

## GENERAL SUMMARY

Of work performed under the direction of your Board and the results.

Assistance has been given to 50 churches, 123 stations occupied the whole or part of the year by 35 laborers, who together have labored 921½ weeks, and preached 2407 sermons, attended 1814 other meetings, made 7781 pastoral visits, distributed 12,195 pages of tracts, baptized 101, and received by letter 37. In aid of this work the Board has granted \$3143.94.

While the number of baptisms is less than in some former years, it is pleasing to notice that so many of the missionaries report some increase in this way. It is to be remembered that the year past has not been a year of great revivals in any of our churches. Your Board are satisfied that your missionaries have done good earnest work, and regard the outlook on several of the fields as exceedingly hopeful.

## FINANCIAL POSITION.

Your Board hoped that they had kept the expenditure sufficiently low to enable them to close the year free of debt, and are disappointed to find that instead of this their present liabilities are \$1139.49 for Home Missions, and \$333.16 for French Missions.

This is to be accounted for largely by the following considerations: First, a legacy of four hundred dollars, which was counted on in estimating the probable income, has not yet been paid over. Second, P. E. Island has not contributed the amount expected by upwards of three hundred dollars, and third, Yarmouth town, owing to the unusual financial depression of the past winter has not done nearly as much as in former years. But inasmuch as there are three legacies amounting in all to more than eight hundred dollars, which will probably be paid over during the incoming year, your Board consider the financial position as by no means discouraging.

## HOME MISSIONS IN THE CONVENTION.

Your Board regard with much satisfaction the action of the General Convention at its last annual session in Fredericton, in the matter of Home Missions. And inasmuch as the Home Mission Union at its last annual session expressed its willingness to hand over its work to the Convention when proper arrangements had been made by that body to receive it; and inasmuch as said Convention at the meeting above referred to did appoint a Board of Home Missions, which Board is now legally qualified to receive all the work and trusts of your Board, we do therefore respectfully recommend that instead of appointing a new Board you direct your work to be transferred to the Board of the Convention.

(Conclusion of Report on page xv.)