

ened and zealous Agent, who shall be able to inform and persuade the Pastors and churches with reference to our objects.

It is impossible for the Board to conceive how any one having the general cause of benevolence at heart, can in the face of such facts as the foregoing object to an Agency.

While but 22 out of 49 ordained ministers and 25 out of 74 churches show any disposition to move voluntarily in the work, the covetousness and indisposition of those who do not move may very probably object to an agency, not certainly for the withdrawal of its expense from the general Funds, because any tolerable agency would swell those funds besides meeting the expense, but for fear of having an irresistible demand made upon them for their money, or an incontrovertible argument directed against their prejudices.

We still cherish the hope of better times. The developments of Divine Providence are combined so remarkably to illustrate Scripture promises, that none, who have a mind to see, will be left with any pretext for hesitancy in Missionary effort. All of which is respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board of the General Union of the New Brunswick.

E. D. VERY, *Secretary*.

(a) BOARD OF SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS.

The Board for controlling the Funds for Superannuated Ministers in submitting their yearly report cannot refrain from expressing their heartfelt gratitude to God for the preservation of the lives and health of our beloved brethren, the Ministers of the Churches. During the year that has just expired, there was not any application for relief to the Board; nor has there been to our knowledge any deceasing among our brethren, neither any sickness except such as would be expected to attend the infirmities of years. While we would ascribe the preservation of their health, and their support in other respects to the good hand of our God, we cannot but believe that increased liberality and attention of the churches towards their superannuated ministers contributed largely to this.

We hope however that no one will infer from the present peace and prosperity vouchsafed to our friends, that such a provision for the "Fund for Superannuated and Infirm Ministers" is an unnecessary one. The timely relief which it has already afforded to those during their last illness, who have been removed to their rest and the support imparted to others who are still labouring with sickness amongst us, while called on to pass through scenes of affliction, and the circumstances in which many of our Ministers would be placed if visited by similar Providence, more than justify the necessity for the denomination to possess a small fund of this nature, from which the pressing wants of Christian Ministers could be supplied when other sources failed. Certainly no one professing the faith of Christ and who has, as a disciple of the Saviour, been reaping the fruit of ritual instruction of those who in many instances parted with their farms and other lucrative means of earthly support for the Gospel's sake, can withhold a small portion of his goods yearly from his support when either sickness or age prevent them from labour.

A. McDONALD, *Secretary*.