

THE FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD  
OF THE NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST HOME MIS-  
SIONARY SOCIETY, PRESENTED JUNE 21ST,  
1858.

While presenting this their first annual Report, your Board would gratefully acknowledge the goodness and mercy of God towards themselves, and the missionaries of the Society, during the past year.

We trust we have had some proper sense of the importance of the Society, and of our responsibility to promote its interests. Your Board has met regularly for the despatch of business once a month, and in some cases oftener. Entire harmony has marked the whole of our meetings. But a small part of what we desired has been accomplished; yet something has been done. We invite attention to the following items:—

At the meeting of the Board held at Onslow, July 17th, 1857, Rev. D. McKeen was assigned a mission of 8 weeks to "Charlottetown and vicinity." Entering upon the mission a week afterwards, he laboured 7 weeks, preached 31 sermons, attended 14 other meetings, visited 103 families, and collected for the Society £10 5s. 4½d, N. S. currency.

Rev. Wm. Hall, in July, commenced a mission on Prince Edward's Island of 14 weeks. He preached 71 sermons, distributed several thousand pages of tracts, visited extensively, and collected £17 17s. 9½d. Much good resulted from the labors of these two brethren, especially at East Point, where the Pastor, Rev. J. Shaw, subsequently baptized a considerable number.

Rev. Wm. Burton, in August and September, performed a mission of 7 weeks and 5 days, as preacher and agent on Cape Breton. He preached 35 sermons, attended two conference meetings, and collected £23 7s. 3d.

Rev. James Stevens, on the 21st July, was assigned a mission of 3 months in Pictou County. Commencing August 29th, he labored 10 weeks, preached, say, 35 sermons, attended 4 other meetings, and collected £7 0s. 2½d. Through his exertions an Auxiliary Society was formed at Merigomish.