

Societies have done much in this respect, but we are sorry to inform this Association that their interests are to some extent flagging. We would however submit to this body the fact that the Union Societies have not been exactly adapted to the liberal principles of our churches, nor the growing necessities of our denominational enterprises. This is apparent if we consider that the sum of 6s. constitutes a member. Thus the rich man thinks when he gives that sum he has done all this organization contemplates; and his beneficent feelings are to some extent dried up. The poor man makes exertions and becomes a member of the same society, and thus the poor give as much as the rich and do not come up the instructions given by Paul, that we should give according to our ability or "according as God has prospered us."

We decidedly recommend that some systematic arrangement be made to effect increased benevolence among our churches and that a Committee be appointed to prepare for and submit to the next Association some plan whereby this object would be secured, and in the mean time that existing Union societies continue their efforts with unabated and increased interest.

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### BIBLE CAUSE.

The Committee on the Bible Cause Report :

That the Bible being the guide book of Jehovah and containing the Revelation of his love to our sinful world, and designed to instruct man in the knowledge of salvation, great and continuous efforts should be used to circulate it among all nations in the purest versions that now exist or that may yet be made.

Of the two Bible organizations which have more especially solicited and received our support—"the American and Foreign Bible Society" and "the American Bible Union" our brethren are left to make such choice as to them seemeth good, as the channel of appropriating their contributions to the Bible Cause.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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