

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The Board of Managers of the N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Society, beg to present the Thirteenth Annual Statement of Mission work in the Home Field.

During the year *twelve* missionaries have been laboring under the direction of the Board, in the Eastern and Central portions of the Province. *Two* of whom have been engaged during the entire year, *five* about one-fourth of the year, and *eight* for shorter periods of time.

The whole number of weeks service (214) is equivalent to rather more than *four* missionaries for the year.

The returns sent in shew an increase in Family Visitation, but it is to be regretted that the Prayer and Conference meetings had not received the attention which their importance demands. The Board regard organizing and sustaining meetings for *social* worship as a very essential part of the work of a missionary.

A marked improvement is observed in Tract distribution, about one hundred per cent over last year.

There have been added by Baptism 81, being an increase of *forty* over the past year.

Truly "the Lord has made bare His arm" and abundantly blessed the labors of his servants, in the mission field, particularly on the Island of Cape Breton.

It is encouraging also to notice that *three* Churches, *three* Sabbath Schools, and *two* Bible Classes, have been *organized* by your missionaries. A number of the conversions reported have been among the young people in the Sabbath School.

The Treasurer's report shews a decrease in receipts as compared with the preceeding year of *one hundred dollars*, while there has been an increase in collections by the missionaries of *one hundred and fifty-six dollars*. The total amount received from all sources being *thirteen hundred dollars*, which is less than *seven cents* for each member of the several churches, in the Central and Eastern Associations, comprising a membership of about *nine thousand*.

The Board feel compelled again to urge the claims of this Society upon every member of the respective churches, under whose direction they have been endeavouring to send the