

It is with satisfaction we report that through other organizations your Board has helped to support and extend the cause of Home Missions;—one of which, though younger than our own, is setting an example of faith, zeal and enterprize, which it would be well for us to follow; and the other the child of this Association. To the former the N. S. Baptist Home Mission Society, has, with your sanction, been appropriated the sum of *thirty pounds* to aid in evangelizing the immense field in which the operations of that body are carried on. The assistance thus rendered was needed and timely, as we learn by the following communication from the Chairman of the Board of that Society, and which it is proper should be laid before you:—

“At a Meeting of the Missionary Board held at Halifax, Jan. 16th, 1860. On the report that a letter was received from the Rev. George Armstrong, with thirty pounds enclosed from the Western Association, as a grant to the Central and Eastern Board,—it was resolved that a vote of thanks be forwarded to the Board of the Western Association, and those whom they represent, for this prompt remittance in the time of need.”

RICHARD MCLEARN, *Chairman of Board.*

On application from the other,—the Board of the French Mission,—we, from a conviction of its necessity and propriety, and believing our action would meet your views, and secure your approval, have appropriated *thirty pounds* towards carrying on that important and promising Mission. Thus has the Board aided our brethren, east and west, in the good work of home evangelization.

Notwithstanding the good effected and aimed at, the Board is convinced that the members of the churches in our Association generally do not feel, as deeply as they ought, their duty in respect to the Home Mission, and do not therefore contribute to its support and extension as systematically and as liberally as they ought. The importance of such missions, carried on in the love of Christ, cannot be over estimated. The object is to preach Christ crucified to those who seldom or never hear the Gospel, in order that their souls may be converted and saved. It is, in short, to subjugate men everywhere to Christ and his truth, for there is an element in Home Missions, when prosecuted in the right spirit, and in accordance with the doctrine and design of our blessed Saviour, which prompts to extension. The knowledge and love of Christ produces expansion as a necessary and invariable consequence in