

been received. The causes are evident. The failure of parties to pay their subscriptions, the erection of Academy buildings at Wolfville, and the unusual financial pressure, are among the number. But your Board are not discouraged with reference to this matter. They regard the work of Professor Welton as among the most important branches of enterprise in which the Union is engaged. If our ministerial students are to be retained in our own Provinces it will be done mainly by giving them a good Theological training at home. The influence of the Theological Professor for good will soon be felt by the churches through the labors of our ministerial students. Your Board therefore regard any disturbance of this department of the Union a very long step in the wrong direction.

*French Department.*—Your Board are pleased to report that a good deal of work has been done in this department, and some success has been apparent. The Missionary has been toiling on, sometimes almost discouraged, then again cheered with good tidings. His work has evidently been blessed. Copies of the Holy Scriptures given away years ago have been brought to him with the request that he would explain the doctrines they teach. The truth is spreading gradually, slowly, but certainly, and success is sure to come. The hand of persecution was raised against the Missionary and the converts to the truth, but this opposition turned out rather to the furtherance of the Gospel. Several of those that joined in this work have been brought to acknowledge the truth as it is in Jesus, and some of them have died in the faith, blessing God for the French Mission and its Missionary. Others of the number are quietly helping on the work of the Lord.

The little meeting house at St. Mary's Bay, commenced last year for the accommodation of the French and English families residing in that locality, has been carried towards completion. It has already been opened for divine service. When completed it will be a great convenience and blessing to the inhabitants of that place. The French Mission premises at Tusket and Saulnierville are kept in good repair. One house is rented; the other is occupied by our French Missionary.

Your Board believe that a mission should soon be established among the French population in the Eastern part of this Province. And just as soon as sufficient funds can be obtained for the purpose, they would recommend that the work be commenced there.

*Book Department.*—Your Board still feel the importance of having a pure Baptist literature circulated extensively in this Province. They regret that many of our churches do not seem to be alive to this matter. They are pained to learn that a large number of our Sabbath schools are still chiefly supplied with books published by Pædo-Baptist and so-called Union Societies. Many of these books teach unmistakably Pædo-Baptist doctrines. Possessing as we do so rich a literature, the foregoing fact is to be deeply deplored. If our children are to be taught the truth, as we believe