

That your Committee regard the Home Missionary operations of the Baptists in this Province as being a work of the utmost importance, from a consideration of its adaption to meet the wants of the destitute of our own land by furnishing them with the means of Grace, and imparting sound religious instruction, and thus instrumentally winning souls to God. We can but acknowledge with hearts of devout gratitude the blessing of Almighty God which has heretofore attended the efforts of the Denomination in this department of Christian enterprise, but we must confess, that there is cause of deep self abasement, in view of the little efforts that have been put forth during the past year by the Churches composing this Association, towards holding forth the word of life to those who are in the region and shadow of death; and we do earnestly beseech all our Churches and congregations to use their efforts and enlarge their contributions to enable this Society to send forth Missionaries, who shall bear the glad tidings of salvation to those who are perishing, and your Committee would further recommend to those Churches who are blessed with the constant preaching of the Gospel the propriety of dispensing with the labours of their Pastors for a few weeks in each year, and at the same time supporting them while they go to preach to the destitute.

JAMES PARKER,
Chairman.

Report on Union Societies was presented:

REPORT.

The committee on Union Societies beg leave to report.

That the Union Society has been in operation in our churches sufficiently long to establish itself,—that it is second to none as yet introduced, as a medium through which money may be obtained for carrying into effect the various benevolent objects in connection with the Denomination. It not only realizes more immediate funds than other modes hitherto adopted, but it systematizes our Financial arrangements and brings into operation the members of our churches.

Your committee would urge the necessity of making pastors and churches feel the great importance of doing, within themselves the business of working efficiently and permanently the Union Society.

If the business of collecting money be left to the efforts of Agents, and extra efforts arising from Quarterly Meetings, there will not be much permanent effect or durability. Agency and Quarterly Meetings are good in their places, but when the responsibility of the individual churches are thrown upon them their object is not accomplished. Let Pastors and their churches unite if thought proper, but, at the same time

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