

**SUMMARY.**—It will appear from the foregoing list that 80 missionaries and agents have been in commission during the year, 20 of whom have been re-appointed. Together they have travelled 45,807 miles; preached 3180 sermons; attended 2596 other meetings; made 16,140 family visits; distributed 59,252 pages of tracts, 24,292 pages of books; received 14 subscriptions to the "Christian Messenger"; baptized 362; built or carried to completion 2 meeting houses; organized 1 church, and 5 Sabbath Schools; established 3 Woman's Mission Aid Societies, and performed 1264 weeks' service, equal to 24½ years. Collected on the field \$4750.83.

In addition to the appointments which the Board have made, they introduced Rev. A. E. Ingram, of Mahone Bay, to the Church at Newport, and Rev. Edward Roberts, of England, to the Bridgewater Church. They are glad to learn that Pastors and Churches are pleased with each other.

In conclusion, your Board wish to record their heartfelt thanks to Almighty God for His great goodness to them, their agents, and missionaries, during the past year. Their lives have been precious in His sight. Only two—and these young men were ailing when first employed by the Board—have passed away since our last annual meeting. These brethren—Aaron Ross and Joseph H. Pipes—were cut off in early years, but they did their work and have gone to their reward. Another cause for gratitude is found in the fact that although there has been an unusual stringency in monetary matters, more than Ten Thousand Dollars have been in the treasury of the Union since the anniversary of last year. As your Board remember that this sum is nearly Four Thousand Dollars more than was received the year previous, and more than three times the amount raised in any one year by the three Home Mission Societies when separate, they would devoutly say, "Hitherto the Lord has helped us."

In reference to the future, your Board regard the outlook as very hopeful. The commercial horizon is dark, it is true, but clouds will not always obscure the sky. With a prospect before the Union of doing so much for the Master, your Board cannot suggest the idea of retrenchment. Other religious societies are being equipped more completely for Home Mission work. We cannot afford to be behind them. Fires which our fathers kindled in desolate places can we suffer to be extinguished or to be fed by other hands? Gardens which they began to plant, can we allow to lie waste or to be tilled by others because they are more faithful than we? Let us rather with prayer and faith go up and possess the land. And soon the field will be clothed in beauty and the harvest will be bountiful.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Executive Board,  
G. E. DAY, *Cor. Secretary.*

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