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We have a constituency in Ontario and Quebec of less than 40,000 resident church members. Nearly half our churches have not reached self support, still requiring the fostering care of our own Home Mission Board. Upon this small constituency, thus constituted, there rests the full responsibility for a Home Mission work, which, with the most rigid economy, requires an expenditure of over \$120,000 per annum. We have also a Foreign Mission work which needs over \$30,000 a year to support what we have already undertaken. In both these great departments of work there is imperative demand for expansion, involving increased outlay. In addition to this there are our Ministerial Education, our Superannuated Ministers, and our Church Edifice works to maintain and enlarge.

We have also upon us chief responsibility for the maintenance and enlargement of the work in Manitoba and the North-West, where it is all important that we lay hold of the budding promise of its spring-time of opportunity, and which must make larger demands as immigration pours in its various nationalities. The chief responsibility is also ours with the Grande Ligne work among the 2,000,000 French Catholics of the Dominion.

Under these circumstances, hindered as we are in our comparative weakness by such various forms of work which have almost unlimited possibilities of enlargement, and demanding an ever increasing expenditure, we are sure you will not think we wish to shirk our legitimate responsibility, if we shrink from assuming, as an additional burden, the work which you propose to lay down. We only fear we shall be altogether unable to provide the funds necessary to push the work in British Columbia as this its day of supreme opportunity demands. Permit us, therefore, to urge you very earnestly to reconsider the action taken in the light of these facts, to see whether you may not consistently, with all the claims made upon you in the support of your great work in your own land, continue to hold out a helping hand to the weak Province which owes so much to you for past aid, or at least until such time as shall give us opportunity to adjust ourselves to this additional claim upon our resources.

Signed on behalf of the Convention,

D. M. MIHELL, *Secretary.*

The report to be forwarded as correspondence to the American Baptist Home Mission Board.

The following resolution was also presented, the adoption of the report and of the resolution being moved by Bro. C. Goodspeed, and seconded by Bro. D. Spencer:—

That whereas the brethren in British Columbia appeal to this Convention for aid in their missionary work, on account of the financial inability of our United States brethren to assist them further, be it resolved, that in the event of this decision being final, the Ontario Committee for Manitoba and the North-West be instructed to conduct correspondence with the British Columbian brethren respecting the work, and if, after careful enquiry, it be found necessary to give consideration to their request, a proportionate amount shall be added to the estimate for the North-West, to be presented to our churches