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meeting of the Convention, so that the Board may be enabled to meet its obligations.

Your Committee is pleased to know that several of the mission fields have shared in the revival blessings that God has granted to our churches during the year, and that several pastors have reported baptisms, to the number of 230. These outward manifestations of progress are encouraging to all who are interested in the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom, and the internal evidence, shown by a liberal spirit of giving and a desire to become self-sustaining, are not less so.

Your Committee would urge upon the Board the desirability of complying with the request of the New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society made at the time of handing over the control of Home Missions in this Province to the Convention Board, namely, that they present an annual report to the respective Associations in New Brunswick, giving as far as practicable a full statement of the needs of the fields and the means adopted to satisfy them. One advantage of the local Home Mission Board was that at each Association the annual report was presented, from which an intelligent idea could be obtained of the condition of every field, and answers be readily given as to the *what*, the *where*, the *who* and the *how* of missionary effort. These facts now come too late for the Association gatherings, and can only be obtained by a special report, as contemplated above.

The Home Mission Board believes that important aid can be rendered by the Associations through Committees, instructed to group the churches in such a way that all, even the weakest, shall be cared for. In enforcing this idea your Committee would recommend the appointment of a Standing Committee to inquire into the condition of every part of the field occupied by the churches of this Association, and from time to time during the coming year to press the claims of needy churches and destitute places upon the notice of the Home Mission Board.

We urge upon our pastors the duty of keeping Home Missions constantly before the people, claiming for them a warm place in the heart of every Christian and stimulating the deepest interest and regard of all the brethren.

J. MARCH, Chairman.

Report adopted.

Spoken to by Revs. Dr. Bill, W. E. McIntyre, S. Welton, J. F. Bartlett, Dr. Welton, of Toronto, and Bro. J. March.

*Resolved*, That the appointment of Standing Committee to examine destitute parts of this field and bring them to the notice of the Home Mission Board, be handed over to Committee on Nominations.

The Committee chosen were:—Bro. J. March, Revs. Dr. Bill, S. Welton, M. P. King, W. J. Stewart, Bros. James McBay and C. F. Clinch.

Collection taken for Home Missions amounted to \$12.25.