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FRIDAY EVENING SESSION, 7 o'clock.

Moderator in the Chair.

Meeting opened by the reading of the Scriptures, singing and prayer.

Minutes of the former session read and approved.

The following brethren were appointed a Committee on place, preacher, and writer of Circular Letter, for next annual session of this Association, viz.: Revs. I. E. Bill, E. C. Cady, G. M. W. Carey, W. S. McKenzie, T. Harley, and bro. Z. G. Gabel.

Reports on Home and Foreign Missions read, as follows:

HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee are deeply impressed with the fact, that notwithstanding all our labors in the Home Mission work, that many of the centres of influence, as well as numerous outlying districts of the Province, are only partially supplied with Baptist preaching. The calls upon our Board to enlarge their sphere of action in the domestic field are increasingly urgent; but they can only respond in the affirmative in proportion as the necessary funds are forthcoming from the churches. Is it too much to ask that the 9,000 Baptists of New Brunswick should contribute \$1,000 per annum to this deeply interesting department of Christian labor. Your Committee would suggest systematic arrangements in every church of the body for keeping this important matter before the people. In addition to frequent missionary sermons by the pastors, it seems to us desirable to have monthly missionary meetings in every church, where prayer should be offered, appropriate intelligence communicated, and collections taken in aid of the cause.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I. E. BILL, *Chairman*.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee rejoice to say that God, by His Spirit, is moving among the nations of the earth, and opening wide and abundant doors, North, South, East, and West, for the proclamation of the Gospel.

In view of God's providences, the fields whitening for the harvest, the promise of Jehovah to give His Son the heathen for his inheritance, which is to be made actual by the instrumentality of the Church of Christ, your Committee feel that, as a Denomination, founded, as we are, upon the doctrine of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone, with our rigid adherence to the principles and practices of primitive Christianity, and our marked and instructive history, *we have a great work to do for God and humanity, and we must do it.* In the name of our God, let us set up our banners.

To this end it is hereby affectionately recommended that, as individuals and churches, we pray more for the success of our Foreign Missions, that we sympathize more with our Missionaries, and that we give more liberally to this cause of God than we have ever done before, that Christ may be preached, souls saved, and, in the desert of our sinful world, a highway prepared for our God. "Let the people praise thee, O God! let all the people praise thee."

Respectfully submitted.

G. M. W. CAREY, *Chairman*.