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The Committee appointed last year to confer with the New Brunswick brethren with a view to union in Home Missionary work, reported that the New Brunswick Board did not favor union.

No General Agent was employed during the year because the Associations had recommended that application for financial aid should be made to the churches by letter. This was done, but proved almost a total failure, and Rev. P. A. Shields was sent out as financial agent for a few weeks, meeting with a fair degree of success. The French Missionary was also sent out on a collecting tour. In view of this experience it was resolved to keep a General Agent in the field most of the time for the present year.

The Theological Professor, Rev. D. M. Welton, reported five months work, "pretty equally divided between the Theological Department and the College proper." The Board recommended that he be continued and that the Governors of Acadia College pay his salary.

The French Mission was continued during the year without any very encouraging results. The Board recommended that the French Mission premises at Tusket be sold, and that a new Mission be commenced among the French in the eastern part of the Province. The whole matter of the working of the French Mission was referred to the following Committee: Rev. J. H. Saunders, Rev. J. H. Robbins, Rev. J. A. Durkee, Rev. W. H. Warren, Rev. T. A. Higgins, Rev. J. E. Goucher, Rev. J. W. Bancroft. Their report was referred to the Executive Board.

One colporteur was employed most of the year. About 3,000 volumes of pure Baptist literature were put in circulation, and thousands of pages of tracts in English, French, German, Swedish and Norwegian were distributed.

Missionary work was carried on in various parts of Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland.

The following is a summary of the year's operations: 45 missionaries and agents have been in commission during the year, several of whom have been re-appointed. Together they have travelled 39,142 miles; preached 2,465 sermons; attended 1,643 other meetings; made 10,116 family visits; distributed 29,090 pages of tracts;