

zealous in this good cause, and thus be a credit to his name and connection.

Mr. John Lamont, the special colporteur of the National Bible Society of Scotland, continued his labours till our last supply was nearly exhausted: when his health failed also, and he has been under the necessity of giving up for a season; but as he has again recruited we hope he will be able to renew his labours with fresh vigour. He has hitherto been very persevering, and has spread amongst the community the greater portion of our last supply of nearly 3000 copies of Bibles, Testaments, and Psalm books, about one fourth of which were in Gaelic, the prime cost of which was about \$560. He is supported entirely by the above mentioned Society.

One or two of these who have been labouring on the confines of New Brunswick, we intend shall enter that inviting field as soon as the correspondence is closed in which we are now engaged with two residents of that Province. We are endeavouring to engage them to labour in their respective localities,—one up the St. John River, near Fredericton, the other on the Bay of Chaleur, near Dalhousie,—besides which there will be ample scope in the southern sections of the Province for at least two more for a good while to come.

Thus we have spent the seventeenth (17th) year of our existence as a committee of colportage in endeavouring to carry on the important work entrusted to us. We have now many co-workers, either in the same or in similar work. Some in our own church as the brethren in the Presbyteries of Pictou, Tatamagouche, and P. E. Island, with whom we can cordially co-operate, as our object is the same, our fields of operation different and contain ample scope for all our operations.

Others only partially connected with our church are endeavouring to occupy the ground, and being liberally supported by various denominations, they have a great advantage; but we think there is still work enough for us all without rivalry, jealousy, or misrepresentation. Notwithstanding all our inconveniences and disadvantages, we are happy to be yet able to state that we have a fair stock on hand to carry on the work; and with the divine blessing on our labours, we feel confident that we are able to pay all our debts, as may be seen from the subjoined summary of accounts and statement of debts and assets, and if spared and continued, we shall endeavour to do so while we can maintain the same position. All which is respectfully submitted by your committee.

JOHN J. BAXTER,  
Convener.

*The Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces in acct. with JOHN J. BAXTER, from 30th June, 1868, to 30th June, 1869.*

1868.	Dr.	
July 1.	To cash paid Rev. J. Scott, for books.....	\$25 00
	" N. B. Society for Bibles.....	256 43
Oct. 7.	" Is. Smith, Esq., Colporteur, for wages.....	31 72
	" Agent's salary, 6 mos.....	25 00
1869.		
Feb. 22.	" Wm. Sutherland, Colporteur, wages.....	62 77
Mar. 19.	" Bill for Pre. Beaud Pub.....	104 00
May 15.	" Duty and expenses on Bibles.....	22 50
June 30.	" Agent's salary, 6 mos.....	25 00
		\$554 47½

1868.	CR.	
July 1.	By balance on hand at date.....	\$76 89
	cash per Rev. Robt. Laird.....	20 15½
Aug. 15.	" Books sold at Depot.....	19 30
Oct. 7.	" Is. Smith, Esq., Colp. 134 91	
	" W. Sutherland, " 226 44	
1869.		
Jan. 23.	" Books sold, &c.....	13 25
	" Borrowed to buy a bill.....	59 00
June 30.	" Balance overpaid.....	4 53
		\$554 47½

1869.	DEBTS.	
June 30.	To Robt. Carter & Bros., N.Y. \$100 00	
	N. B. Society of Scotland.....	384 50
	Borrowed money.....	59 00
		\$543 50

1869.	ASSETS.	
June 30.	Old stock in Depot.....	\$30 00
	New stock in Depot.....	584 50
	In hands of Colporteurs & others.....	159 00
		\$764 50

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JOHN J. BAXTER,  
Agent.

## Home Missions.

### Jerusalem, N. B.

This settlement is situated about midway between Fredericton and St. John. It is a beautiful farming district, having a good soil, and is chiefly inhabited by the descendants of Scotch and Irish. At an early period in its history, the few families resident here received a visit from the Rev. William Sommerville. Cheered and refreshed by the visit of this eminent servant of God, active steps were immediately taken to have a small church erected with the expectation of retaining a part of Mr. S's services. Disappointed in this hope, nothing further was done toward the erection of a building beyond procuring the frame. As the settlement increased, they received an occasional sermon until the arrival of the Rev. A. Stirling from Scotland, who was settled at Fredericton and