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## REPORT OF FRENCH MISSION BOARD.

*To the Western Baptist Association, June 14, '56.*

DEAR BRETHREN :

In presenting you this annual report of our Board we would desire to acknowledge the goodness of God which has thus far attended our Missionary's efforts. We have not, it is true, to report of numbers baptized and churches formed; but we do hope that conversions to God have taken place. Prejudices we know have been broken down, and interests awakened among our Acadian friends, which are deepening and widening on every hand. Distrust of the principles and practices that hitherto have bound them, and reasonable and serious inquiries into our views of righteousness and salvation attend the labours of the Missionary; and greatly encourage all who support it. One very interesting case occurred during the year of leaving the church of Rome for a more heavenly and holy religion: The Mission-house, which at our last Association we stated was in course of building, has since been completed, and last Autumn our Missionary took possession of it, which is working favourably for the cause. Not only is the house built and occupied, but about two-thirds of the expences have been paid, the other third still remains unpaid.

During the rough and cold winter, a school was carried on in connection with the Mission, the results of which are exceedingly favorable in several respects.

First: It has given the people, for whom we labour, an opportunity to see that we are in earnest with our efforts to do them good, and there are those of them who appreciate our attempts.

Secondly: It has created agitation in several with reference to the advantages of Education, by which it becomes a matter of discussion amongst themselves.

Thirdly: It also has an effect to increase the interest of the English population in the French who live contiguous to them by encouraging the study of the French language.

The whole number of pupils in attendance during the term was 35, of which a large portion pursued the study of the French language. Six of that number were French children. More, probably would have attended had not the winter been exceedingly cold, and sickness widely pre-