

## 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 Geo. A. McDonald, Baptist Book Room, Halifax.

PARADISE, N. S.—Four baptized on Sunday last, all of whom were men and heads of families. E. F. S.  
April 8.

SACKVILLE, N. B.—We have had a very pleasant series of meetings. The church has been much refreshed. Six more were baptized last Sabbath evening.  
April 3rd. E. E. DALRY.

MIDDLETON, N. B.—Twelve were baptized on Easter Sunday. Others are awaiting baptism. Enquirers are coming forward every night. We ask our brethren to pray for the work.  
April 8. C. W. COREY.

TANCOCK, N. S.—Rev. H. S. Erb writes: We have just got settled on our new field here at Tancock, coming from Ontario late last autumn. The opportunity here is great and the outlook is quite promising.

UPPER GAGETOWN.—Rev. Charles Henderson writes: I have about closed work at Upper Gagetown and Scotchtown, and trust that some one will be led by the Holy Spirit to take my place.

NORTH CHURCH, HALIFAX, N. S.—Sunday evening, April 2nd, five more were baptized. The right hand of fellowship was given to 23 received during the month, 14 by baptism, 8 by letter, 1 restored. It was a glad Easter Sunday with us. Others have been received for baptism and others are coming. It is the Lord's work, and to Him be the glory.  
Z. L. F.

BRUNSWICK, ME.—We had a delightful day last Sunday, Easter. Our church was filled. The floral decoration was beautiful. We have eight male voices in our choir and our choruses and solos on Sunday were very pleasing and appropriate. At the close of the service we had baptism and in the evening received four into the church. Under God our work is progressing.  
F. S. TODD.

LAWRENCETOWN.—The work here is hopeful. There are a number who are waiting to be baptized. The people are very kind. A large number came to the parsonage, March 1st, and after spending a social evening presented their pastor with a purse of \$31.50. Next day he left on a vacation trip which was spent mostly in New York State. Hope to begin special services in one of the out stations soon.  
LEW WALLACE.

1ST CANTERBURY CHURCH.—The Lord is favoring us here. Church in very low state when I accepted call. A few of us started prayer meetings. Closed special work with 3rd Canterbury church. When we began here, the Holy Spirit began to do His office work. 3 were baptized last Lord's day, 2 more were added to the church by experience. The heaven is working. The Lord's house was filled to utmost capacity. Sinners are coming, backsliders are returning. Praise the Lord.  
April 3rd. C. N. BARTON, Pastor.

SUSSEX, N. B.—We have just completed our first year with this church. The work has been encouraging. By baptism and letters 25 were added to the church during the year. For various objects the congregation has raised and pledged \$2600 since last April. We are greatly indebted to a few gentlemen who while not members of the church are foremost in their generous gifts and expressions of good will. The members of the church are united and supporting the church in every way. We have received many expressions of kindness and thoughtfulness since coming here.  
W. CAMP.

HAVELOCK, (BUTTERNUT RIDGE).—On Saturday evening, April 1st, the Sunday School under the direction of its superintendent, Bro. Starratt, and the talented organist, Miss Lottie Price, assisted by a large choir, together with the children of the S. S., gave an Easter concert in aid of the funds of the Sunday School. It was, we are glad to record, a great success from every point of view. On Sunday morning the pastor preached from "Mary at the tomb of Jesus," the choir again rendering some choice music.  
F. T. S.

MAUGHERVILLE, SUNBURY CO.—As a result of a few weeks special services thirty-

eight have professed faith in Christ. Four were baptized by the F. C. Baptists of Gibson, and thirty-three by us. One was prevented obeying the Lord's last command by parental coercion, and another from receiving the hand of fellowship. One sister came with us from F. C. Baptists of Lincoln, and another brought her letter from the Fredericton Baptist church. So we had the pleasure Sunday evening, of giving the right hand of fellowship to thirty-four. This mercy we esteem an answer to the prayers of God's people here.  
O. P. BROWN.

April 5th.

WESTPORT N. S.—We were pleased to have our Field Secretary, Mr. O. M. Sanford with us on March 20th, had two meetings, one in the afternoon for S. S. workers and a public meeting in the evening. Bro. Sanford urged us to organize the six schools on the two Islands into a District Association, which we did, Pres. M. A. Pugh, Vice Pres. Deacon Brooks, Sec'y. and Treas. Miss Carrie Payson. The field Sec'y. has a faculty of helping the teachers instead of letting them see how little they know. We enjoyed his visit to Westport very much. We have a good Sunday School, conducted by Superintendent Johnson Denton, who is faithful in his work. We have eighteen teachers and two hundred and twenty-five scholars.  
C. E. PINCO.

GIBSON.—On Easter Sunday Miss Mary Youmans was baptized. Rev. J. W. Manning made us a very pleasant and helpful visit on the same day. Mr. Abram Emack one of our esteemed members, who has been suffering from tuberculosis of the knee bone, is now doing well after the operation of removing the limb at the Victoria hospital. It is only about a year ago that his neighbor, Mr. Welliesley Smith, another valued member of our church, underwent a similar operation after a railway accident. Our little church is experiencing much and varied affliction. Though the pastor has but recently reported a generous donation, he has now the privilege of acknowledging a valuable Easter gift presented by the Ladies' Sewing Circle in a most graceful way.  
J. B. CHAMPION.

TAURO, N. S. FIRST CHURCH.—Evangelists Martin and Gordon have been holding union meetings here for nearly a month, and left golden opinions in the minds of the Christians of all denominations. These good men gave evidence of being very earnest, spiritual, wise, and trustworthy evangelists. Afternoons and evenings they opened up the Scriptures, lifted up Christ, and honored the Holy Ghost in such a way that the results have been a deepening of spiritual life, a greater love for Christ, and a profounder reverence for the blessed Word, as the final authority in all matters of faith and practice. It is not known how many were brought into the possession of eternal life, but a good number have been received into the churches, and more are waiting to be received. Five were baptized in the First Baptist church, April 2nd, and a very beautiful scene it was. Our church is united and hopeful.  
H. F. ADAMS.

ADVOCATE, N. S.—The Baptists of this place do not have the privilege of meeting with sister churches very often, but they are readers of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR and when they saw by that paper that donations were in order, they said we will go and do likewise. Thursday evening was the time appointed to meet at the parsonage to give this scribe a pounding. But some of the friends could not wait until evening but pounded us by landing seven or eight loads of wood in the dooryard. Then in the evening the members of the church and congregation and friends came in and a most enjoyable evening was spent with music and recitations. About eleven o'clock the friends went away to their own homes saying, "we have had a delightful time," and leaving us the richer by \$35 cash and \$7 in articles the minister's wife knows how to use. This is not the first time the members of our church and congregation have come to see us, and left us better off when they departed. Two years ago they made us a wedding anniversary, and a year ago the 4th of April they came in to see the pastor on his 38th birthday and left a nice little present. May God abundantly bless them in our prayer.  
March 29. L. A. COONEY.

LEINSTER ST. CHURCH, ST. JOHN.—At a social held in the school-room of the church on Tuesday evening last, the opportunity was taken to give a somewhat formal, as well as informal expression to the happiness of the church and congregation of the return from Burma of Rev. E. W. Kelly, a former pastor of the church, who also is at present supplying its pulpit. A large number were present. A. A. Wilson, Esq. presided. Congratulatory remarks were made by Rev. J. W. Manning, J. A. Gordon, M. C. Higgins and others, to which Mr. Kelly very happily responded. The programme was also enriched by music and recitations, and later in the evening cake and ice cream were served by the ladies. The Leinster St. people will always have a very warm feeling for Mr. Kelly and are happy in having him now to preach for them while waiting the coming of their pastor elect, Rev. Ira Smith, who is expected to take up his work with the church next month.

### Letter From Rev. Isa Wallace.

I have been intending for some time past to send to the MESSENGER AND VISITOR a few notes reporting progress, but from various causes have been hindered until now. During the past winter, although not permitted to come to my work with the vigor of former years, I have been enabled to accomplish considerable for the Master. In December I spent two weeks with Rev. N. B. Dunn in Yarmouth Co. and enjoyed my co-operation with him and his interesting people. I have rejoiced with brother Dunn in the blessings that have recently crowned his efforts at Pleasant Valley. Early in the new year I spent two weeks pleasantly and usefully in Kentville assisting Pastor B. N. Nobles. Some twenty years ago it was my privilege to fill the pastorate of the Kentville Baptist church, then in its infancy, for a short time. Gratifying progress has since been made so that now this church occupies no secondary position in that prosperous town. Brother Nobles is filling the place admirably. Considerable blessing accompanied our united efforts and some valuable accessions were made. Later in January I went to the aid of Rev. H. N. Parry in the thriving village of Margaretville. Here we met with storms that hindered, somewhat our progress. In this beautiful hamlet on the Bay of Fundy coast, the next session of the Western N. S. Baptist Association is arranged to be held, and many will then look with pleasure on the bold and enchanting scenery of Margaretville and enjoy the hospitality of the dear people there. Brother Parry has an important field and is cultivating it with credit to himself and advantage to the people of his charge. I enjoyed my co-operation with him. On the evening we closed our work at Margaretville we narrowly escaped fatal injuries. As has already been chronicled we were coming down to Melvern Square when our carriage capsized and we were thrown down a declivity on the frozen earth and stones, but through a special Providence our lives were preserved according to Ps. 91:11. I next yielded to the request of Rev. J. T. Eaton and spent a week with him at Upper Clements. Here we did what we could to advance the work although we were hindered by the wildest storms of the winter. In our meetings we received inspiration in the fact that this was the scene of the successful labors of the late Rev. Israel Potter, one of the pioneer Baptist ministers of N. S. Here is his grave, and here his memory is lovingly cherished. This was not my first co-operation with Brother E. and it was pleasant to be with him again and to find him entrenched in the affections and confidence of his people. About the middle of February I visited the Port Maitland church and spent two or three weeks in efforts to help them in their present pastorless condition. In the year 1872 I visited Beaver River and Port Maitland and assisted in promoting a gracious revival. The Baptists and Free Baptists were then the only denominations of the place and were working together unitedly and prosperously. Since then others have come in, but it is generally admitted that the multiplication of sects has not brightened the prospects of Port Maitland religiously. Still this is an important sphere and it is hoped the Baptist church may be successful in securing the services of an efficient pastor, at an early date.

After resting a few weeks with my son

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in Lawrencetown, accompanied by Mrs. Wallace we started for a long looked for visit to our son, Rev. W. B. Wallace, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist church, Utica, N. Y. We came by train, leaving St. John on Good Friday at 7 a. m. and arrived in the city of Boston at 9 p. m. and were met by our son, who kindly came to Boston to meet us. On Saturday we continued our journey by the Boston and Albany R. R., passing through a beautiful country, including many manufacturing towns and prosperous cities, among which is Albany the capital of the State of N. Y. We reached our destination at 7 p. m. Utica is a fine city with a population of 60,000. Many in the Provinces will be glad to know that my son is doing well. He is preaching to the largest Protestant congregation in the city. It was exceedingly enjoyable to us to spend Easter here and to listen to the wonderful inspiring music. The sermon in the morning was from Isa. 35:1, subject "Easter Flowers," in the evening the subject was "Doubting Thomas" text John 20:27, 28. In the evening the place was packed to overflowing, many being unable to get seats. At the close of the evening service, which was especially inspiring and impressive, 11 persons were baptized. Then followed a delightful after meeting in the chapel, attended by about 200 people, in which some requested prayer. At the close of the morning service the Sabbath School which numbers about 600 held an Easter concert which was exceedingly interesting. The music here, as well as in the other services, was grand. Next Lord's day my son is to preach an anniversary sermon as he enters upon the 4th year of service here. He is accustomed to rejoice over accessions to his church every month. There is evidently a very strong affection existing between pastor and people, and the pastor's prospects for increasing usefulness brightens. We are enjoying a most pleasant and restful time in the delightful home of our son, but our thoughts turn affectionately toward the Provinces by the sea, where, through my lengthened ministry I have seen so much of the goodness of God, and where I have many valued friends. May Heaven's best blessings be theirs.  
ISA. WALLACE.

Utica, N. Y., April 5.

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