

"Based, as the the two Societies were, on the same great evangelical principles; maintained by the same class of supporters; and contemplating the same field of missionary labor, their amalgamation has long been an object of mutual desire to many of the subscribers and friends. Difficulties had, however, embarrassed previous negotiations, which an increasing sense of the claim of our Colonies on the sympathy of British Christians, and a deeper conviction of the necessity of combined effort for the defence of our Protestant faith contributed alike to overcome; and the proposal of the respective Committees accordingly met with a response, which speedily removed every remaining obstacle, and enabled the united Society to commence operations with an encouraging prospect of success."

"While thus tracing the immediate causes which led to this important measure, the Committee would not omit to recognise the hand of One greater than man, to whom, in humble reverence, they would offer the ascription of praise, "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy and for thy truth's sake."

"At this early period, it would be premature to form a definite estimate of the financial results of the union; but the liberality which the occasion has called forth, and the increased interest manifested by the subscribers, and by the Christian public in general, encourage your Committee to contemplate an early enlargement of the Society's operations."

It has been announced to your Committee, that Her most Gracious Majesty the Queen has consented to become the Patron of the united Society; and that the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have accepted the office of Vice-Patrons. Several Bishops and Noblemen have also accepted office as Vice-Presidents.

Your Committee, among other subjects of congratulation, have much pleasure in stating, that his Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese, after due inquiry and deliberation, both before and since his arrival, has seen no cause to disapprove of the principles of the Society, or its operations in this Province; and has declared his approval thereof, by taking the Presidency of the Corresponding Committee, and by kindly consenting to become one of the Patrons of this Association. His Lordship has also been elected one of the Vice-Presidents of the Parent Society.

Your Committee have likewise much pleasure in reporting, that the Ven. the Archdeacon of this Diocese has also consented to be placed on the list of the Corresponding Committee.

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