

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Union.

The Executive Board of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union beg to present their second Annual Report. At their first meeting after the Anniversary of the Union, your Board re-elected the Officers of last year. On the removal of Rev. W. H. Porter, the Recording Secretary, W. A. C. Randall, Esq., M. D., was elected to that office.

Delay in making appointments.—While your Board were awaiting the action of the Committee at Windsor, which was to consummate the Union or make it for a time a comparative failure, they thought it best not to make many appointments. The call, however, was so imperative to send a Missionary to Shelburne that they at once appointed Rev E. N. Archibald to that field. The results of brother Archibald's labours in Shelburne and vicinity have convinced the Board that the appointment was exceedingly judicious. The little Church at Shelburne which had almost lost its visibility has been greatly revived. Several have been added to its number. A beautiful house of worship has been built and nearly paid for. At Sand Point brother Archibald was also instrumental in getting a new meeting house carried forward to completion. The cause at Sand Point, at Jordan River, and in fact in all parts of the Shelburne field, has been so much revived during the year, that, had little else been done by their Missionaries, your Board would be disposed to thank God and take courage.

The General Agency.—After our Union had been consummated at Windsor, your Board believed that it was necessary to put a General Agent immediately in the field, whose work it would be to examine into the destitution that prevailed and report thereon. The Rev. Isaiah Wallace was selected for that important and arduous work. Although brother Wallace was beloved by his Church and congregation, and pleasantly situated, he felt the appointment of the Board to be the call of God. He entered upon the General Agency work about the first of September last. As your Board wished to have as much as possible of the Eastern section of the Province surveyed before the approach of winter, their General Agent started at once for the Eastern extremity of Cape Breton. After he had visited the different counties in that Island and succeeded in grouping small Churches and in making arrangements for the settlement of Missionary pastors, he directed his steps to Guysboro, Antigonish, Pietou, Halifax, Lunenburg and the southern part of Queen's. Subsequently he visited the northern districts of Queen's, and his