

## APPEAL

*To the Baptist Churches in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and to the members of the respective congregations, and to all who love our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.*

DEAR BRETHREN AND FRIENDS,—

Relying upon your co-operation—your prayers—your sympathies—your contributions, we have engaged in this Home Missionary enterprise.

“Attempt great things—expect great things.” We remember this apophthegm of a great missionary—and we desire that none should forget it.

Nova Scotia and Prince Edward’s Island afford a vast field for missionary operation. Their entire population is at present, probably little short of four hundred thousand souls. In less than ten years it may reasonably be expected that this population will exceed half a million. What a field for labour!

In order to “possess this land,” what we Baptists for a long time have seemed to require, was such an organization as would combine the sympathies and efforts of the entire denomination, and would deserve and command their confidence. An organization possessing concentration, discretion and wisdom at the centre,—zeal, tone, responsibility and vigour, at the circumference,—union, harmony, and charity throughout.

All we can do is to sketch the landscape—it is for you Brethren and friends, by your good works, sanctified through the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, to fill up the picture,—to make the desert blossom as the rose.

Give us now your confidence—do more—give us of your substance, give cheerfully, give statedly, give promptly. Without this we can do nothing.