

last Association, an act has been obtained from the Legislature empowering the Board to dispose of the property at Tusket, and a committee has been appointed to finish the building and prepare for occupation of the premises at Saulnierville. At the last meeting of the Board this committee reported that material had been secured and labor engaged for the work. As to the result of this change the Board indulges sanguine hopes.

Nothing has been done in the mission school during the past year, for the reasons, principally, that the mission premises are unfavorably located for gathering a school, and the wife of the missionary has been suffering from impaired health.

In material support for carrying on the operations of the mission, the Board has felt no want during the past year. An agency undertaken by bro. Jos. H. Saunders during the winter in the Counties of Digby, Annapolis, Kings, Halifax, and Queens, was quite successful, and the funds so collected with the sums raised by the Yarmouth Churches, and those pledged to be paid at this Association will meet present indebtedness and leave a balance in the treasury.

During the year your Board has held bi-monthly meetings, regularly, except when interrupted by unfavorable weather, and have taken a watchful and active interest in all the affairs of the mission. At those meetings a regular part of exercises has been to hear from the missionary an account of his doings, discouragements, and successes, and to learn and provide for the wants of the cause we are engaged to promote.

On a careful survey of the situation we see no cause for discouragement. We have a warrant in the commands of Christ for laboring in this field. We have an abundant guarantee for success in the promises he has given. A review of the past is calculated to stimulate our faith. The wants of the Acadians are as imperative as ever. The claims of God on us as a people, in this connection are binding as ever. Cease not praying or contributing, then, brethren, until this branch of our population are taught the truth as it is in Jesus, and renouncing their superstitions, turn to Christ as their Saviour.

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