

our brethren and friends to whom missionaries have been sent do not feel deeply enough the duty to aid in their support, and thus the funds at the disposal of the Board are soon exhausted, or reduced to a low figure; besides which the Missionaries are liable to be discouraged when anything seems to indicate that their labours are not duly appreciated by the people. Allowances of course ought to be made for localities where pecuniary means are scanty and the people few; but the Board are convinced that more might have been done in this respect during the past year.

For the sake of showing the sums contributed by the Board and the people respectively, among whom our missionaries laboured, the following table is subjoined:—

	Paid by the Board.	Paid by the people.
Elder H. Achilles 19 weeks in Shelburne Co.,	£18 15 2	19 4 10
" Obed Parker 6 weeks in New Albany, Springfield, &c.,		
" P. F. Murray 12 weeks in Barrington,	9 0 0	3 0 0
" T. Delong 16 weeks in Guysborough,	18 0 0	6 0 0
Bro. J. C. Plumb 12 weeks in Parker's Cove, Sherbrooke and the Dalhousies,	16 19 5	17 0 0
Elder R. S. Morton 12 weeks at Beaver River,	19 16 8	4 1 4
" James Spencer 2 weeks in Digby,	11 10 0	6 10 0
	1 5 0	2 15 0
	£95 6 3	58 11 2

The number baptized by the Missionaries is nine.

A few remarks must close this report. The importance of our Home Mission is, we fear, but very imperfectly felt by our churches and people generally. It is connected with the highest interests of men—it aims, by the grace of God, to labour for their eternal salvation. The Home Mission has claims upon us that no other mission can have: it is to our own people—the inhabitants of our own Province, whose spiritual good claims our first care.

Then it is important as being very intimately connected with our prosperity and extension as a denomination. Our fathers in the ministry understood its value; hence they laboured so extensively in preaching the Gospel in every place to which they could gain access. Hence the success which, by the grace of God, attended their self-denying labours. We are imperatively called upon to follow up their efforts and like prosperity shall be ours.

From what has been said it is manifest that we have as a people been deficient in *liberality* in respect to the Home Mission cause. Our churches and congregations have been