

APPENDIX.

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REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The Committee on Mission beg to report :

The whole subject of Missions is of the highest interest and importance to Christians and Christian Churches. Every Christian is constituted a Missionary at his conversion, and is bound to make known the gospel to the utmost of his power, throughout his whole life. Every Christian Church is a Missionary Institution, brought under sacred obligation to communicate the truth to all men.

Domestic Missions are the natural expression of Christian patriotism. Your Committee are of opinion that these Missions demand much more liberal support and much more systematic management than they have yet received. Weak Churches require sympathy and help; destitute districts call for benevolent provision. Your Committee rejoice in what has been done already in this Province; nevertheless, they think that more may be accomplished, and they beg to suggest the desirableness of the appointment of one or more Missionaries, in suitable Districts, for twelve months at a time, with a special view to the establishment of Baptist Churches.

The French Missions brings us into contact with Popery, opposition to which form of Anti-Christian apostacy is peculiarly binding on Baptists. The Committee rejoice to learn that the spirit of inquiry begins to be manifested among the Roman Catholic population of this Province, and that the labours of Brother Knight have excited considerable attention, the priesthood having opposed with characteristic zeal the diffusion of knowledge and truth. It is confidently hoped that the Churches will continue to sustain this interesting Mission.

With regard to the Foreign Mission, your Committee regret to find that the health of Brother Burpe has not been sufficiently restored to warrant the expectation of his return to the former scene of his labours; he has been able, however, to render efficient aid by visiting the Churches, and awakening or reviving Missionary ardour. Brother Arthur Crawley, who has just completed his studies at Newton, has been accepted as a candidate for foreign service; and will be prepared to depart for the station appointed him as soon as the Board shall give the necessary instructions.

The Committee are informed that the Missionary Board have resolved that it is expedient to be connected with the American Baptist Missionary Union, and have entered into correspondence with the Secretary of that Institution, with a view to ascertain whether such connection can be formed with due regard to the independence of the Board, and its separate action as far as the same may be deemed desirable. This resolution harmonizes with a similar one passed by this Association last year. The proposed arrangement is con-

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