

The following appeal for funds was also published in the
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TO THE BAPTIST CHURCHES OF NEW BRUNSWICK:

Dear Brethren,—Your Board of Home Missions feeling the responsibility of the work committed to our trust, desire to do all in our power to advance the cause of Christ within our province. During this year eight missionaries have been receiving aid from the funds of the Board. Labor has been performed in Charlotte, Victoria, Northumberland, Albert, and St. John Counties. Other counties need laborers; but we have not the means to supply them. Our means have been very limited for so great a work, and now they are almost exhausted. The churches in the City of St. John, from whom the Board used to obtain liberal donations, have been so affected by that disastrous fire of the 20th of June last, that but little should be expected from them at present. We are now compelled to appeal to the friends of Home Missions generally, and to the pastors of the churches particularly, to make a special effort before the approaching Association, to replenish the funds of the Board, so that we may be able to meet our engagements with our missionaries, and be in a position to employ some of those ministers of Christ who are willing to preach the gospel to the poor, and endure hardness as good soldiers of Christ. Hoping to receive an early and generous response, we remain your humble servants on behalf of the Board,

J. H. HARDING,

W. P. EVERETT,

JAMES MASTERS,

Committee.

April 24, 1878.

EDWARD HICKSON,

Corresponding Secretary.

In conclusion as your Board submits its Report and retires from office, it is with the consciousness that the important trust committed to it has not been neglected. Had the Board the means much more could have been accomplished. Our Province to-day presents most fruitful and inviting fields. Shall they lie waste? Brethren, as you pray—"Thy Kingdom come," remember the Home Mission and its work among the poor, neglected and destitute. Let your alms accompany your prayers. Like the wise men of the East, open your treasures and present to Him who is Prophet, Priest and King, your gold with your spices. He is worthy to receive riches as well as honor, and inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. More than ten times the amount expended last year is absolutely necessary to carry on properly and efficiently our Home Missionary operations in this Province. Can twelve thousand consecrated Baptists of this Province see the Treasury overdrawn and our few missionaries withdrawn from their field and withhold their