

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.

FREDERICTON.—The ordinance of baptism was again administered on Dec. 23rd. On Christmas Eve Deacon Spurdun and a few friends called at the parsonage, and on behalf of the congregation presented the pastor with an affectionately appreciative address, accompanied by a purse of \$156 50. This loyal church is ever doing generous things in graceful ways. J. D. F.

DOAKTOWN, N. B.—This is our seventh Christmas in the cold north. Not cold, however, are the hearts of our people. From Ludlow to Blackville, come kindly remembrances. Both young and old have been thoughtful. May one and all receive our thanks, whilst we breathe the prayer that heaven's richest blessing may rest upon you through coming days. M. P. KING.

NORTH RIVER, P. E. I.—Among many tokens of good-will which we have recently received, is the Christmas gift, from the ladies of the North River church, of an elegant sea-otter cap and a pair of very fine fur driving mittens, warm enough to defy any cold that this land can furnish; but not as warm as the hearts of the dear people who in this practical way show their interest in the pastor's welfare. ADDISON F. BROWNE.

MIDDLETON, N. S.—A few special services at Spa Spring have resulted in spiritual quickening. A number have accepted Christ. We are looking for still further results. The Rev. T. B. Layton of Truro has recently come to our town to reside with his son who has been located here for some months. "One interested" recently sent me two dollars for Mrs. Rideout whose house was burned. Sister Rideout expects to build in the spring. Help will be very acceptable. Dec. 29, 1900. C. W. CORREY.

MARYSVILLE, N. B.—My labors closed with this church Sunday, Dec. 23rd. The spiritual condition of the church above the average. No financial incumbrance. The people have been exceedingly kind to me and manifested their good-will toward the retiring pastor by presenting him with a purse on Xmas containing a handsome sum of money. Received and accepted a call to Milton church, Queens county, N. S. Begin work on the new field Dec. 30th. Will correspondents please note the change of address? H. B. SLOAT. Dec. 28th.

BEAR RIVER, N. S.—Rev. J. T. Eaton recently spent a Sunday with us, preaching for the pastor in the evening. His words were highly appreciated. I understand that Bro. Eaton is open for engagement with some church. Happy will be the people who obtain two such mature, efficient, and consecrated leaders in their Christian work as Mr. and Mrs. Eaton. His address now is Clementsport, N. S. Our work moves along smoothly. A church social, filling vestry and parlors, proved helpful. Matt. 2:11 was the pastor's theme last Sunday morning, before a very large audience. Our people will watch the century out. Dec. 27. ISRAEL W. PORTER.

IMMANUEL CHURCH, TRURO.—On Sabbath evening, Dec. 23rd, it was my privilege to baptize six of our brightest and most promising young men and women. Other candidates are awaiting baptism; while one of the converts in our recent meetings, a normal student, is to be baptized at her home in Yarmouth during the holidays. Recently we lost two of our most loyal and helpful members, in the removal of Rev. T. B. Layton and wife to Middleton, N. S. They are very greatly missed in all the services of the church. We are helped to bear our loss by the assurance that Bro. and Sister Layton will fill in the Middleton church the place which they filled in Immanuel. Dec. 26th. M. A. MACLEAN.

WALTON AND NOEL, N. S.—The people of Walton assembled by the vestry of the Baptist church on Thursday evening, 20th inst. and spent a delightful social time together. During the evening occurred one of those interesting events that bring pastor and people into closer sympathy. Des. Smith retired from the room and

returned shortly staggering under the burden of a beautiful Russian Lamb coat, which on behalf of the people of Walton and Noel, he presented to the pastor in an eloquent and suitable address. This reasonable and thoughtful gift is the more appreciated because of the strenuous effort necessary on the part of the churches to keep up the ordinary church work. The pastor would also acknowledge with thanks the kindly aid and interest of the Rev. Dr. McLellan of Noel, who although not connected with the Baptist church, manifests always a cordial and sympathetic interest in our work. We cannot speak too highly of the kindness and generosity of the people on this field. Walton, Dec. 21. D. W. CRANDALL.

PENNFIELD, N. B.—We have nothing very special to report as a church, but we are trying to hold on. Our congregations are good considering that so many of our members are obliged to be away in the lumber woods this winter. The Sunday School work of these churches is progressing fairly well. Our prayer and social services are regularly sustained. We find them very helpful and refreshing to our souls. We are hoping to visit the waters of baptism again in the near future. Our contributions to the various benevolent objects in the denomination are laid upon the altar, not as much as we desire them to be, owing to the lack of money in this section. We are about raising some money for the Minister's Annuity Fund. We believe this to be right, and that every church in the Convention should make an extra effort to bring this fund up to where it ought to be. It is all right to give to Acadia University and missions, but the infirm and disabled ministers and ministers' widows should be provided for above anything else, and hence there is a grand chance open for some of our rich members and all the churches to do a good work for their Lord by considering favorably his servants in the way suggested. Our Xmas trees and concerts came off as usual. The pastor and his wife were remembered. One branch of the Pennfield tree bore to us \$12.25 in cash—valuable branch. I wish to thank the contributors most heartily for their kind remembrance of us. T. M. MUNKO.

GUYSBORO, N. S.—The Christmas spirit has been among us. On Christmas Eve the pastor and his family were given a genuine surprise. Mysterious rappings were heard at the parsonage door. The door being opened no one was visible, but parcels of various sizes and shapes were found with messages of Christmas cheer. Upon taking possession of these parcels, the pastor found them to contain cash and useful articles to the value of about thirty dollars. No member of the family was forgotten. This was not a solace to the sore spots of an irregularly paid salary. The salary is paid with ideal promptness. On Christmas evening a good congregation gathered in the church, where appropriate Christmas exercises were rendered by the Sunday Schools. A Christmas tree had been prepared, upon which presents were found for all engaged in the Sunday School work. Our faithful organist, Sister Gertrude Cunningham, was remembered with a suitable present. No services could be more faithful nor more cheerfully given than hers. Our second quarterly collection for the Convention Fund closes Sunday, December 30. It promises to be the largest one of the present pastorate. If all the churches would take these collections quarterly we would be saved the frequent and not always edifying appeals to the secretaries of our various boards. One of our young men is in the Freshman Class at Acadia. A young woman goes to Acadia Seminary at the opening of the new term. One has recently entered the higher service. During the year several have left for busier industrial centres. The pastor is in the fourth year of his service and never before found the people so thoughtful for himself and family. But, oh! For God's convicting and converting power among us. R. OSGOOD MORSK.

Personal.

Rev. C. H. Day, who has recently become pastor of the church at Kentville, N. S., has enjoyed very exceptional advantages in the way of mental culture and special training for his work. He was graduated at Acadia College in 1886, at Brown University in 1888, and studied at Newton 1888-90. He subsequently spent a year in study at the University of Berlin, and more recently has been professor of German and Latin in Shurtleff College.

Illinois. Mr. Day therefore brings to his work superior ability and a range of culture of which few of his fellow pastors have had the advantage. His sermons are said to be of a high order.

Rev. L. A. Palmer, who was for several years pastor of the Baptist church at Swampscott, Mass., from which he retired in somewhat broken health about a year ago, has now accepted a call to the church at Pittsfield, Mass., and is about entering upon his labors there. Mr. Palmer is a native of Dorchester, N. B., a son of Mr. Alpheus Palmer, now of Wolfville. He was graduated at Acadia in 1889, and held pastorates at Pettitcodiac and at Woodstock in this Province. We are pleased to learn that Mr. Palmer's health is sufficiently restored to enable him to resume the work of the ministry.

The "Twentieth Century Fund."

We wish to call attention to what is being done in the matter of the "Twentieth Century Fund in Nova Scotia. It will be remembered that what is aimed at is the raising of \$50,000 in the bounds of the Baptist Convention of the Maritime provinces, for Home and Foreign Missions, each to receive half. It was further decided at the last Convention that the term, Home Mission should in this case be understood to mean missions in the "Northwest, British Columbia and Grande Ligne," as well as the Maritime Provinces. The time for raising this Fund was fixed, after considerable discussion, at four years from August 1900.

The portion of the \$50,000 assigned to Nova Scotia was \$27,000. This was divided among the associations as follows:

The Western Association,	\$10,000
The Central Association,	11,000
The Eastern Association,	6,000

These amounts have been divided by the associations among the several districts as follows:

WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

Annapolis,	\$3,000
Digby,	1,700
Yarmouth,	3,500
Shelburne,	600
Queens,	1,200

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Kings,	\$4,200
Hants,	1,200
Halifax,	4,100
Lunenburg,	1,500

EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

Cumberland,	2,000
Colchester and Pictou,	1,500
Guysboro and Antigonish,	1,000
Cape Breton,	1,500

The districts have been requested to apportion the amounts among the churches and report the same to me. Four of the districts, viz., Annapolis, Kings, Shelburne and Guysboro and Antigonish, have already reported and it is hoped that others will do so shortly.

METHOD OF COLLECTING.

The method of collecting the amount assigned to it is left with each Church. We are glad to know that the sisters of the aid societies are to co-operate with the churches, in raising this fund. It might be well for each church to appoint a committee of Brothers and Sisters to work out this matter, either to first solicit subscriptions for the full amount covering the four years, or to collect a portion of it each year without subscription as the Church may decide.

SOME ALREADY AT WORK.

A missionary Pastor on P. E. Island writes me that, his churches are at work collecting for this fund and Pastor Poole of the Sable River group reports that their first instalment will be sent early in the New Year. To the little Mission Church at Port Clyde, Shelburne Co., Rev. S. Langille, pastor, belongs the honor of sending the first contribution that I have received for the "Twentieth Century Fund." They have sent nearly a third of the amount apportioned to them. We hope that other churches will follow in rapid succession so that we shall be able to report at Convention a good start towards the amount aimed at.

A. COHOON, Treas. Den. Funds, N. S.

Resolutions.

At the recent meeting of the Quarterly Meeting of Carleton, Victoria and Madawaska counties, a resolution was passed expressing high appreciation of the labors of the late Evangelist J. W. S. Young and sympathy with his family in their sad bereavement. Also in reference to Revs. Calvin Currie and E. P. Calder, who have lately removed beyond the limits of these counties, a resolution expressing toward them the brotherly good feeling and high appreciation of their brethren.

[These resolutions were intended to accompany the report of the Quarterly which appeared last week but did not reach this office in time.—EDITOR M. AND V.]

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Appeal.

When, as in the permissive Providence of God, our esteemed brother, Rev. J. W. S. Young, General Missionary, has been suddenly called from the work he so much loved, and therefore his financial affairs left in rather unsettled condition, the Baptist Quarterly Meeting recently held with the Albert Street Baptist church, Woodstock, being apprized of this fact, issue the following appeal to all the Baptist churches in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and all persons who received spiritual helplessness from the ministry of our deceased brother, and all others who wish to render financial aid are requested to send a thank-offering to Rev. S. D. Irvine, Perth Centre, Victoria Co., N. B., who is appointed Treasurer of said fund, which will be applied for the benefit of the bereft family in their emergency.

Signed by order and behalf of the Quarterly meeting: Revs. A. H. Hayward, W. S. Martin, Thos. Todd, S. D. Irvine, E. P. Calder, R. W. Demmings. Woodstock, Dec. 18th.

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