

The Committee on Home Missions presented the following report:

Your Committee on Home Missions report that we regard the Home Missionary work as equal in importance to any other enterprise carried on by our denomination. The Gospel, as preached by us, ought to be carried, through the instrumentality of our churches, to every community in New Brunswick. We regret that our efforts in this direction have been by no means equal to the demands of the field. It gives us sorrow to learn that the Treasury of the H. M. Society was largely overdrawn at the end of the fiscal year. Even after the contributions of the Western Association have been paid into the Treasury, there still remains a balance due the Treasurer. We recommend that our churches respond liberally to any appeal which may be made by the Board to liquidate the debt, and to provide for the replenishing of the Treasury, and for enlarging the sphere of our operations. We learn with pleasure that the North River Church has voted to send out their pastor at their own expense, to labor for one month as missionary, under the direction of the H. M. Board, and we cordially recommend other churches to follow their example. We recommend the Association to provide for a session of the H. M. Board, to be held at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

A. B. MACDONALD.

Voted, That the report be received, and laid on the table for discussion this evening.

The time having arrived for adjournment, prayer was offered by the Rev. John Coombes.

FIFTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JULY 10.

The Moderator having taken the chair at 7½ o'clock, the Rev. S. W. Kierstead offered prayer.

The minutes of last session were read and approved.

Voted, That the report on Home Missions be taken from the table and spoken to.

The report was then read. It was spoken to by the Revs. I. E. Bill, A. B. McDonald, Bro. J. H. Harding and Rev. J. H. Hughes, earnestly, warmly and affectionately, after which a collection was then taken up for Home Missions, amounting to \$19.54. Rev. W. P. Everett was called for, who delivered

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