

REPORT

On the Subject of Brother JAMES STEPHENS' Letter of last year.

THE Committee for Missionary purposes of the Nova-Scotia Baptist Missionary Society, having met at Brother Deacon Wm. Chipman's, on Friday, the 4th of May, 1827, on the business appertaining to Missionary concerns, took into consideration the purport of our Venerable Brother James Stevens' Letter to the Association last year, concerning the utility of raising a Fund, in such way as the churches might think best, to be put on Interest, for the express purpose of affording some relief to aged Ministers, who had worn themselves out in the cause of the Redeemer, when they become old and past labour; and to their aged partners before and after their Husbands' death.

In agreement with the vote of the Association, the last year,—We judge it to be the most proper method in the outset, that each Minister in each church of our denomination, appoint a day when an appropriate Sermon should be delivered, and (after explaining the nature of the business, the steps that had been taken by the Association, &c.) that a contribution be taken for said purpose. And that the avails be sent on to the Association, at its next Session, by the Ministers or Messengers for the time being; and it is recommended to choose Trustees to take the aggregate sum, and put it out on interest, where it may be ready whenever said Trustees shall have need thereof, for the relief of such aged Ministers of our denomination, or their Widows, as they in their judgment shall deem suitable claimants. Such Trustees are always to keep regular accounts of all monies, entrusted to their care by the Association, for the purposes specified above: And at all times to be ready to furnish such documents as the Association shall deem necessary: And likewise that said committee give sufficient security, for all Monies entrusted to them, if required.

Or if any church choose by mutual consent, to lay a small tax on each Member, that is to say, one shilling on each male Member, and sixpence upon each female; the amount collected to be sent on as above.

Or if any church prefer circulating a subscription, for the purpose stated above, they are at liberty so to do; so that the Fund be raised and replenished as exigencies may require.

Or if any one that chooses give a particular donation of Land, Money, &c. or any bequest or endowment; that all shall be taken care of by the Committee, appointed by the Association, for the time being; and applied or appropriated, according to the expressed design of the charitable Bodies or Individuals, that contribute in aid of this most benevolent Institution.

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