

Circular Letter.

THE CIRCULAR LETTER OF THE WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, CONVENED AT HEBRON, YARMOUTH, SEPTEMBER 25TH, TO THE CHURCHES OF WHICH IT IS COMPOSED.

Dear Brethren,—

We propose in this annual letter to direct your thoughts to the claims of HOME MISSIONS.

It is a gratifying fact that increased interest is being manifested in our Foreign Missionary operations. But while the churches of the Maritime Provinces may contemplate with a good degree of satisfaction, their 27 native preachers toiling on in various parts of the kingdom of Burmah, seeking to win their benighted countrymen to Christ, their much esteemed sister DeWolfe at Bassein, labouring assiduously for the enlightenment and salvation of heathen women, and the expected departure, at an early date, for the Foreign field of their beloved Brother William George and his excellent companion—all supported by their funds—it is at the same time deplorable that we are doing so little for the spread of the Gospel among the destitute of our own Provinces.

It is, indeed, singular, that Newfoundland, with a population of 120,000 and with its 70 shepherdless Baptists, that the Bermudas with a population of 15,000, and at least some holding Baptist sentiments, that the Coast of Labrador, with its thousands of sturdy fishermen speaking the English language—and all so easily accessible to us—have elicited as yet, no effort on our part to carry to their people that Gospel that we enjoy and so highly prize.

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