

Two chapels will be erected this summer, and at least eight churches will make application to this Convention for admission and recognition as sister Baptist churches.

Had we met in Convention three months later the most marvellous results would have been placed before you. Even now souls are being garnered all over this great missionary land, and people are waiting to be baptized on almost every field. But, as it is, our hearts should be filled with gratitude to our Heavenly Father for what our eyes have seen and our ears have heard of the wonderful work of God. It becomes us also as a people, at the present moment, that we should recognize the Great Head of the Church, by whose spirit and presence this work has been accomplished. "It has not been by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit," saith the Lord. Never before have we been so led to trace the success of missions to the work of the Spirit. He has been our only and absolute dependence.

It is beneath the mighty hand of God we would humble ourselves. "Not unto us, O Lord; not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory for Thy mercy and for Thy truth's sake. For He hath done marvellous things; His right hand and His holy arm hath gotten Him the victory."

Your Board exceedingly regret the departure of Mr. J. B. McArthur, Q.C., our ex-president, and his family from this Province, to make their new home in Minneapolis, Minn. Their removal has caused a severe loss to the mission work of this country, and your Board hope that a fitting memorial may be made of it by this Convention.

A memo. of unfinished business will be prepared by this Board for the new Board you may now see fit to appoint.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES A. SMART,

President.

JOHN H. BEST,

Cor.-Sec.

The following is a report of the work done by the students for the summer of 1888:

"The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad." We question whether the Home Mission field of any denomination has been so fruitful during the past summer as that of the Baptist Convention of Manitoba and the North-West. It is with great thankfulness to the God of the Harvest we place on record the labors and results of the past six months. The missionaries employed were Rev. J. H. Best, Superintendent; Brethren W. T. Graham, A. J. Vining, D. McGillivray, Thos. Moody, Ernest Grigg, W. F. Irvine, Russell Baldwin, H. J. Haviland, B.A., Thos. Doolittle, J. W. Gregory; Revs. W. Murdin and D. D. McArthur, Pastor of the Kemptville and South Gower churches—thirteen in all.

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