

Eastern Provinces towards Manitoba and North-west missions. In pursuance of your recommendation, special efforts were made during the year to bring the needs of our work fully before the brethren of the East. Our brethren in the far East, by the sea, are 45,000 strong, and are Baptists "after the strictest sect." The aid given by them had not been such as their numbers and their loyalty to the principles, which we cherish and seek to disseminate, led us to expect, and we were desirous of placing the requirements of our mission field fully before them. A most favorable opportunity was presented in August last, when the largest gathering of Baptists ever known in the Maritime Provinces assembled, with overflowing enthusiasm, for the forty-third anniversary of their Convention, and the semi-centennial jubilee of Acadia College. Bro. A. A. Cameron, who was planning a vacation tour east, and Bro. J. W. Whitman, of Emerson, who was anxious to visit his former home and friends, and willing to bear his own expenses, accompanied our Superintendent, as representatives of this Convention, and thus a strong delegation, at comparatively small cost to us, was secured to present our claims at that gathering. The reception given our delegates could not have been more cordial, and the response to the presentation of our cause was the warmest it ever received. The Women's Society also became intensely interested in our missions, and from the two Conventions collections amounting to \$158 were secured. A committee was appointed to confer with our delegates, and reported recommending "that the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces recognize their duty to contribute not less than \$1,000 for missions in Manitoba and the North-west, and that our Home Mission Board be instructed to superintend the raising of that amount."

A visit to the Ontario and Quebec Convention and churches was also arranged. Brother Best had planned entering upon this immediately after the close of the summer's work, but so urgent were the demands for his presence here that the Board decided to ask the Emerson church to temporarily release their pastor, Bro. J. H. Doolittle, that he might undertake the work in Ontario and Quebec. This arrangement was carried into effect, and Bro. Doolittle attended the Convention of the Ontario and Quebec churches, and the annual meeting of the Women's Society, in October, and commenced a systematic canvass of the churches. Our representative found that a report of the results of the summer's work had gone east before him, and a warm interest in Manitoba and North-West missions was already kindling. Everywhere he was given a most cordial welcome, and in convention, churches and colleges, the work called forth hearty responses. The people were eager to hear and anxious to give. About three months were spent in canvassing, taking the churches in order, presenting our work two and three times on Sundays, and every night in the week, excepting Saturday. Only the smaller portion of the ground, chiefly that between Toronto and Montreal, could be gone over in the time spent.

Previous to the meetings of the Eastern Associations of the present