

Resolved, I. That having seen and heard Brother Kempton for ourselves, we are strongly inclined to regard him as well fitted for the work to which he proposes to devote himself; and should be highly gratified, therefore, to learn that our Foreign Missionary Board had accepted of his overtures.

II. In anticipation of the result here indicated at an early day, we would recommend that our brother be disengaged, as soon as possible, from regular ministerial occupation among ourselves, and enter upon a tour throughout our provinces so as to enable our churches to form a personal acquaintance with him, and enlist their sympathies, their prayers, and their enlarged contributions on behalf both of himself and his work. Then,

III. We farther recommend, that our Foreign Missionary Board, as soon as their plans in this respect are matured, should issue an appeal to our churches throughout these Lower Provinces for such aid as may be required on the occasion; in which case we, as an Association, do heartily and solemnly, as in the presence of Christ himself, the Lord of Missions, pledge ourselves, not only to take part in furnishing such aid, but also to stand by our brethren in the future and continued prosecution of our Foreign Missionary work.

Respectfully submitted.

J. DAVIS, *Chairman*.

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UNION SOCIETIES.

The Committee on Union Societies report substantially as reported by a similar Committee two years ago: That they are impressed with the belief that our denomination in these Provinces yet greatly need to *realize*, in its bearing on our benevolent enterprises, the well-established truth that "Union is strength," the importance, also, of practical, voluntary, systematic division of labor and pecuniary benevolence; in a word, still greatly need to feel the force of the Pauline injunction: "Upon the first day of the week let each, &c.," also the Saviour's touching command: "Freely ye have received, freely give."

Your Committee respectfully, but earnestly, recommend the churches—not here and there one—but all the churches within this Association *to revive, during the present year*, the Union Societies, established among us a little more than twenty years ago, and for a time most successfully worked: now, however, it is to be regretted, known chiefly as a thing of the past.

They further suggest the following improvements on the