

information as to the existing state of our Domestic Missions. That report tells of good done, good attempted, and a ministerial destitution as yet unsupplied. Your Committee would recommend, that portions of it be read to the Association. It is a document which will make its own impression, that impression being deepened, as we may hope, by the appeals of brethren now about to speak on the topic to which this paragraph refers.

The French Mission, sustained immediately by our brethren of the Western Association, claims a brief notice. It is good to know that, after a long season of patient labour, and apparently barren results, fruits at length begin to present themselves. We remember what nearly all Christendom, so called, once was. We turn our eyes towards Canada, and see what has been wrought there by the Grand Ligne Mission. And so we "thank God" for what he has already done on behalf of our French Catholic neighbours in these Lower Provinces, and "take courage" for the future. We thus commend the Nova Scotia French Mission to the practical and prayerful consideration of our brethren of this Association.

In regard to our Foreign Missions, it is pleasant to report, that present prospects are increasingly favourable. Besides general contributions to our funds, generous bequests have been made for their enlargement; and several churches, or individuals in combination, are now engaged in the support of native preachers. Of these there are now a considerable number, labouring faithfully and successfully. The Mission School, also sustained by contributions from these provinces, is evidently doing much good. Moreover, there is among us an esteemed brother whose mind has long been exercised upon the subject of going forth as a Missionary to Burmah, and who has now decided so to do, provided the way be opened before him. Should it appear, that this brother be indeed fitted for the work to which he proposes to devote himself, we think that his demand for support will meet with a hearty response from the Baptists of these Lower Provinces. It has long been felt that, if an interest in the cause of Foreign Missions were indeed to be kept alive, it must be by means of a direct representation in the Missionary field. And if God be about at last to endow us with such a representa-