

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Board of Home Missions.

The Board, in presenting their Third Report, would call attention to the fact that the depression in monetary matters has been more severely felt than in the preceding years, more especially amongst the fishermen. In many localities the destitution is really deplorable, and your Missionaries in those Parishes have had to suffer to a degree inconceivable to residents in the cities, yet they have worked on uncomplainingly and patiently, earnestly and faithfully doing their Master's work, looking and trusting for the only rewards worth working for, viz., the "well done" of the Master. And although your Board was compelled to reduce the grants of most of the Missions, knowing that the Parishes could not make up the deficiency, yet in only one case has there been a remonstrance sent in to the Board; and in most cases, the subscriptions in 1879 have been in excess of previous years, and a comparison of the subscription lists for 1877, 1878, and 1879 shows a favorable result, viz:—

Subscription List for 1877.....	\$4'37 71
“ 1878.....	3542 45
“ 1879.....	\$4880 09
Collected by Sec. to April, 1879...	419 19
	5299 28
Increase in Sub. List of 1879, over 1877...	1161 57
“ “ “ 1878...	1756 83

This fact, of itself, proves that the people are waking to a sense of their responsibilities, and have a heart alive to the work of God and the spread of His cause, for this increase has taken place in the year of the greatest depression; and it is to be further noticed that the increase has not been in the city, but in the country.

Your Secretary has, during the past year, visited the following Parishes, and was everywhere most kindly received and welcomed;