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MORE THINGS WANTED.

The very pertinent question asked by a correspondent as to the fruit borne by our annual resolution on the subject of Temperance, recalls to mind some other documents laid before the Union from time to time, and "adopted" by it in due form. Rowland Hill is said to have declared that the safest place to deposit a five-pound note was in a Missionary report, since no one would ever think of looking into that, and we are beginning to fear that a similar remark will hold good with regard to the Reports of the Committee of the Union annually published in the minutes of that body.

Reference has several times been made, in various ways, to the pressing want felt by many of our churches of better houses of worship, and to the desirableness of some systematic method of assisting them in building; and by what must so far be regarded as a pleasant little popular fiction, the Union, at its last meeting, endorsed the following language of the Union committee in relation to the matter:—"They would further recommend that the Union consider the propriety of the formation of a Church Building Society, such as those which exist in Britain and the United States, to assist feeble churches in such undertakings, and that a special committee be now appointed to report upon the matter during the present session. A trifling contribution from every church member in connection with the denomination, could it be secured, would provide us with an income capable of rendering very efficient aid to churches in such circumstances, and it is known that some of our wealthy and large-hearted lay brethren would subscribe liberally to such an object." A committee was accordingly appointed, but not until we had reached so late a stage in the proceedings that they did not even meet to consider the important question referred to them. The result is that a number of churches whose progress towards the point of self-support absolutely depends upon their being able to offer better accommodation for public worship, feeling unable to build unaided, and yet seeing no way of procuring the necessary help, settle down into the condition of hopeless "annuitants" of the Missionary society.