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**REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE.**

The Financial Committee beg leave to Report:—That arrangements under the direction of the General Board have been made, for appealing by deputation, consisting of Elders McDonald & Francis to all the Churches of this Association. The Deputation visited all the Churches except a few on the Grand Lake and vicinities. The Committee are happy to be able to report that the Deputation have been received with kindness, and their appeal responded to with a good degree of liberality considering the general pecuniary depression. Some impediments to the successful operation of the Union plan have been discovered, among which appear to have been an impression that the effort was special and temporary instead of permanent, and the amount subscribed to be continued from year to year as God shall give ability. Unless this character of permanency is admitted, not only must there be a new organization from year to year, but the services and expense of a special agent must be continued, which throws us back again upon our former uncertainties. The Committee regret that some Churches have not forwarded their full amount, and others nothing at all, which will not permit of a complete report at this end of our financial year, which we consider of great importance, and which can be remedied only by an immediate attendance to collections and forwarding the amounts to Mr. Hersey, the Treasurer of the General Board in St. John, to which we call special attention. Your Committee, are however, gratified to learn, that the want of cash has not restricted the liberality of some of the friends of our cause, but articles of produce and domestic manufacture which are equally acceptable and valuable have been contributed. We beg leave to call special attention to this method and hope that considerable collection of this description will be made. Such articles of any description forwarded to St. John, can be immediately converted to money and will doubtless in some cases command an increased price in consideration of the objects.

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**REPORT ON THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.**

The Committee upon the *Christian Visitor* beg leave to report: That they highly approve of this paper as a religious publication. That in their opinion its continuation will be productive of great good to the cause of God in this Province. The Committee would recommend it to the support of Ministers, Deacons, and members of all the Churches of our Eastern Association, and also to our congregations. The Committee would express their hope, that the paper may not suffer any embarrassment through the want of pecuniary support—that those who can, will contribute to enrich its columns with original matter, and that all who are in arrears will forward their dues which is necessary to sustain properly the undertaking.

The Committee would further express its approbation of the manner in which the *Christian Visitor* is conducted by its talented and worthy