

of this sum \$853.47 have been collected by the Missionaries in the more destitute localities. It is evident from these figures that the contributions from more highly favoured churches and individuals, are exceedingly small, very far below what they ought to be; certainly it cannot be said that they have given as the Lord "has prospered" them. Such however is the divine standard—the rule of christian beneficence.

Your Board have had under consideration the increase of compensation to Missionaries in their employ, and have decided to increase their pay from 1st April as follows:—Married and ordained to receive \$10 per week; married Licentiates and unmarried and ordained \$9; unmarried Licentiates \$8.

Referring to the Missionary Union, your Board, for the following reasons, concluded that it would be better to let things remain as they are until the Home Missionary Society at its Annual Meeting should take definite action, on this subject of organized Union for Missionary work.

First—The Eastern Association did not express its unequivocal approval of this institution as conditionally formed at Berwick.

Second—Your Society did not take final action to dissolve its organizations, and merge the elements thereof into that Society, whose formation it was supposed, would have been perfected by the Eastern Association and the Home Missionary Society at their last annual meetings.

For these reasons your Board declined to transfer its funds on application made by the Secretary of the Board of the Home Missionary Union, preferring if this were to be done it should be by the direction of the Society itself, and for these reasons your Board was of the opinion that nothing would be gained by conferring with the Board of the Union, according to the resolution passed by the Home Missionary Society at its last Annual Meeting. In view of this, as well as the general state of the whole subject, there has been no correspondence between the two Boards to accomplish this special end expressed in your Society's directions, as given at its last annual meeting, and awaiting such final action, your Board, as the guardians of the interests of the Society, felt called upon to petition the Legislature against the passage of a Bill submitted during the last Session, asking for an Act to Incorporate the Home Missionary Union, unless said Bill be so amended or modified as to be unexceptionable to the Society as represented by your Board.

GROSS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasurer's hands June 1st, 1872.....	\$362 99
From Treasurer of Central Association.....	371 83
" " Eastern Association.....	446 40
" Interest on Government Debentures.....	58 40
" Other sources.....	155 75
Collected by the Missionaries.....	909 97
	\$2305 34