

## REPORT.

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The Committee of the NOVA SCOTIA MICMAC MISSIONARY SOCIETY beg respectfully to report to its members and friends. They have during the past year been called together to receive the letters of the Missionary, and counsel and direct him in his undertakings. Immediately after your last Annual Meeting they sanctioned two additional expenditures. First, for the erection of an addition to the Missionary's house, specially designed for teaching purposes. And second, for the publication of a tract was once printed in Micmac, now translated into Meliseet,—the language of the New Brunswick Indians. The former, through the blessing of God, has been accomplished, and the cost to the funds may be estimated at about Two Hundred Dollars. The latter is also finished, though yet in the printer's hands.

The ordinary work of the Missionary has been proceeded with during the year now closed, or rather since your last annual meeting. He has visited the Indians in several places, and respecting those visits we will enter more in detail. We may first give an item of Educational news, supplementing the information communicated in the previous report as to the number of Indians who can read and write.

"I am happy to report two additional Indians, young women, who can read, and have gone to school during the past winter. One at Berwick has been instructed by Mrs. Dr. Masters in both reading and writing: the other has resided near Canar, and has attended school in that locality. Both belong to families of sober, industrious and friendly Indians. People have been quite surprised to see so many Indians put up houses, to live in instead of wigwams.

"One man who is mentioned in the report as having learned to read last winter has been living in New Brunswick since, somewhere near Memramcook. He came over to see me the other day and I was pleased to see how he had improved in his reading. He had one or two books with him. He says