

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.

TANCOCK, N. S.—On Sunday morning, Feb. 11th, eleven more rejoicing converts followed their Lord in the ordinance of baptism. Others are happy in a new found Saviour and will follow soon.

Feb. 15th. HARRY S. ERB.

HOPEWELL HILL.—The pastor lectured here on the evening of the 21st inst., to a large congregation. Coffee and cake were provided by the sisters which quite a number enjoyed after the lecture. The proceeds amounting to nearly \$25 is for repairs on church.

FIRST CHURCH, HALIFAX.—The pastor baptized four young people on Sunday evening, the 18th inst. Others are expected to follow very soon. A number have lately united with the church by letter.

CLEMENTSVALE, N. S.—Since our last report four happy converts have been baptized and added to the church. Others expect to unite with the church in the near future. Thus the good work goes on. Brethren remember us in your prayers.

Feb. 20th. L. J. TINGLEY.

WAKEFIELD.—On account of the pastor's poor health and his special efforts on other parts of the field this little band have had no preaching since the new year began. Hope to resume work there soon. They use their minister well and pay him, too. There are weaker churches than Wakefield. My health is improving, my heart is glad, only regretting that I cannot do better work and more of it. I thank my God for putting me into the ministry. May His spirit guide me.

F. N. ATKINSON.

DEBERT, N. S.—This church recently held its annual roll call when a large number of the members responded either in person or by letter. It was a season of refreshing. The reports showed that during the past year fourteen were added by baptism and three by letter. Five joined the church triumphant. Finances were in good condition. A generous amount had been raised for denominational purposes.

O. N. CHIPMAN.

JACKSONVILLE—JACKSONTOWN, N. B.—At least 12 have been hopefully converted since our meetings began. Some have come to us from other denominations. A few backsliders have returned. The prospect all about seems better. Well known and much beloved Pastor Hayward, spent Sunday, the 11th inst., with us, and we expect a visit soon from one not a stranger in Carleton Co.,—the Rev. Geo. Howard. Death is thinning our ranks. I have now scarcely a good reason for retiring from this field as I intended.

F. N. ATKINSON.

FIRST HILLSBOROUGH.—On Monday evening, Feb. 12th, a large company of friends, representing the Hillsborough section of the field, assembled at the parsonage. After some time spent very agreeably in friendly conversation, Dea. John I. Steeves, in a happy speech, presented the pastor with a purse of \$60, and also several useful articles, making a total of about \$70. Deacon S. P. Steeves also spoke. The pastor made a suitable reply to the kind words, and gratefully acknowledged the generous tokens of regard received. Refreshments were then served by the ladies. Altogether a very pleasant evening was spent.

THE TABERNACLE, HALIFAX.—We are now engaged in a special effort to awaken a deeper interest in eternal things. There are some indications of a hopeful uneasiness among the faithful, and several are looking toward decision for Christ. We observed Decision Day, when several of the children manifested a desire to be saved. Feb. 18th, though very stormy, was a day of encouragement for us. At a Men's meeting of members of the North and Tabernacle churches, several renewed their covenant, and one accepted the invitation to join those serving God. In the evening two men and a boy were baptized. Nine accepted Christ in the after service. These are manifestations of the presence of God, but our need of the power that opens the eyes of indifferent followers and saves the perishing, is very great.

G. W. SCHURMAN

Halifax, Feb. 1900.

KEMPT, N. S.—Last Lord's Day, notwithstanding the blizzard-like morning that it was, we had the happy privilege of welcoming nine new members into the Westfield branch of the Kempt church. Five of them were received on experience, and four young persons by baptism. Pastor Thomas, of Digby, had been with us during the week, rendering valuable aid to the work. But best of all the dear Lord was with us and souls were saved. So that our new house has already received the sanction of the Almighty in that He has made it the birth place of new born souls into His kingdom. Pray for the mission fields.

Feb. 22. T. A. BLACKADAR.

AVONDALE, N. B.—In May, '97, without invitation, encouragement or guarantee, I began preaching fortnightly at this Station. If I am rightly informed they had then been 20 years without a meeting house, and no conference or communion service for at least seven years. We have now a good church building, (dedicated in August, '98,) regular conference and communion services, good weekly prayer meetings, a perennial Sabbath school, an inspiring choir, and a disposition on the part of the people to assume financial responsibility. Two younger deacons have been recently appointed for a term of three years. Raised in the three years \$1100 for local purposes. A harvest of souls seems nigh at hand. The Lord is good.

F. N. ATKINSON.

CANSO, N. S.—The annual meeting of the church, with a social in connection, was held January 17th. Reports, showing a healthy condition of the various departments of work were presented. The pastors showed an addition of 30 to the membership 25 by baptism and 5 by letter. Five had been removed from the roll, two to join churches elsewhere, and three by death. The treasurer's report showed \$2178 15, raised for all purposes. A small balance behind on the current expense account was raised on the spot. The new vestry, which is ready for the inside finish, was reported clear of debt with a considerable balance in the form of material and unpaid subscriptions on hand. After the business was transacted an interesting literary and musical programme was rendered followed by refreshments.

FALKLAND RIDGE.—This branch of our Zion is blessed with a consecrated band of Christian workers who weary not in well doing. The influence of these devoted souls is felt in every department of our work, especially in our Sunday school and prayer meetings. Recently our Aid Society prepared a social tea at Dea. Chas. Marshall's, the members of Springfield Society being the guests. A most enjoyable evening was spent. Since last reporting a substantial addition to pastor's donation came from friends here, the total now standing at \$53. One young man, a quiet but earnest seeker after truth, has lately been received for baptism. Taken altogether the work is very encouraging at this station.

PASTOR.

CANSO.—Mr. H. A. McLean, singing evangelist, has just closed a term of three weeks' services with us. Much good has resulted. The church has been revived, and a large number, chiefly from the Sunday School, have manifested an interest in their soul's salvation. Some of them, we trust, are regenerate. Mr. McLean is an efficient and faithful worker. A fine voice coupled with a more than ordinary gift in exhortation, pleasing address, good social qualities fits him admirably for the work to which he has consecrated himself. It is desirable that he should be employed by our Maritime churches and not allowed to be lost to us. While at Canso Bro. McLean received pressing invitations from some of our city churches, but had to decline on account of previous engagements. What is needed is some arrangement whereby he may know at the beginning of the Convention year where he is expected to labor. What a splendid team for evangelistic work A. F. Barker and Hugh McLean would make, and what a work for God might be done in these provinces, if they were kept constantly in the field. And what is to hinder? The strong churches, where they would labor a part of the time, could bear such a part of the expense as would leave them free to work on mission fields at least five months of the year. May the Lord open the way.

F. H. BEALS.

ISAAC'S HARBOR, N. S.—Our weekly devotional exercises are as follows: Sunday,

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preaching morning and evening; the latter service is largely attended. Members of our church and congregation, and members of churches of other denominations with profound attention, mark the uplifting and inspiring thought so lucidly presented by our pastor, Rev. G. A. Lawson, which must bear fruit to the honor and glory of him whom he serves. Tuesday evening, B. Y. P. U. meeting, very well attended. Thursday evening, prayer and social meeting, interest deepening. Pastor deeply interested in the observance of this meeting, exhorts all members to set apart this hour to assemble themselves together to worship God. Boys and girls, Junior Meeting on Friday afternoon. This institution is doing a good work for the Master. The attendance in our Sabbath school for two quarters, from June 30th, to Dec. 31st, were 2273, average per Sabbath 87. Officers and teachers ten. From a financial standpoint, we would say that we have been greatly encouraged in the past and the outlook for our church is hopeful. Our young men, of whom we have scores, have proffered their assistance most nobly. The appropriations for church purposes, for fourteen months, from March '99, to May 1900, the end of the pastor's year, including pastor's salary, current expenses, adjusting the cemetery, cleansing, repairing, painting, and furnishing audience room and vestry, buying and placing bell, amount raised and paid Convention and Acadia Forward Movement, etc., etc., amount to a sum over \$1,800. Of the unpaid portion of the foregoing amount the church purposes leaving about \$125, to be provided for during the coming year.

OBSERVER.

PORT MAITLAND AND BRAVER RIVER, N. S.—A few items from this field, though late may be interesting. The work is moving along encouragingly. In November we had a very helpful visit from Evangelist Martin. God's people were greatly quickened, and sinners were converted. The meetings were continued after he left us and many more were blessed. Eleven were baptized and others should have been—probably will be in the spring. Four have joined by letter and others wait to join later. Congregations are very good, Sunday School and prayer meetings are well attended. Contributions for D. W. have increased. W. M. A. S. is vigorous. Salary promptly paid, and a hopeful state of things prevail generally, for which we praise God. A notable result of the meetings is the drawing together of the Baptist and Free Baptist bodies. A joint committee of the two denominations met by appointment to find if possible a meeting ground for organic union. After prayerful deliberation the following resolution was adopted: Whereas in the beliefs and practices of the Baptists and Free Baptists there are only minor differences, with the exception of the commemoration of the Lord's Supper, and whereas, we believe that the announcement of this ordinance would be considered sufficient without any invitation, being so understood as to place no bar in the way of communion of members of Christ's visible church. Therefore resolved, that the members of this committee recommend that these churches unite in one body, and hope that all Baptist and Free Baptist churches in the Maritime Provinces will, with the least possible delay, effect the larger union. At a subsequent meeting of joint committee, in conjunction with the above the following was adopted: And further resolved, that we adopt as our "Declaration of Faith" that prepared by the joint committee of the Baptists and Free Baptists, of the Maritime Provinces, at St. John, N. B., in 1886, known as the "Basis of Union," and accepted by the Baptist Maritime Convention, in 1887. These resolutions were laid before the Baptist ministers, of Yarmouth Co. for their advice before submitting them to the church. Their endorsement was given, and the resolutions were passed at the annual meeting of the church. They have been adopted by the Free Baptist church also, and in due time we expect the two churches will become one if no one forbids the ban. The Baptist church (Bay View) numbers 267 members, and the Free Baptists over 100.

R. A. ALLABY

District Meeting.

The last District Meeting of Kings Co., N. S., was held at Waterville, Jan. 16th. Reports from the churches indicated progress. Bro. J. G. Coulter White led in an

interesting discussion on "The Bible as the source of authority." The addresses of the evening were delivered by C. H. Martell and J. G. Coulter White, the first speaking on denominational loyalty and the latter on the subject "The world for Christ." It is impossible to indicate the full value of these gatherings. One needs to be present in order to know their worth. A larger attendance would make the District Meeting still more useful. M. P. F.

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