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In submitting the Seventh Annual Report your Committee would call attention to the fact that Prayer and Conference meetings have not apparently received the consideration they merit from the missionaries. Last year 259 were reported; this year only 86. The diminution is to be seriously regretted. The appointments made by this Board are necessarily, in most cases, for but brief periods, and too often there is reason to fear the religious interest, awakened by the labors of the Missionary, and sustained during his transient stay, in a great measure subsides on his removal. The best possible preventives of such relapses are Prayer and Conference meetings, which, we trust, will hereafter receive from our missionaries a larger share of attention and occupy a more prominent place in their reports than they have hitherto. We also regret that Sabbath Schools seem to be entirely overlooked by the missionaries of this Society. No mention is made of them in any of the reports. We feel it our duty to remind the brethren who go forth as the agents of the Domestic Mission Board, that they can do a work of incalculable value by establishing Sabbath Schools where they do not exist, and endeavoring to make those already founded, more efficient; by urging their importance on the members of the Church, persuading the more intelligent of these members to become teachers, pointing out improved methods of management and instruction, urging the procuring of good libraries and giving addresses to scholars and teachers. Nor is it unimportant or incompatible with their more immediate duties, that the missionaries employed by this Society should do all they can to awaken an active interest in Common School education in the rural districts, and to persuade intelligent youth of both sexes, to avail themselves of the advantages of our Institutions of learning at Wolfville. Our cause is the cause of knowledge as well as of holiness. We do not