

faithfully and his labours have been blessed. Two have been added to the French Mission church by baptism. Several have professed conversion. Some have died rejoicing in hope. Others are beginning to seek for the truth. The word of God is being studied. Its effects are coming to light. The missionary still meets with opposition in several places, but he is generally respected and his influence is acknowledged to be good.

An attempt has been made to build a meeting house at St. Mary's Bay for the accommodation of the English and French families residing there who are connected with the French Mission Church. Considerable progress has been made in building. But as there was strong opposition to the work by a neighbouring church, it was thought best to let the matter rest until a full investigation of the affair could be made. The house is generally admitted to be a necessity. It will undoubtedly, therefore, be pushed on at an early date to completion. There are two Mission premises belonging to the French Department of Home Missions. One is situated at Tusket, the other at Saulnierville. They are probably worth \$4000. The house at Tusket is rented. The one at Saulnierville is occupied by our French Missionary.

The Book Department.—Your Board felt the growing importance of having our own literature more extensively circulated in the Province, and occupying a more prominent place in our Sabbath School Libraries. To carry out their cherished plan in regard to this matter, they appointed to the colporteur work Mr. A. H. Lavers. He commenced operations in the County of Shelburne, in December last. But the weather was unusually stormy, money was very scarce in that section, and the people visited were generally poor. The sales made by the colporteur, therefore, were not so extensive as the Board anticipated. But a good work was done for the Master. Many denominational and Awakening tracts were distributed, cheap books were given to the poor, and a considerable number of books was sold. Many families were visited who seldom or never had heard the voice of prayer. The poor in several parts of the county had the gospel preached unto them, who scarcely ever had heard the good news except from the lips of our colporteur.

In the early part of April, Gardiner Tufts, Esq., who had been in the employ of the British and North American Tract Society, entered the service of your Board. He has ever since been labouring indefatigably and with the most gratifying success. He is circulating very extensively in the counties of Digby, Annapolis, and King's, a pure Baptist literature.

The appointment of J. Albert Walker, Esq., of Antigonish, dates from the first of May. He will canvass the counties of Antigonish, Pictou, Guysboro, and Halifax. He entered very hopefully and energetically upon his work, and bids fair at the present time of being successful in the colporteur department.

Your Board believing the colporteur work to be of immense