

REPORT OF MISSIONARY BOARD.

Report of the Domestic Missionary Board of the W. B. Association for the year ending Sept., 1867.

The report of our Domestic Missionary operations for the past year is not so cheering as in some former years. Still for another year, our monies have been expended, our Missionaries have been employed, in establishing and extending the Redeemer's kingdom, and not entirely in vain. Doubtless as with many a settled Pastor, many of our missionaries have often had to say, "Lord who hath believed our report and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed," "I have labored in vain and spent my strength for nought," but then like them, they have again been made to rejoice in seeing Christians quickened, prodigals reclaimed, and souls converted, through their labors. Still where the fruits have not been gathered, ploughing and planting have prepared the way for coming harvest. "One soweth and another reapeth." One impediment to the success of our Missionary operations, we are persuaded, is the lack of permanency in our appointments. Short missions create impressions, which alas! time, to a great extent, obliterates; and indeed, in some respects, the deeper those impressions and the more immediate fruits of a short mission the greater injuries to the cause in relinquishing it. We might well copy after our Wesleyan brethren, in this respect,—having gained a foothold, to keep it.

To accomplish this however, we need more funds. A little more liberality in supporting such permanent missions would shortly render them self-sustaining, and thus, relieved of such successive burdens, the Scripture promises would be realized: "The liberal soul deviseth liberal things and by liberal things shall he stand."

Total amount of labour and expenditure, with the apparent results. As far as the reports show:

Number of weeks expended under the employ of the Board 31½.
 Sermons preached 120.
 Other religious meetings 36.
 Family Visits 330.
 Number of pages of religious tracts distributed 567
 Number Baptized 20.
 Amount collected in aid of the Board \$42.50.

In addition to above, needed assistance has been rendered to several destitute Churches, not only within the limits of