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It will be observed that I was requested by the above body, at its late session, to prepare a report on said Society. It will not be expected that I shall say much about the Agency, or the work done by the Agent, during his past service in this department, suffice to say, that one year and five months have been devoted exclusively to the financial work in both Associations. About eighty Union Societies have been formed, with eighty Secretary-Treasurers and two hundred and fifty Collectors appointed. The cash receipts during those months have been (\$3,016) three thousand and sixteen dollars, and, including the arrangements made by the Agent for the Grand Falls and Tobique, there is in subscription on the Ledger about (\$1600) sixteen hundred dollars. We expect quite an amount of this to be paid at the Western Association in September. Had not the times been peculiarly embarrassing the greater part of the above sum could have been collected without delay. It will be remembered that the Eastern Churches last year paid for Home Missions £16 3s. 4d., as reported in the Minutes of that year. Compare the conjoined report with that, and the utility of system will at once appear, even to the sceptic. Now that we have a uniform financial organization in our Churches, let our Ministers, Deacons, and Members take hold and work it, without a General Agent; thus they will save time and expense. The Agent will not allude to toil connected with this work, but refer to kindness received on all hands from the Ministers and Churches, and deeply regret that he was not more qualified for the work to which he was appointed. I am confident that we have arrived at the right plan. Let us therefore not abandon it. There may be some little discrepancy in publishing the names of subscribers in our report. To be perfectly accurate in this requires more attention than the superficial man is prepared at once to recognize. Any mistake that may occur is not intentional, and therefore we hope will be overlooked.

THOMAS TODD, *Financial Agent.*

Woodstock, 20th July, 1861.

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