

But to return, I cannot but express my high sense of the discrimination and fidelity, manifested by the Colonial Missionary Society, in selecting and sending out men so worthy, so well fitted for the responsible stations and difficult labors of missions in new settlements, where there are many rivals that have grown more or less into popular favor; are supported by imposing ceremonies and appearances, and by governmental patronage. When they hear of the fidelity of brethren, and the blessing of the Lord attending their efforts to rear congregations and build places of worship—when they hear of the growing strength and usefulness of the Union, and especially when they learn that the Lord has poured his regenerating influences on a number of their congregations, they must rejoice exceedingly, that they have been God's favored, honored instruments in sending out and sustaining such men. To the New England churches and ministers, I would, (as a son of New England,) most cheerfully commend them. The church in which the Union held their meeting, was built in part by the contributions of New England Christians. governors not excepted; and often did its walls reverberate the warm expressions of gratitude for the kindness and benefactions received in New England as well as in New York.

They have much to contend with, and may be much cheered, encouraged and strengthened by the sympathies, prayers, and benefactions of New England Christians.

Yours truly,

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We obtain from the same highly respectable quarter, the "New England Puritan," the following:—

Extract from the Report of the Congregational Union of Canada West, read at their Sixth Annual Meeting, held at Brantford on the evening of Thursday, July 6th, 1843.

During no year of our brief history in this country, have we seen so many souls led to Christ through our instrumentality. This is cheering. At any time and under any circumstances it would be so. At the present moment, and under present circumstances, it is especially so; for our ministry is thereby vindicated from the slight which arrogant men who claim to be the only true or authorized ministers of Christ would put upon it, and it promises to prove in our hands the agency we need to assist us in carrying out our plans of usefulness.

The past year has been marked by advancement in another very important respect. Eight new stations have been occupied; five have been added to the number of our ministers, of whom our Academy has furnished two, while two who have been for sometime laboring in the country, have connected themselves with us, and one has arrived recently from England; three young brethren have just finished their studies in our Institution, who are about to enter on important spheres, in which we trust God will bless them and make them a blessing; several of our causes have made, or promise soon to make considerable approximation towards self-support; and three

places of worship have been erected or are in progress, besides several others which are projected.

The Missionary Society connected with the Union, have in their employ five brethren to whom they furnish a measure of assistance to aid them in their work, and who are laboring with a devotedness which entitles them to our warmest respect and confidence, and a measure of usefulness by which we ought to feel encouraged. Your Committee regret to state that they are at this moment considerably in arrears of even the small sums for which they stand pledged to those self-denying men, a circumstance which of course adds greatly to the difficulties they have to encounter for their Master's sake. Unless increased means are placed at their command, your committee will feel obliged to relinquish some of their stations. From this disagreeable necessity they hope the churches will save them. These are not the times for retrograde movement; our course now ought to be forward, *must be forward*, God helping us, *will be forward*.

Another claim on the liberality of our churches and friends is presented by our Academy, to the sustaining and improvement of which, increased exertion is essential. Thus far, the good hand of our God has been upon us in this movement undertaken in our infancy and feebleness. To him we look to enable us to realize fully the end of its institution. A growing impression of the importance of bestowing on the young brethren whom God gives us for the ministry among our churches, the best education in our power, has made your committee determine, with the consent of the Colonial Society, to whose liberality they are so largely indebted, to add a year to the course of study.

The difficulties under which your committee labor in carrying out their views on this important point, are greatly increased by the want of a suitable library. The number of books at the command of the students is small, and would have been smaller but for the liberality of Christian friends in England, who kindly furnished, through Mr. Roaf, from 200 to 300 volumes of useful works. To these friends your committee beg to tender their grateful acknowledgments for their valuable gift, as also to their respected brother, Mr. Roaf, for his kindness in procuring them. They would, moreover, express their hope that such of the friends of a well educated ministry here as may be able to assist them in this respect, will make donations to the library, either of books or of money to purchase them.

It affords your committee much pleasure to report that the Sabbath Schools connected with the churches associated in this Union, are generally in a prosperous state. To these institutions and to the Bible classes held with the young, they look with much hope; they would, therefore, commend them with confidence to the zealous countenance of the churches and their pastors.

The temperance cause continues to realize, as it deserves to do, the hearty co-operation, both of our ministry and our churches. Your committee beg to press its high claims affectionately and warmly upon all with whom they may have any measure of influence. Already God has made it instrumental of very much good.