

think, there has been a diminution. This we regret; principally as it seems to indicate on the part of the people a lack of interest in the cause, or a want of appreciation of the blessing of a preached Gospel; or a deficiency of adaptation and management on the part of some of our missionaries. The Home Mission is one of our most important enterprises for the spread of the Gospel among the people in different portions of our country, and for bringing out in its beautiful proportions the Scripture idea of a true, living church—a church of Christ. We feel that, as churches and a people, we have not half waked up to our responsibility and duty to disseminate the Gospel among our population destitute of the means of grace; and many of whom are looking to us for the Word of life.

The spread of truth and the salvation of sinners is the aim and object of our Home Missions. This branch of our benevolent operations demands immediate and prayerful attention, liberal contributions, continued effort in dependence on the Holy Spirit's gracious influences, and zeal directed by knowledge, and prompted by the love of Christ.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. ARMSTRONG, *Secretary.*

1861.

GEORGE ARMSTRONG, *Treasurer*, in account with *The Domestic Missionary Board of the Western Baptist Association.*

1860.

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June 18. Balance from last year's acct.,.....	£22 10 7½
Wm. Churchill, Treasurer of the Association, the Home Mission money (in part) contributed by the Churches, &c.,.....	85 0 1½
Dec. 19. Wm. Churchill, bal. (in part) of Home Mission money in his hands,.....	12 0 0

Collected by the following missionaries in aid of their respective missions:—

REV. J. H. SAUNDERS, for his mission of <i>eleven</i> weeks to Lewis Head, Sable River, Jordan River and Jordan Bay.	9 18 0
THOS. M. MUNRO, Licentiate, for his mission of <i>four</i> weeks to Dalhousie West and New Albany,....	0 14 11
REV. T. C. DELONG, for his Mission to New Albany, Springfield, East and West Dalhousie,.....	10 19 1½
ALFRED CHIPMAN, Licentiate, to Long Island,....	7 0 0

Amount carried forward,.....£148 2 9½