

interest of the members in their local organization become impaired.

Acting upon the above convictions, your Board has given the necessary notices to the churches enjoying grants, not from any desire on their part that any portion of the assistance accorded to these churches should be withheld, but in order that the question might be fully discussed at your meeting and some decision arrived at, that shall place the question of future grants to churches upon a logical and definite basis.

The propositions upon which we would ask your discussion and decision are as follows: (1) That no yearly grant to any church shall exceed a term of five years; (2) That all grants, after the first year, shall be reduced pro rata with the increase of membership; (3) That when a grant is given to any church for the space of three years, and there be no increase in membership, that such grant shall then cease; (4) It shall be within the power and discretion of any Annual Meeting, one full year after the lapse of any grant, to re-establish the same.

Soliciting your consideration, the above are submitted,

On behalf of the Board,  
L. A. MILES, *President.*

W. A. Barnes, Secretary, read a report as follows:

*To the Disciples of Christ of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick:*

DEAR BRETHREN,—The Secretary of your Home Mission Board respectfully submits his report for the year ending August 31st, 1900.

At the Annual Meeting held in St. John, N. B., the same Mission Board was elected, with the exception of Bro. H. W. Stewart, who through ill health, was forced to resign as President. Bro. L. A. Miles was appointed in his place. A few months later another member of the Board, Bro. R. W. Stevenson, representing P. E. Island, resigned and moved to Lansingburg, N. Y. We regret very much the loss of these brethren, as the laborers are few in these Provinces.

The Board took the earliest opportunity of securing an evangelist by advertising in the "Christian Standard," and "Christian Evangelist." A number responded, but for various reasons we did not engage any of them. About April 1st we received a letter from A. Martin of Muncie, Indiana, saying that he would labor in these Provinces during the summer and fall months for \$60 00 per month and that he would pay his own expenses coming here. This was a generous offer, and we immediately sent for him. He arrived in St. John on June 14th, began a meeting in Halifax on the 17th, and has been in the field up to the present time.

The Annual at St. John last October, though not as largely attended as it should have been, was nevertheless very enthusiastic.

Upon the recommendation of the Ways and Means Committee, an agent was appointed in each church to collect funds for Home Missions. The first Sunday in February and August was set aside for a special offering towards this work. Envelopes were sent for distribution, but very few of the churches responded.

The Ways and Means Committee also recommended, if possible, to raise \$1500.00 for Home Mission work, and to win 500 souls for Christ. The reports from the churches show that the \$1500.00 has not been raised. Some one has failed to do his "little-all." 1625 members reported at the last Annual. If they had given \$1.00 apiece, we would have exceeded the specified amount. However, we

are out of debt this year,—the big guns fired in the June number of THE CHRISTIAN, and the small shots from the Secretary's pen have helped to bring this about.

The usual work at our three mission points has been performed in a most satisfactory manner. At Pictou a church has been organized and some additions have been reported since organization. Bro. Fullerton has given the church the building which they have been worshipping in for the past few years. This is a generous gift. Bro. W. H. Allen has completed one year last June and his labors are being blessed. Besides his usual work he preaches at River John. Previous to organization, Bro. Romig held a meeting there which resulted in a large number of additions. The work at Halifax has been faithfully performed by Bro. E. C. Ford. He also preaches at Elmsdale. Bro. A. Martin of Muncie, Indiana, under the direction of the Home Mission Board, held a meeting there recently with four confessions. This meeting was nearly self-sustaining. The work at the North End, St. John, N. B., now Douglas Avenue Christian Church, has been prosecuted with commendable zeal. In less than five years they have purchased a lot and erected a house of worship which was dedicated on July 29th. Bro. J. C. B. Appel has preached at Mascarene a few times during the year. Bro. Romig held a meeting with this church last spring with twenty additions. This meeting was more than self-sustaining. Bro. A. Martin was at the dedication of this church and preached the following two weeks. At West Gore, N. S., he held a short meeting with four additions. He has visited Mascarene, Letete and Back Bay.

At the Prince Edward Island Convention held at Cross Roads in July last, the churches unanimously decided to withdraw from the Union with our Board. They have organized a Home Mission Board, and hope to take some forward steps this year. Why should not Nova Scotia and New Brunswick do likewise?

At Nauwigewauk and Keswick, N. B. the brethren are building houses of worship, and if finished this year, we shall have four new churches built in six years.

The outlook is encouraging. This fact should spur us on to greater efforts in the future.

As a "peculiar people" we have much to be thankful for. We should not be satisfied until we have an evangelist in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and every person giving as the Lord has prospered him. Then

shall the church go forth, "fair as the morning, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners."

The receipts for Home Mission work from all sources during the year were \$758 02.

The Board hereby tender their resignation.

Respectfully submitted.

W. A. BARNES,  
*Secretary.*

STATEMENT

showing amounts contributed and places from which received for year ending August 31st, 1900:

	1899.	1900.
Milton, .....	\$22 00	\$51 07
Do. Sunday-school .....	.....	.....
Do. Y. P. S. C. E. ....	.....	.....
Do for Queen's Co. ....	14 85	.....
Halifax .....	27 35	82 85
Cornwallis.....	24 00	19 00
Westport.....	38 33	53 15
Do. Y. P. M. S. ....	3 00	3 74
Tiverton .....	44 75	14 00
Do. Woman's M. S. ....	.....	.....
Do. Young Peoples' M. S.	50	.....
Southville .....	3 00	1 50
Do. Ladies' Auxiliary..	3 05	.....
Kempt .....	2 00	1 83
South Range.....	11 00	19 00
Shubenacadie .....	.....	.....
West Gore.....	16 00	26 00
Pictou .....	10 00	15 00
Gulliver's Cove.....	.....	8 00
Elmsdale .....	4 00	4 50
River John.....	8 00	12 00
Nova Scotia, Individuals....	19 50	14 13
United States, do. ....	5 50	1 00
St. John, Coburg St. S. School	19 15	12 62
do do Church .....	.....	86 37
do do Mission Band .....	42 11	63 88
do do Individuals..	14 50	.....
do Douglas Ave. do... ..	11 00	.....
do do church .....	17 22	74 45
do do Woman's Aux. ....	2 65	8 00
do do Y. P. S. C. E. ....	.....	.....
do do Sunday-school, .....	11 06	14 70
Mascarene.....	11 35	20 22
Letete.....	2 62	8 00
Back Bay.....	3 85	2 00
Leonardville.....	4 00	13 13
Lord's Cove.....	30 00	22 50
do Sunday-school..	5 00	.....
Newport.....	4 00	10 00
Nauwigewauk .....	.....	7 90
Silver Falls.....	.....	3 87
Profits from THE CHRISTIAN	80 00	26 86
Annual Meeting, Tiverton and	.....	.....
St. John.....	42 30	42 00
	<u>\$506 04</u>	<u>\$742 92</u>

STATEMENT SHOWING LABOR DONE DURING YEAR, COST, ETC.

Place.	Preacher.	Days.	Sermons	Collections.	Cost.	ADDITIONS.		
						Baptiz'd	Other	Total
Halifax, ....	E. C. Ford, ....	.....	99	.....	\$150 60	5	.....	5
do, ....	A. Martin, ....	27	31	\$53 50	57 84	3	.....	3
Elmsdale, ....	E. C. Ford,* .....	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. John, Douglas Ave.	J. C. B. Appel, .....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	9	5	14
Mascarene, .....	do, .....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. John, Douglas Ave	A. Martin, ....	19	.....	19 45	30 00	.....	.....	.....
do, Coburg St. ...	do, .....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pictou, N. S., ....	W. H. Allen, ....	.....	104	.....	150 00	21	6	34
River John, ..	do, .....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Gore, ....	A. Martin, ....	10	15	21 00	.....	4	.....	4
Mascarene, ..	Dr. R. B. Ray, .....	.....	4	4 85	.....	.....	.....	.....
Letete, ....	do, .....	.....	1	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Back Bay, ....	do, .....	.....	1	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Silver Falls, ..	do, .....	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mascarene, ....	A. Martin, ....	2	2	2 83	.....	.....	.....	.....
Letete, ....	do, .....	3	2	1 00	15 00	.....	.....	.....
Back Bay, ....	do, .....	3	3	16 60	.....	.....	.....	.....
Keswick, ....	Dr. R. B. Ray, .....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nauwigewauk, ..	do, .....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lord's Cove, ..	A. Martin, ....	1	1	2 97	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lubec, ....	do, .....	4	3	15 80	.....	.....	.....	.....

\* Without cost to the Board.