

## The Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report:

By the action of the late Convention at Yarmouth, we have entered on a new era in our Foreign work. It was there determined to separate from the American Missionary Union, through which we have so long and amicably carried on our operations abroad, and to form an organization to be completely under the control of the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces. The Foreign Mission Board has been re-organized and located in St. John.

Thus have come upon us as a denomination new and grave responsibilities, in which the churches of this Association are necessarily involved.

An Independent Foreign Mission, to be carried forward successfully, demands much sagacity, great energy, and unceasing prayer.

While there remains much land to be possessed, it is necessary that some special field be selected for our future efforts, and while all inquiry will be made relative to a sphere of operations, your Committee would bespeak the earnest supplications of the children of God that in this matter of first importance we may receive direction from on high.

Your Committee would urge upon our whole membership the necessity of making themselves thoroughly conversant with the subject of missions. Procure all possible information; grapple with the facts and statistics that may be laid before you; ponder the state of perishing millions until your hearts burn within you; and thus proceed intelligently and sympathetically to compass the grand design of rescuing those lost in sin and doomed to hell.

We are blessed at once with the gospel which has proved itself the power of God to ourselves, and with the gold whereby that glorious message may be sent to others. Let us imitate the wise men who, when they had found Jesus, fell down and adored Him, "*opened their treasures and presented unto Him their gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.*"

D. A. STEELE, *Chairman.*

Report received.

Addresses were delivered by Revs. J. M. Cramp, D. D., G. F. Miles, W. A. Coleman, G. A. Hartley, D. A. Steele, T. H. Porter, and E. Hickson.

A collection for Foreign Missions was then taken, and the Report adopted.

Adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. J. Spencer.