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Report of the N. B. Baptist Home Mission Society, For 1856-7.

Presented to the Society, at its Fourth Anniversary, held at Moncton, July 13, 1857.

Your Managing Committee having been permitted through another year to give direction to the funds and labors of the Society, appear before you for the purpose of rendering a faithful account of their stewardship.

Their first love, and are doing their first works, and there is a prospect of a general gathering of souls to Christ.

In his report to the Board he says: "I preached thirty-three sermons, held ten prayer-meetings, four conferences, and visited between fifty and sixty families."

The Rev. Mr. Magee's report on his connection with the Baptist Home Mission Society, being about to return to his former field of labor, we have again earnestly, but respectfully, solicited your continued liberality and exertions to supply this portion of our missionary field with the stated ministrations of the word of God.

The prospects at Northwick and Little South-west are encouraging, and if a suitable successor to our present missionaries be obtained—one who will take well with the people—we hope to see numbers flocking to the standard of truth, and openly professing their faith in Christ and obedience to Him, while at Neweastle there is a constant attendance on the public ministrations of the word of God.

Six weeks labor were expended by this valued missionary, commencing the 6th of August, 1856, at Oromocto, Kussacowish, and the adjoining settlements.

Rev. J. Tozer, having resigned his mission at Boiestown, Harley Settlements, Blissetville, and Blackville, Miramichi, for the purpose of taking charge of the Baptist Church at Keswick, the Board appointed Elder Bleakney to succeed him in that extended and destitute district.

In giving the results of his labors up to June 24th, he reports 138 meetings, 1,420 miles travelled, 11,792 pages of religious and temperance tracts distributed, and 46 persons baptized, and the amount contributed by the people towards his mission, £36.

Your Board has been deeply impressed with the importance of having a permanent missionary in this inviting district, but hitherto have not been able to accomplish this desirable object.

This Bro. has spent eight months of the past year in the service of the Board. He says, "In that time I have preached 158 Sermons, attended 87 prayer and conference meetings, made 290 ministerial visits, organized two Sabbath schools, circulated 1500 pages of tracts and numbers of the Family Casket, travelled 735 miles, collected £20, and baptized 25 persons."

In mid-winter the Brother received an appointment from the Board to labor three months at Kingsford, Prince William, and surrounding settlements.

I have just returned to my home after serving the Board thirteen weeks, and I think my Heavenly Father I have been in good health. I have travelled 525 miles, preached 67 sermons, and attended other religious meetings, lectured on temperance, made many visits from house to house, and took fifteen prayers for the Board.

The people at Prince William were so much interested in the visit of Bro. Walker, that they sent an earnest request to the Board to re-appoint him to the field for three months longer, with an assurance that they would defray the expense of the mission.

This esteemed Brother was appointed early in January last, to devote one quarter of his time to destitute settlements in Carleton Place.

Rev. J. Tozer was appointed to labor one-quarter of his time at the Grand Falls, and Bro. Springer was appointed for three months to the destitute settlements in the County of Carleton, to labor under the direction of the Baptist ministers of the County, but as neither of these brothers have furnished details of their labors, your Board cannot report particularly.

In all these places there are Christians who highly value the instructions given and are much edified thereby. The unconverted attend in considerable numbers, and listen respectfully, and we hope profitably to the word preached.

Your Board are happy to report the organization of several Auxiliaries to the Parent Society during the year that promises much good.

The future of the Society is fraught with necessity and hope. Shall we not then one and all gird on anew the armour of faith and prayer, and "work!" "work!" "work!" until our Master shall say: "Well done good and faithful servant, thou has been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

A faint glimpse of the Hyde Park Palace has been already given, as an introduction to the one at Sydenham; thus giving a brief history of this great movement; how the idea first germinated, and its development.

Having reached the Crystal Palace terminus we quit the train, and ascend a boomed flight of steps right before us, leading to the railway colonnade, which is beautified by flowers and creeping plants of various kinds.

This superb edifice is built on sloping ground, a basement story was erected towards the garden front, by means of which not only increased space was obtained, but a higher elevation secured.

The lower story is sufficiently large to serve as a department for the exhibition of machinery in motion, and a very interesting exhibition of Agricultural Implements, which important branches of science and human industry, will be contemplated apart from other objects.

Above the level of the floor it is entirely built of iron and glass, with the exception of a portion of the west front, which is panelled with wood.

The colonnade previously noticed is 752 feet long, 17 feet wide, and 18 feet high. It stands on a superficial area of 15,500 feet, and the quantity of iron employed in this covered passage is 60 tons; and of glass 30,000 superficial feet.

They venture to express the hope that some arrangement may be made through Messrs DeMill and Fillmore, who have opened an extensive book establishment in the City, to carry forward this work more efficiently.

Your Board from the first have felt that a general Missionary and Financial Agent, wholly devoted to the interests of the Society, is indispensable to enlarged success, and the truthfulness of this conviction is more and more manifest every day.

In reviewing the work done in the last year. Your Board would acknowledge with gratitude, that while the funds have come short of what they were in preceding years, and while the number of Missionaries in the field has been considerably less; in no year since the Society came into existence has it recorded as many conversions to Christ, or as many added by baptism to the churches.

Perambulations in the Vicinity of London.
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CRYSTAL PALACE, SYDENHAM.

Brother H. Hughes in reporting the proceedings of this Auxiliary up to June 28th, says: "This Auxiliary was organized it has, under God, been the means of sending the gospel to the poor in districts where they were not able to support it, and the success attending Brother Harvey's Mission at Springfield and Cavertill, together with the earnest appeal from the newly organized church in that place, induced the Board to continue the labours of Brother Harvey for two months in the same field."

Brother H. M. Society, officers: Rev. N. D. Fitch, President; E. Keirhead, Vice President; W. S. Howe, Secretary; Isaiah Wallace, Secretary; Brother S. T. Estabrook, Treasurer.

Bro. Keith was appointed missionary to the North Branch, Oromocto, for four weeks. He is to enter upon his mission immediately after the session of the Eastern Association.

The total length of columns employed in the construction of the main buildings and wings would extend, if laid in a straight line, to a distance of 16 miles and a quarter. The total weight of iron used in the main buildings and wings amounted to upwards of 9,641 tons.

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