

THIRD 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 third Annual Report. At their first session after the Anniversary of the Union, the Board elected the Officers of last year. They were soon, however, compelled to lose the valuable services of their Treasurer, Samuel Brown, Esq., whose feeble health rendered his resignation imperative. The Board were successful in soon finding a suitable successor in the person of P. D. Ginney, Esq., who had been one of their Auditors. The removal of Revds. J. H. Sanders and P. R. Foster to other fields of labor was felt to be a severe loss to the Board. These brethren had been connected with the Union in its incipient state, and had worked laboriously and efficiently as members of its executive. Their places, however, were soon taken by other men, good and true.

General Agency.—As your Board were pushing on their work as rapidly as possible, they were surprised and sorry to learn that their General Agent intended very soon to resign his position. As they had not expected such an event, they had not provided for the contingency. The work of a General Agent seemed to the Board to be so important at this early stage in the history of the Union that they with much regret were forced to accept Bro. Wallace's resignation. But they could not attach any blame to him, inasmuch as he felt that domestic duties rendered such a course on his part absolutely necessary. The Board immediately endeavored to secure the services of a General Agent but were unsuccessful in their efforts until the first of January last, when Rev. D. Freeman, A. M., consented to undertake the work. As the field supplied by their missionaries during the past Summer did not yield the returns which the Board anticipated, they felt the urgent necessity of making a direct appeal to the churches for financial aid. The General Agent was therefore instructed to make the collecting of funds a prime object with him in his work. During the Winter and Spring the Agent visited the counties of Annapolis, Kings, Hants, and Halifax. He presented the claims of the Union faithfully and met with considerable success. Your Board, however, regret to say in this connection, that very few seemed to feel the question coming home to them with power, "How much owest thou my Lord?" After Bro. Freeman had closed his labors in the counties named above he passed into Cumberland, thence to Colchester. There he did a very excellent work in exploring destitute fields, and assisting some of the pastors in holding extra religious services. As the churches were beginning to gather funds for the Association, he thought it

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