist church, pro-tem. The results were cheering, several wanderers returned to their Father's home, Christians who were at variance because of ill feeling are now happily united in service, several have professed conversion who will soon unite with the churches who labored together. I hereby wish to express my gratitude for the result of an interdenominational gathering at the Baptist church vestry on the evening of the 18th inst. After some time was spent in social intercourse the company being cheered by good music and refreshed by coffee, cake, and etc., we were called to "attention," when Principal C. P. Goucher in behalf of all assembled presented me with the generous gift of \$110 in cash, or a token of good will from those with whom it has been my privilege to unite in service for the Master during these few weeks.

T. B. LAYTON.

Feb. 22nd.

**GOLDBORO, N. S.**—Since our last report four more have been added making twelve since we began special services. The work is continuing well, two meetings in the week. Last Sunday evening we closed our church and went over and worshipped with Bro. Lawson and his people to whom he was to preach his farewell sermon. The evening was a pleasant one and about five hundred people were present. The several orders to which Mr. Lawson belongs—S. of T., I. O. O. F., and L. O. F., wearing their respective insignias made a handsome appearance as they occupied the centre pews from the pulpit back. After the preliminary exercises in which Rev. Mr. McDonald (Pres.), assisted, we listened with the deepest interest to a powerful discourse on the necessity of "Purpose in Life." Text, "What dost thou here Elijah?" I Kin. 19: 13. And although the preacher was just convalescent from the injuries of a fall sustained a few weeks ago he spoke with a clear, strong voice, which conveyed his thoughts not only in good diction but carried to the hearer a spirit that testified to the truth of what was being uttered. After the sermon Rev. Mr. McDonald was called upon to speak, and paid a very high tribute to the worth of Mr. Lawson, after which J. L. Churchill, M. D., presented him with a cane on behalf of the Foresters. The benediction being pronounced the entire congregation filed past the pulpit and shook hands with him testifying by word and look their regret that he had not reconsidered his resignation as he had been asked to do. It is not needful to say any church wanting to secure the services of a faithful minister would be fortunate in securing the labors of Rev. Geo. A. Lawson.

O. P. BROWN.

Feb. 26th.

Nova Scotia King's County Conference.

The Nova Scotia King's County Conference met at Cambridge, Feb. 25th. No special movements are reported from the churches, with the exception of Aylesford. Pastor Lewis has baptized sixteen within the month preceding and is now holding special services at Morristown, where the indications are encouraging.

Two young brethren from Acadia desiring to be licensed to preach the gospel, presented themselves for examination—H. B. Kilham of the Berwick church and H. I. Perry of Wolfville. The Conference expressed their satisfaction with the state-

ments of these brethren with regard to their conversion, call to the ministry and views of doctrine, and recommended the churches, by whose desire they had come, to grant their request.

Bro. P. R. Foster led in an interesting discussion on the neglected districts within the county. He began with the saying that "no denomination or church can be strong in the centre that neglects the circumference," and proceeded to show how the denomination has lost its hold of important outlying stations through the selfishness of the churches that had neglected to care for their spiritual interests, and that have become sources of strength to other Christian bodies who took them up when the Baptists had cast them off. A number took part in its discussion, none dissenting from the views of the speaker.

Pastor Hatch discussed the question, "Benevolence in the county—Is it increasing?" He preached the results of his examination of the records of the past twenty years. The results are not flattering. For the last five years the average per member for each year was fifty-five cents. This is however exclusive of the amount raised for the Forward Movement.

A 20th Century service was held in the evening. Brethren Cohoon and Foster were the speakers. Pledge slips were distributed, which we may hope, will in due time be returned with what will increase their value written upon their face. This Century Fund Movement lags—I fear we shall have to call Bro. Adams to our aid in this county.

In view of the recent removal from the county of Rev. W. N. Hutchins, after a pastorate of nearly eight years with the Canning and Pereaux churches, the Conference unanimously adopted a resolution expressing its high appreciation of Bro. Hutchins on account of his Christian manliness, brotherly spirit, scholarly attainments and earnest piety, and also of the service which he has rendered during these years to the kingdom of God by his earnest spirit and generous efforts. The resolution also commends Bro. Hutchins most heartily to the brethren of Truro and Colchester county, among whom his lot is now cast, as a faithful servant of the Lord Jesus, approved by the Spirit as a workman who needeth not be ashamed, assuring him of the continued sympathy and prayers of the brethren with whom he has been associated.

M. R. FREEMAN, Sec'y.

A mountain of arsenic is reported to have been found in a range fifty miles southeast of Tacoma, Washington. This is claimed to be the first important body of arsenic discovered in America. The supply heretofore, has come from Cornwall. The United States now imports nearly \$5,000,000 worth yearly.

**Buffalo Express:** Two brave Canadian statesmen are ready to shoulder arms at any time for the purpose of whipping the Yankees. They don't like the way Great Britain treats the United States, and they are willing to take it out of us, even to the extent of annexing the United States to Canada. That would be punishment, all right.

John Feese, of Trevorton, Pa., to eleven a social function in Cameron township, Saturday night, held a lighted match under a dynamite cap, at the same time explaining to the frightened guests that there was no danger. An explosion occurred. Half of his left hand was blown off. Several girls were slightly injured by fragments of the steel.

Professor William E. Ritter, of the University of California, has discovered that Santa Catalina Island, the famous pleasure resort, is slowly sinking into the Pacific ocean. He estimates that the island is now 270 feet lower than it was a few years ago. This movement is apparently going on now, while the main land coast opposite Catalina is slowly rising.

The Frontenac Mining Company, of Kingston, Ont., has received an order for 160 tons of flour for the British army in South Africa. An additional order for 600 tons was refused because the flour could not be delivered at St. John, N. B., this week. Richardson Bros. have also a contract for 1,200 tons of pressed hay, and an additional order for an extra supply had to be rejected for a similar reason.

Apparently crazed by the habitual use of cigarettes, Charles A. Lyle, one of the best known politicians in Passaic county, N. J., ended his life by hanging Saturday night at his home in Graham avenue, Paterson. For years Lyle was an inveterate cigarette smoker. His friends say that he smoked from fifty to one hundred cigarettes daily. He was thirty-three years old.

### Literary Note.

Dr. Thomas J. Bernardo of London tells in the *Missionary Review of the World* for March, the fascinating story of his work for the Waifs of Great Britain. The account of the founding and growth of this great work is unsurpassed for inspiration and interest. In the same number of the *Review*, Dr. Arthur J. Brown gives an exceedingly graphic and illuminating description of "Politics and Missions in Korea." He dwells especially on the character of the Korean Government and the influence which various other nations and internal conditions have on determining the future of this peninsula. An article by Rev. W. L. Swallen on "Types of Korean character" furnishes concrete examples of the transforming process which is going on through the power of the gospel. Well worth reading also are Dr. Butler's paper on "Religious forces in Mexico and Central America" and the account of "The New Reformation in France." Most of these articles are very fully illustrated from photographs which truly illustrate the subjects.

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In the March *McClure's* Clara Morris writes her reminiscences, not of stage-folk this time, but one of the most honored and noblest of Americans—Henry Bergh, the founder of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Henry Bergh was one of the oddest of men, and Miss Morris's sketch of him is a delightful combination of reverent affection and droll anecdote. No gift is more to be envied than the gift of reminiscence and the living portrait of the old familiar faces; and it is this gift which has in the last year won for Miss Morris a fame with the pen equal to that which she has gained on the stage.

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