

REPORT.

On this the Fourth Anniversary of the N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Society, the Board of Managers regret that they have not a more favourable retrospect to take of the proceedings and progress of the past year. A year of such straitened means and limited operations in the Missionary field has not been experienced, we believe, in the Denomination for a long time past. Previous to the commencement of the year the Board had engaged the services of the Rev. I. J. Skinner, as their Agent and Secretary, in which capacity he continued to act to their satisfaction, until, owing to the constantly decreasing means of the Board, and the accumulation of heavy responsibilities to their Missionaries, they were compelled to dispense with the services of an Agent altogether, although they are convinced that such officer is greatly required for the efficient working of their Home Missionary system.

In reviewing the events of the past year, your Board have the melancholy duty of referring to the decease of their late Chairman, the Rev. Richard McLearn. It is not necessary for them to enlarge upon a loss, in which the denomination throughout the Province so deeply and so universally participate. Brother McLearn's long experience as a Christian minister, his sound judgment and ready tact for business, the unbounded confidence reposed in him by the denomination, and his kind and conciliatory demeanour, so eminently fitted him for the situation, that they can scarcely expect to have his place adequately supplied. But He "who chose him to be a servant," knew best when to release him from the cares and toils of the flesh, and to translate him, we doubt not, "to the inheritance of the saints in light." May we be followers of his faith, his patience and his labours.

Brother J. W. Nutting, the senior member of the Board, has been appointed their Chairman, and Brother R. N. Beck with their Secretary.

The following recapitulation of their operations during the year, within the sphere of their labours, will afford informa-