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In presenting to you this my first Report, which I suppose will be regarded as an annual one, I have in the first place to observe that I have spent ten months and a half in the service of the denomination as Financial Agent. As far as I have visited the churches I have found them very deficient of financial system; and yet all seem to see eye to eye in the fact that system, thorough worked out system, is indispensable to the health and progress of our denomination. Many of our churches are sadly deficient of proper system in supporting their own Pastor, thereby failing to give their Minister that support which his wants require, and which they are able to give, if they had the proper organized means in active operation in their midst. I repeat it again, that wherein we fail in our denominational movements financially considered, is want of system—system in raising funds for benevolent objects. Baptists are a wealthy people in New Brunswick, and I am persuaded that their liberality, according to their means, is not second to any other religious body in the Province. Other bodies have excelled us in systematically bringing out the offerings of their people, and thus unitedly apply their denominational strength to denominational objects. Let our united strength as a people be applied to the objects embraced in the “Union,” all giving as God has prospered them, then would the Macedonian cry be met at home and abroad; our Educational movements would all be progressive, the wants of Sabbath Schools and superannuated Ministers would all be met in a way beneficial to them and honouring to God. But can these desirable objects be accomplished? I answer, they can. I admit that a mere spasmodic effort will not accomplish this; I do not imagine our Union organizations are to be of a mere momentary character, nor do I think it has arrived to full perfection. If there are discrepancies observable let us not abandon the system, but improve it, until under God we shall have a permanent, progressive organization in the denomination, which instrumentally shall bring light to the darkened, light to the blind, and joy to the comfortless. To accomplish this will require perseverance of a most rigorous sort on the part of all our Ministers, Deacons, and members. Your Agent has been very much encouraged as far as he has gone. It is not flood tide now in money matters, yet the amount raised has not been of the meanest kind. I have obtained in subscription to the Union and Home Missionary funds about £760, of which sum £490 is already paid. I have formed 52 Societies, with 52 Secretary Treasurers, and 143 collectors; have travelled 3,940 miles, attended 240 religious meetings, baptized 12 persons, assisted at the organization of one new church, preached one opening sermon of a new Meeting House. I have met with a cordial reception wherever I have gone. In closing I would remark, that there are a large number of churches yet to be visited, of which many are very small and just struggling for life. They, too, ought not to be neglected; every one of them