

*Resolved*, That an amount of Missionary labour having been performed during the last winter and spring, by Rev. Joseph Crandal in a destitute part of the Province, and the Eastern Association having defrayed half the expense, this Association bear the other, to the amount of £8 5s. disavowing however the precedent of taking such work from the Missionary Boards which are the rightful channels.

The following was then submitted.

The Committee on the Union Society beg leave to Report:— That in view of the demands of the cause of christian benevolence the Churches are called upon for far greater exertions than they have yet made in this sphere. They lament that so few Churches have contributed to the various objects contemplated in this Union during the year; and deeply lamenting the necessity of incurring the expense of an agency, yet every year's observation of the circumstances of our Churches, and the continued failure of Pastors and Deacons, in our churches generally, to collect according to their means, we have no alternative but to dispense with the funds and proclaim our failure year by year, or send an Agent to communicate information, to obviate objections and awaken and sustain the interest requisite to command funds. We fully concur with those opposed to an agency that if Pastors or Churches volunteered their services and their offerings it would be a great saving; but we have no reason to infer from the past or present expression on their part, that they will do so, and the few who do, and we are happy to proclaim the fact that there are a few, but very few, who have never subjected the Board to any expense in this matter, will not in time to come require such agency.

We approve greatly the vote of the Eastern Association, recommending the employment of brother Burpe, and an Agent to accompany him, to relieve him of the burden of public addresses, and to superintend the care of collections and subscriptions. We unite with them in recommending this course to the earliest attention of the Union Board.

We are happy to add that the several objects embraced, still command our strongest regard, and we recommend them with unabated confidence to our Churches. In behalf of the Committee.

E. D. VERY, *Chairman*.

The adoption of this Report was preceded by a very interesting address from Rev. S. Robinson.

*Resolved*, That Rev. John Francis be recommended to the Board of the General Union as suitable to prosecute their agency when labouring for the Christian Visitor.

The Association here gave way for a meeting of the Baptist Education Society, the Report of which by the Rev. C. Spurden, and several resolutions will be found in page 18.

Very interesting addresses were delivered by Rev. I. E. Bill, Rev. W. Barton, Rev. John Francis, and others.

After which the Moderator resumed the chair, whereupon it was *Resolved*, That this Association deeply convinced of the value and importance of Collegiate Education in reference to the cultivation of the human mind, and especially in regard to the improve-