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Report of your Missionary, E. B. Descoches, at  
Detroit & Vicinity, for the last 2 quarters ending July 1<sup>st</sup> 1863.

To the Board of the Baptist State Convention, convened at  
Kalamazoo, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 1863.

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N. B. Desroches

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