

APPENDIX.

(A) GENERAL UNION SOCIETY.

The General Union Society of New Brunswick to the Baptist Convention, beg leave to report:

That during the past year in deference to the opinion of some of our brethren in the Province, no Agency has been employed by the Board except a few weeks by Elder Joseph Crandal. The dependence of the Board has therefore been the free action of the Pastors and Churches.

The result appears to have been as follows :

In the Eastern Association, out of thirty-eight churches, twelve only have contributed to the objects of the Union; with these twelve churches are connected nine of the ordained ministers, each of whom it is presumed contributed with his church to the Funds. One other of the ordained ministers, distinct from any church, making in all ten out of twenty-six of the ordained ministers of the Association stand identified with these important movements.

In the Western Association, thirteen churches out of the thirty-six have contributed to our objects, and with these thirteen churches stand connected ten of the ordained ministers out of the twenty-three of the Association, two others also distinct from the Churches, which leaves the lamentable conclusion that but about one-third of the Baptist churches of the province have contributed to the objects which are of so vital an interest to our denomination, and so creditable to christian character, and less than half of our ordained ministers have lent their influence and their contributions to encourage their churches. In the Eastern Association the amount contributed to the Union Society has been

£36 3 2

To Foreign Missions,

1 4 3

Total,

£37 7 5

In the Western Association the amount contributed to the Union Society has been

£118 4 2½

To Foreign Missions,

71 4 9

Total,

£189 8 11½

Of the £189 8 11½ collected in the Western Association, £36 6½ was gathered from six churches in Charlotte County by a combined agency of several Pastors who have recently presented these objects to the churches.

What we are thus compelled to submit as the result of the past year's collections only strengthens the conviction which the Board uniformly cherished, that an agency in behalf of these objects is indispensable, and that our Funds can never be suitably replenished but through the persevering and repeated labors of an enlight-