

churches, with reference to the condition of the heathen world, and the present state of foreign missions, we would urge upon our churches to read more and think more upon this subject, and as one means of information, we would warmly recommend the perusal of the *Christian Messenger*.

The subject of the *Christian Messenger* was then considered. The Editors having stated that the paper was not in any measure sufficiently sustained with funds to meet the expenses of publication, in consequence of the deficiency in the payment of subscriptions, there being at the end of the year the large amount of upwards of £600 due in the two Provinces,—and it being evident that unless some plan could be devised the paper must be discontinued at the close of the present year, and a call be made upon those individuals who stand pledged, in the event of loss, to make up the deficiency,—a very warm interest was manifested by the meeting in favour of the publication, and the following resolutions were passed:

1. *Resolved*, That the *Christian Messenger*, in the opinion of this Association, has been ably conducted, and its value deeply felt, and that we must and will sustain it.

2. *Resolved*, That this Association feel a deep and increasing interest in the publication of the paper, as highly calculated to promote the interests of religion and moral improvement in connection with those of the Baptist Denomination, and especially in the bearing which it has in concentrating their present efforts for the advancement of education.

That they see with great regret that the recommendation of the Association to the Denomination at their last meeting for supporting the interests of the publication, has been so little attended to; as nearly the whole amount of the subscriptions for the past year are still remaining due, and although the strongest expressions of satisfaction with the manner in which the paper is conducted, are universally made, yet it is evident that it is absolutely necessary that some efficient mode should be immediately adopted for sustaining an undertaking in which the interests of the denomination are so deeply involved, by collecting the back accounts due, and extending the further circulation of the paper, which, while it has increased in the Province of Nova Scotia, has, from the difficulty of ensuring its regular transmission to many parts of New Brunswick, decreased to some extent in that Province, it is therefore

3. *Resolved*, That the Ministers connected with this Association, do pledge themselves immediately on their return to their respective churches, in conjunction with the several agents of the *Christian Messenger* in their districts, to urge the immediate collection of the subscriptions due at the end of the past year, and do forthwith communicate to the general agent of the paper in Halifax, whatever facts may come to their knowledge affecting its pecuniary interests, and the most effectual means of ensuring future punctuality in paying subscriptions.

4. *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Board of Missions do furnish each of the Missionaries on their respective tours with special

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