

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

In again presenting their Annual Report your Board have to state that during the year 21 Missionaries have been employed, who report 248 weeks labor performed; 782 sermons delivered; 393 prayer and conference meetings attended; 2107 family visits made; 7921 pages of tracts distributed; and 66 baptisms, being an increase over last year in the number baptized of about *one hundred per cent.*

These statistics, however, but imperfectly shew what has been accomplished by the missionaries. The accompanying extracts from letters received indicate that the seed has been faithfully sown, and while some fruit has appeared, much yet remains to be gathered in, and the future only will reveal the actual results of the missionaries toil. There is much reason for encouragement from what we do know has been done, but the necessity for continued and increasing effort on behalf of the destitute in our Home Mission fields is still imperative.

The Eastern sections of our Province particularly present one vast field of Missionary labor, and call loudly for help. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he may send forth more labourers into his harvest." There is but one settled pastor in connection with our churches in the whole Island of Cape Breton. Port Hawkesbury, Margaree, Mabou, Cow Bay and adjacent mines, and Mira are destitute; North Sydney has been for some time, but we are glad to learn has recently successfully called a Pastor who will shortly enter upon his duties. Cape Canso, Guysborough Town, and many smaller churches throughout that County are also destitute, as well as parts of Cumberland and Colchester.

Your Board might also refer to the outlying portions of Halifax County, Hants, and Lunenburg in the West. What is to be done? Where are the men to be found to occupy these inviting fields is the all absorbing question?

Your Board have been endeavouring to supply the demand as far as possible, and are largely indebted to students at Acadia, whose services have been secured during their vacations, and more recently have been gratified by receiving applications from students at Newton, who are desirous of giving their talents and energy to their native Province, some of whom have been employed, and others probably will be. Still there is room. Much of the ground yet remains to be occupied.

The Treasurer's account shows an increase over last year of \$42.07 in the receipts from the two Associations, but we regret to state that from other sources they have been diminished by \$146.51, independent of two sums amounting to \$389.33, bequeathed to the Society as in last years report. The total receipts are \$1885.85,