

921½ weeks under the direction of the Board. Sermons 2,407. Other meetings 1814. Over 7,000 family visits have been made, and 101 baptized, and 37 received by letter. This Home Mission work, therefore, seems to be of incalculable importance. Its influence is not confined to its own immediate field; it has a powerful bearing on the cause of Education and of Foreign Missions. Hence it is a matter of regret that larger receipts did not come into their treasury, that the Home Mission Board might have been able to do more for the Master in this department of christian work.

Your Committee rejoice in the great success of N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Union during the seven years of its existence, and they hope that the new Board of Home Missions will have a wider field of labour, and be able to do more and better work for the Lord.

The French Mission has been conducted very much as in former years. Rev. M. Normandy has laboured diligently, as his reports to the Board clearly shew. But as the difficulties on his field are very formidable, the apparent results have not been very marked. Good has undoubtedly been done, and the seed sown last year as well as during the many previous years of the mission must ripen into an abundant harvest.

Your committee believe that this Mission should be sustained by the prayers and contributions of our Denomination, and that the operations connected with it should be greatly enlarged and improved.

Respectfully submitted,

G. E. DAY, *Chairman.*

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Report of Committee on Obituaries.

The duties of this Committee are more than ordinary at this time. Among the many who met with us at our last Association, for the last time on earth, are three from the ranks of our Ministry.

The Rev. G. Willard Parker was then appointed Chairman of this Committee, but it is now the duty of others to record his death. He was born in Wilmot April 4, 1816. He was converted at the age of 12 years, and united with the Nictaux Church. In 1840 he began to preach as a Licentiate, and was ordained at New Albany October 28, 1843. In 1846 he was called to the pastorate of 2nd Baptist Church of Sackville, N. B. Here he spent five years, and two years at Point de Bute an adjoining field. These were years of successful labor. He accepted the pastorate of the Nictaux Church in August 1853. After a pastorate of nearly seventeen years he removed to Milton, Queens Co., where he labored nearly four years; when his pastorate terminated here, he was called to take charge of the Church at Lawrencetown and