

inspire us the example of the Great Author and Founder of missions who, during the three and a half years of His public ministry, went about through the Provinces of Palestine preaching the Kingdom of God.

4. Considerations for enlarged effort in our Home Mission work may be gathered from a survey of the field. In connexion with the Western Association there is a large number of feeble churches unable, singly, to support a Pastor. These were organized under favorable auspices and with joy received into this body. Not favored with missionary or pastoral labour they dwindle. This accounts for the fact that some do not report themselves by letter. And this retrograde course, unless speedily arrested by aid from abroad, will be continued until they lose their visibility, and thus churches that once promised to be valuable accessions of strength and influence, for the want of the fostering care of Home Missions sadly disappoint the hopes that had been cherished concerning them.

And there are scattered along our Atlantic coast and along the margin of our bays, as well as in the interior in connexion with our gold fields and in sparsely agricultural and lumbering districts, villages and settlements that present inviting fields for missionary labour. Do not these feeble, dying churches, those destitute settlements and villages call loudly and imploringly for increased effort.

And it should be borne in mind that the Western N. S. Baptist Association comprises a membership, considerably larger than any of the six sister Associations included in the Convention. This membership in the aggregate probably possesses more wealth than that of either of the other bodies. Within our limits, however, we have less missionary ground than either of the sister Associations. Hence the importance of judiciously and prayerfully enquiring as to our duty to widen the sphere of our operations. It is true that the support of the Mission to the Acadian French rests largely