

Third. The Bill is in perfect harmony with the Constitution of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union; and two of the three petitioners against our Bill were members of a Committee that framed that Constitution. They are really petitioning against their own work.

We, therefore, respectfully ask your assistance toward passing our Bill the *present session*, and without any modification, as delay in this matter would seriously interfere with our prospective operations in Home Mission work.

We are, dear sir,

Your obedient servants,

(Signed)

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Members of the Executive Board of the Union.

Your Board, anxious to do all in their power to advance the Redeemer's Kingdom, appointed a Committee to visit the Churches in Argyle and Pubnico, to hold missionary meetings with them, and, if possible, to assist them in the settlement of a pastor. The Committee attended to their duty, and reported very favourably. They were impressed with the fine appearance of the places visited, the improvements that have been made of late, and the great necessity of having them supplied with ministerial labor. They believe that with even a small amount of Missionary and Colporteur work given to these sections strong Baptist interests would be seen where now the cause is comparatively feeble.

Your Board, believing that a system of Colportage is of absolute importance in prosecuting successfully the Home Missionary work, endeavored to make a beginning in this department of labor. For this important work they sought the services of Bro. A. H. Lavers, a young man of zeal and energy, of tact and talent. Quite recently he left the Methodist Society, and united with us. He expects to devote his life to the work of the christian ministry. In view of his many good qualities your Board thought it advisable to give him an appointment as Colporteur for six months. He will be ready to commence his labors under the direction of the Board on the 1st of August next.

In connection with this matter your Board corresponded with Howard Gannet, Esq., of the Bible and Publication Society. His reply was indeed cheering. He offered to select personally all books and papers ordered, to make a discount of 25 per cent. on catalogue prices of all books purchased, to wait for remittances a convenient

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