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**TERMS, - - - - 50 Cents a Year.**

To any one sending ten names, with five dollars, an extra copy will be sent free for one year. It is to be hoped that a large number of clubs may be formed early in the season—between this and January 1st, 1899. To our young people, both in the Sabbath schools and unions, a great opportunity is offered. Let us have your support promptly. This paper will contain news from the churches, Sunday-school lessons, and general reading pertaining to Baptist interests.

Any persons coming to the city can leave their subscriptions at the office of Barnes & Co., 84 Prince William Street.

## HOME MISSION BOARD.

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The Board holds regular monthly meetings in St. John, on the first Tuesday in each month.

All funds intended for our work should be forwarded direct to the treasurer, Bro. J. S. Titus.

Churches preferring to send Foreign Mission Funds and other moneys to be credited to the New Brunswick Convention are urged to forward all such contributions to our Treasurer.

Our officers perform their work without salary and all funds entrusted to us will be expended directly upon the objects named, without any deduction whatever.

## TO OUR READERS.

With the present number we begin a public record of the home mission affairs of our denomination in this province, hoping thereby to increase the interest of every member in our churches in the important matters we have in hand.

At various sessions of the Board, the opinion has been frequently expressed that we should have some suitable medium of presenting our work more fully to the attention of the people whom we serve. Many misunderstandings as

to our course in the treatment of fields and the appeals that are constantly coming to us would be cleared away by a published presentation of all the business we are now endeavoring to manage, and we feel sure that were our work better known we should receive a much larger support in its behalf.

We propose also to open a department for Sabbath-school and colportage work, and to this end we invite all our brethren in whose hearts these interests have found a place to furnish us with suggestions and counsel as their needs are more and more manifest.

With faith in our mission, relying upon the sympathy and co-operation of the Baptists of the province, we launch our little sheet upon the waters, hoping that in due time we shall yet see greater success in every branch of Christian effort among us.

THE COMMITTEE.

N. B.—We send out this first issue of THE HOME MISSION JOURNAL to a large number of our Baptist people all over the province, hoping that they will send us their subscriptions for it at once for the incoming year of 1899. Those who subscribe now will get another paper next month in addition to the twenty-four copies for 1899. The paper, as you will see by the prospectus, is fifty cents a year, paid in advance.

It would be best, where convenient, to have subscriptions begin the first of the year. But now is the right time to subscribe, so we may know how many copies to issue for January, 1899. Make up your clubs of ten subscribers as soon as possible; to every one sending a club of ten subscriptions we will give a copy free for one year. A club of ten need not be for one post office, so long as ten names are sent with five dollars; they may have different addresses. But be sure and write each name in large, plain letters, with the address of each subscriber. A post office note can now be had at any money order post office for from fifty cents to five dollars. It is the handiest way to remit money, and somewhat cheaper. In localities where these cannot be obtained, then register your remittance; and it is best, where a club of ten cannot be secured, for two subscribers to join in ordering the paper and enclose a dollar bill. Where there is only one subscriber, the best way is to put a fifty cent piece on a bit of pasteboard and mark it round and cut out the place, and put the coin in the hole so made, and then paste a thin piece of paper over each side and seal it up in an envelope.

We invite items of news from churches and localities. Ministers, brethren and sisters, give us brief articles,—notices of marriages,

deaths, births, baptisms, etc. We will give a corner to children's letters, such as are seen in many other papers. Many of them are very interesting, especially to children. We would be pleased to answer their questions pertaining to scripture texts, etc.

This little sheet is intended to meet a need in scores of families where no religious paper is taken, as well as any others who may like to have it. We send it out, praying the Divine Teacher to make it blessing wherever it may go.

We send packages of THE HOME MISSION JOURNAL to several of our brethren, trusting that they will distribute them among their friends and try to get them to subscribe for the paper.

All remittances and correspondence to be addressed to REV. J. H. HUGHES, St. John (West Side) N. B.

## GENERAL NOTES.

In 1878 German Baptists in Chicago numbered 200 members, with one church; they now have six churches and two missions, with 1,500 members.

A Chinaman named Lee Hong was recently ordained to the Baptist ministry in Philadelphia. He had been instrumental in gathering a church of forty-eight members, of which he now becomes pastor.

American Baptists have met a great loss in the death of Prof. John M. Gregory, formerly president of Kalamazoo College, Michigan, and afterwards president of Illinois Industrial University. He was the author of "The Problem of Education," "A Hand-book of History," and other valuable works. His death occurred at Washington, D. C., October 20th, 1898.

The death of Dr. S. W. Duncan, October 30th, at his home, Brookline, Mass., removes another prominent minister of our body in the United States. He had been for many years foreign secretary of the American Baptist Missionary Union, a position which he filled with distinguished ability.

According to recent statistics the different denominations in Newfoundland are as follows: Roman Catholics, 72,696; Episcopalians, 62,834; Methodists, 53,276; Presbyterians, 1,500; with a few Salvationists, Baptists, and others. We have surely neglected to give the people of this great province the truth which God has so freely given to us. Not a single Baptist church exists on the Island.

Bro. Atkins, of Dauphin, N. W. T., appeals to eastern Baptists in behalf of 2,000 Galicians who have settled on his field of labor. Superintendent A. J. Vining recently baptized four converts there.

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