

Appendix.

(A) REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee beg leave to report that they are deeply impressed with the importance of this subject, which they think is pre-eminent in importance, receiving a larger share of attention than it ever had since the early days of christianity.

While we have reason to regret the want of a more general missionary spirit among us, yet, it is a pleasing fact that our people are waking up to its importance in many respects. This may be seen in the call from the Eastern Association of 1871, and the ready response from the Western Association of the same year to enter into more close connection for the purpose of carrying out our Home Missionary operations with greater efficiency. This movement meets with a large amount of favor from our people; and although there has been some hesitancy on the part of some to receive the newly formed Home Missionary Union, yet, there is evidently the demand, and the response for more money, more men, more work, and more faith to be employed in our Home field. This department requires greatly increased effort.

We recommend to the churches to encourage young men of talent, and piety to enter the ministry that the missionary field may be occupied.

We learn from the Annual Report of the Home Missionary Board, 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 *sixty-six* baptisms, being an increase over last year in the number baptized of about one-hundred per cent. The total receipts for this work were \$1942.35. Of this sum \$909.96 was collected by the missionaries in the more destitute localities.

Your Committee deem it desirable that some wise course be devised by which the French Mission work, now wholly confined to the Western Section of the Province, be extended to the Eastern Section also, where are more French people than in the West, and as truly in the dark night of ignorance as though they were in some heathen land.

Your Committee feel that these people living as they do at our doors ought to have the gospel preached to them.

Your Committee hail with pleasure and gratitude this auspicious period in the history of our Foreign Mission work. For many years the Baptists of these Provinces have longed and prayed for the time to come when they might be in a position to establish an independent Foreign Mission in some portion of the heathen