

If the Convention should take charge of the Home Mission work, there must still be an Executive Board located somewhere. Should such Board be established in this Province, say in Moncton, or Woodstock, or St. John, or Fredericton, we believe that very few of its members could be in a position to understand the spiritual necessities of remote settlements, or the wants of the poorer churches of the different parts of Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia; and they would feel it to be a serious responsibility to legislate for localities of which they knew so little; and if the Board were located at Halifax, or Charlottetown, or Windsor, or Yarmouth, the difficulties, as far as concerns New Brunswick, would be as great. Dissatisfaction would spring up in places that felt themselves to be neglected, and we should soon be glad to go back to the original plan of committing the work, in each Province, into the hands of brethren who would, necessarily, be more thoroughly acquainted with the peculiar necessities of the districts requiring special help in maintaining the worship of God.

The proposition for a grand union of the Provinces for carrying on this work has many attractive aspects, but the practical difficulties attending it induced your Board, on the 7th of June, to pass unanimously the following resolution:

"Whereas, The subject of a union of this Province with Nova Scotia in Home Missionary work was brought before the Convention in Portland in 1874, and left over for further consideration:

"Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Board that Home Missionary operations can be more effectively and satisfactorily carried on by each Province separately than by the proposed union, inasmuch as each Province must be in a better position to understand the spiritual necessities of their respective localities, than a General Board located in any one of the Provinces."

Which resolution was endorsed unanimously at a full meeting of the Western Association at Centreville, on the 24th of the same month.

In concluding their Report, the Board would urge the churches to an increasing christian liberality. The work before us is large and of the highest import. Many sections of our Province are calling upon us for assistance—weak churches that desire to maintain the ordinances and Word of God among them, are crying for help. May we feel our responsibility, and understand our privilege of being workers together with God in the salvation of the family of man, and while faithfully laboring may we humbly and earnestly seek his blessing who alone can crown our efforts with success.

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