

it. we should place that truth before them in the libraries of our Sabbath Schools.

Your Board are enabled to report that they have done a large amount of work in the book department during the year. More than five thousand volumes of sterling literature have been put in circulation. Cramp's Baptist History, Carson on Baptism, Spurgeon's Sermons, Bunyan's Pilgrim, The life of Judson, Theodosius Ernest, Mary Bunyan, Grace Trueman, Infidel's Daughter, and works like these have been placed in many hands. Essays on Baptism and Close-Communion, in pamphlet form, and tracts teaching our denominational views have been circulated, not only by the hundred but by the thousand. Other religious tracts in English, German, French, Swedish and Norwegian have been distributed in great numbers.

Your Board were called on to accept the resignation of J. Albert Walker, Esq., on the first of December last. He had been in commission nearly seven months. Although he did not meet with as much financial success as the Board anticipated, yet they believe he did a good work. The books sold and given away by him were of superior quality. Their teaching will be felt, its effects will undoubtedly be seen before many days. Bro. Walker visited more than five hundred families, with many of whom the Scriptures were read and prayer was offered. He likewise distributed more than two thousand pages of tracts. Although your Board believe the department to be of very great importance they did not think it advisable to use their funds to any large extent in carrying it on. They believe it will be nearly self-sustaining. They did not therefore appoint a successor to Mr. Walker. Gardner Tufts, Esq. still continues to traverse the counties of Digby, Annapolis and Kings. He labors energetically, and his efforts to circulate extensively a pure Baptist literature are being crowned with considerable success. Your Board cannot but express the belief that if the Baptists of Nova Scotia saw clearly their duty in regard to placing denominational teaching before their children in the Sabbath Schools and in the family circle, a great work would be done for the truth by the book department.

*Enlarged sphere of operations.*—The last anniversary of the Union added P. E. Island and Newfoundland to our Home Mission field. As P. E. Island seemed to be a very inviting sphere for missionary operations, your Board decided to occupy it at once. They accordingly appointed Rev. D. McDonald as General Missionary for the eastern part of the Island. He has been laboring at St. Peter's East Point, Souris, Dunjas, Grand River, Georgetown, and Montagu Bridge. In several of these places he met with the most signal success. No less than one hundred and thirty-nine have been baptized by him and added to the Church since the first of August last. Brother McDonald aids the Board very materially by giving information and advice. Rev. T. A. Kidson, a most successful missionary, was appointed to the western part of the Island.