

From the Churches.

DENOMINATIONAL FUNDS.

fifteen thousand dollars wanted in the churches of Nova Scotia during the present convention year. All contributions, whether for division according to the units, or for any one of the seven objects, should be sent to A. G. Smith, Treasurer, Wolfville, N. S. Envelopes for gathering these funds can be obtained free on application.

The Treasurer for New Brunswick: Rev. J. W. Manning, B.D., St. John, N. B. and the Treasurer for P. E. Island to Mr. A. W. Starnes, 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. Starnes.

CANTERBURY STATION.—The MESSENGER AND VISITOR is requested to say that the Canterbury Second Church has appointed Moses Esty as its clerk in succession to George F. Jamieson, deceased.

FLORENCEVILLE, N. B.—We are now at Aberdeen with Bro. Rideout, God is blessing our work there. Eleven have been baptized and others are moving in our meetings, one candidate was baptized at Tobique by Bro. Miller, June 7th, and others there will be baptized on our next trip, we go up there D. V. for the 17th inst. A. H. HAYWARD.

TRYON, P. E. I.—Rev. J. Clark, M. A. having resigned the charge of this field, the pastorate of Tryon and Bonshaw, is now vacant. Pastor Clarke during the four years he has been with us, has made many warm friends. His soul stirring and faith inspiring sermons will not soon be forgotten, and very earnest prayers for his welfare will follow him wherever the Lord may lead him. We pray the Master to direct to this part of his vineyard, some one of his many servants, to take up the work that our brother has laid down.

BRIDGEWATER, N. S.—On Sunday June 19 one young lady was received into our fellowship by baptism at Lakeville, N. S. Our new church at Lapland has just received two coats of paint which we were prevented from giving it last fall on account of the lateness of the season. This adds the finishing touch and greatly improves the appearance of the church. Our brethren at Lapland are very fond of their church and they have just reason to be so. It is one of the most attractive little churches that I know.

C. K. FREEMAN.

JORDAN FALLS, N. S.—On Sunday, May 29th, the pastor, Rev. J. B. Woodland, baptized twelve persons and received thirteen into the fellowship of the Baptist church of Jordan Falls, Shelburne Co. N. S. On June 26th, he baptized two others at the same place and there are more to follow. The church has been revived, many souls saved and the cause greatly strengthened at that place. The pastor expects to administer the ordinance of baptism at Sandy Point, in the near future.

HANTSPOINT, N. S.—We are glad to report that on June 19th three more followed their Lord in the ordinance of baptism. Sunday, June 29th, the Sunday school was largely represented in a missionary concert at which time our regular offering for denominational work was taken. It was very gratifying to see the interest of old and young. Mt. Denison Sabbath school has been favored in its endeavor to secure a S. S. library. Mr. John Churchill saw their enthusiasm and presented to them new books suitable for their school. We are glad to see large audiences also thankful for the conversion of souls to Jesus Christ. The pastor sails July 1st for a two months vacation in England, during his absence the Rev. J. D. Spiddell of Wolfville will supply the pulpit.

ERNEST QUICK.

HOPEWELL, N. B.—Our annual Business Meeting was held at Hopewell Hill on Wednesday afternoon 29th ult. Financially the church has made a good record during the past year, over \$2100 having been raised for all purposes. The debt on the parsonage is paid. Our former clerk, Miss Edna West resigned, and Miss Flora Russell was appointed in her stead. Correspondents will please note the change. The retiring clerk was remembered in a substantial donation, as an expression of appreciation for the very efficient

and faithful way in which she performed the work. The church, unsolicited, unanimously voted the pastor one month's vacation to be taken when he so desired. It was a gracious favor given in a graceful way. Let all our churches do likewise. Don't wait for your overworked pastor to beg of you a little time for rest. We are anxious for a spiritual blessing and are waiting for it at the throne of Grace. J. W. BROWN.

AMHERST, N. S.—On Thursday evening, June 30, after the Woman's Missionary Aid Society annual meeting and Tea, a farewell service was held for our retiring pastor, Rev. W. E. Bates on the eve of his departure for his new field at Mystic, Conn. Dea. (Senator) T. R. Black in the chair. The exercises were: Opening remarks by the chairman, a highly appreciated address to the pastor read by Dea. Samuel E. Freeman on behalf of the church. Reply by the Pastor, Cornet solo by Mr. White, Addresses by Rev. Dr. Steele, Rev. Dr. Chapman, Dea. M. A. Pride, Rev. Mr. Hockin, Rev. Mr. Cresswell, Address and presentation by twelve young girls who were recently baptized. Address and presentation of \$150 by Dea. W. M. Read on behalf of the donors. The place was beautifully decorated with flags and flowers and the meeting was characterized by kindly expressions towards the pastor and his excellent wife, and by him towards the church. The meeting closed with benediction by Dr. Steele. A call has been extended to Rev. Selden W. Cummings now of Chester, Penn., which he has accepted. He is to be with us Aug. 21st. W. S. PORTROUS.

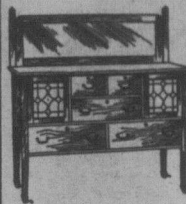
CAMBRIDGE, N. S.—On Thursday, June 23rd we commemorated the thirtieth anniversary of the organization of the Cambridge Baptist church, the day was a delightful one and the exercises of an interesting and inspiring nature. At the service held at 2 p. m. the church clerk gave an outline history of the church. At the organization in 1874 there were nine-two members, of these forty-six, exactly one half are dead, fifteen have removed and thirty one are yet members. After the close of the history followed an address by Rev. Isaiah Wallace. Then the roll was called by the clerk to which one hundred and ninety responded. Addresses were also given by Rev. John Hawley, Rev. Alfred Chipman and others. At the close of the afternoon session a delightful time was spent on the picnic grounds near by. In the evening a crowded house listened to a sermon by Rev. H. F. Adams from John 3:16. The special music prepared for the occasion was much appreciated. The past year has been a very gracious one, wanderers have returned to the Father's house and souls have been saved. Sixty-four have been added to the church, forty six by baptism and eighteen by letter and experience. The finances of the church were never in a more encouraging condition than at present. The church has made quite a new record for herself during the past year in amount contributed for mission and Denominational work. For all these things we desire to thank God and take courage.

C. K. MORSE.

TABERNACLE, HALIFAX.—A great service was held at the Tabernacle Church last evening. It was great in its attendance—great in its interest—and great in its results. The church has recently undergone extensive repairs and in addition to all that expense it has been voted to purchase a new pipe organ. Last night the pastor preached a sermon from Isaiah 32:8 "The liberal soul deviseth liberal things; and by liberal things shall he stand." He spoke of the principle of generosity as vital and fundamental in Christianity and emphasized the fact, that the secret of Christian liberality is a soul filled with the spirit and grace of God. A soul must be made liberal before it can act liberally. The preacher also stated that liberality is the guarantee of safety and enlargement, and showed illustrations of this truth in the commercial, social and religious life. After the sermon a large black-board was placed on the platform and this at once aroused the curiosity of the people. The board had been mapped out into four blocks, represented by different colors and each containing squares representing different amounts. The pastor explained the scheme and then began to call

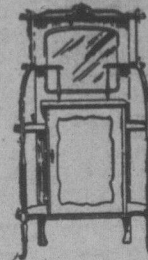
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for subscriptions toward the organ and repair fund. Responses came without a moment of delay and followed on so rapidly that several times it was necessary to ask the friends to wait in order to give time for the marking of the board. There was the greatest enthusiasm from the start and it never lessened. The people had come prepared to give and they needed no urging. Subscriptions poured in until every square on the board was taken and there were other pledges besides. When the final count was made it was discovered that the people had raised the magnificent sum of three thousand, five hundred dollars (\$3,500). Almost every person present gave something and everybody gave freely and gladly. At the close of the service the audience sang "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." The service will not soon be forgotten.

ABERDEEN, N. B.—It is with a spirit of gratitude towards God that I report his blessings upon our efforts here. As this is my first communication it might be as well to begin at the first. Just a year ago I was teaching school at my own native home, Middle Simonds, I had preached a few times twice on this field. I had felt for some time that God had a place in his great vineyard for me, and the very day that I closed my school, I received a letter; the purport of which was a call to this field. The Aberdeen and Windsor churches. Having been granted a license to preach the gospel by my home church, I immediately settled and from the very first there has been a hearty cooperation on the part of professing Christians and a good interest manifested by the unconverted. In December last I received an injury which necessitated my going to the hospital for an operation on an injured foot, this laid me aside from the work for three months, but I am glad to say that it did not even leave me lame, as I had been for years before. The hearty welcome I received on my return in April gave an impetus to carry on the work with renewed energy. On the 10th of June we began special work at Foreston which is central to Biggar Ridge, North and South Ridges, Beaufort and Argyle. Brother A. H. Hayward had arranged to be with me and the first meeting gave promise of a glorious revival. We have had interruptions each week, as we have attended both the quarterly and the associational gatherings, and Brother Hayward found it impossible to be with me this week, but we have returned to our work both Sundays and administered the sublime ordinance of baptism in the beautiful waters of the upper Miramichi. On June 19th, seven candidates and on June 26 four other candidates followed the Lord in that blessed ordinance, and we expect others to follow next Lord's day. We had advertised a "Roll Call" at the church at Highlands for the 21st inst. This call in just the right time and we believe proved a grand success in renewing the family union in our church home as members from all the preaching stations were present to respond to their names. An interesting feature of the Roll Call was the addition of eight new names, six of these being candidates baptized the preceding Sunday and two by experience. Rev. A. H. Hayward gave a historical sketch of the church and Rev. J. D. Wetmore gave an address on "Roll Call." The music provided by the Windsor choir was appreciated by all. In fact everybody felt that "it was good to be there." The four candidates baptized last

Sabbath received the hand of fellowship in the evening, and there are a number of others to be received by letter and experience at the earliest convenience. We expect to visit other parts of the field as soon as the interest is done here, and we trust that the same God who is rich over all will manifest his saving power on the different parts of this field.

C. FRANK RIDEOUT.

PRINCE ALBERT, N. W. T.—The territory of Saskatchewan is more than five times as large as Nova Scotia. In all this vast area, with its rapidly increasing population there are only two Baptist churches and no church edifices. One of these churches is in Prince Albert, the other is near Saskatoon over ninety miles distant. With this exception the nearest church to the south is 250 miles distant, while the nearest church on the west is over 400 miles away. Prince Albert is a growing town with a population of about 2,500. The need for our work here is great. To a resident of the east it would be almost impossible to convey an idea of the godlessness of some of our western towns. Some idea of the condition may be obtained however, when I say that in two weeks recently over \$8000.00 was spent in rum and vice. And very little is being done to help those who are thus enslaved. Upon arriving here nine weeks ago, I found a church of 13 members ready for work and this large field to work in. From the first congregations have been good and recently we have been compelled to secure larger quarters. The town hall has been rented, but for this we have to pay five dollars per Sunday (rather a large sum for a young church). A centrally located lot has been secured at a cost of \$500.00 and we are now facing the problem of building. To provide for any growth, we have had to plan for a seating capacity of 250, and with the present cost of material and labor this will cost \$3000.00. Our people are doing nobly. One woman gives \$2.00 per Sunday for current expenses and has given \$100.00 to the building fund. Another woman who earns her money by boarding mill hands, gives \$1.00 per Sunday to current expenses and has pledged \$75.00 for the building. Another woman, over seventy years of age, also boards the mill hands that she may give \$1.00 per Sunday to current expenses and a liberal donation to the building fund. Others are doing the best they can. But when they have done this, they are hardly equal to the task before them. We will need about \$1,500 from outside sources. A number of friends have given our personal appeals a liberal response. This is the first Baptist church to be erected in Saskatchewan territory. No place in the west offers more to one who desires to invest in the Lord's work. Who will assist with a donation? All money sent to the writer will be gratefully received, promptly acknowledged and wisely expended. Donations should come promptly, as the building is to be ready by Sept. 1st and we have to pay the contractor as the work progresses.

F. W. PATTERSON.
Prince Albert, N. W. T.