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This report includes the Indian Mission, then in charge of the Rev. Ludwick Kribs, and indicates that, although the payments to missionaries, as well as the accounts of the different Societies, were of diverse dates, such adjustment had been made as to place the treasuries West and East on an equal footing at the period of union. The lack of uniformity in date, however, rendered needful the statement that "the payments reported were in the majority of cases for nine months, while in others they are for twelve, and in two or three for fifteen months. It should also be noted that because of the connection of the Indian Mission, there is included in the receipts for the year nearly \$400 received from the United States in aid of it. This continued for several years until the Indian Mission was detached from this Society, at the request of the Colonial Missionary Society, inasmuch as its Constitution restricted its field to non-heathen peoples.

I place below, in a tabulated form, the figures which may be needful to complete this sketch, but may here note that among the churches mentioned in the first report as receiving aid are the names of some of our strongest and most prosperous ones, which have not only been for many years self-supporting, but have also contributed largely to all our denominational objects.

The Indian Mission was detached from this Society after the third year of its existence and was thenceforward separately managed.

At the Annual Meeting held at Brantford, Ont., June 1858, there was presented an overture from the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick : "That this Union, being convinced of the importance of bringing the churches into missionary connection with those of Canada, proposes that the missionary operations of these Provinces be united with those of the Canadian Congregational Missionary Society, delegates being appointed hence to the Congregational Union of that Province, and local Committees appointed here as there." There had been a visit to the Maritime Provinces the previous year, at the request of the Colonial Missionary Society, by Thomas M. Taylor, Esq., of this city, and myself, and a very careful examination of the position of the churches and Union was carried through. This led to the overture above mentioned. After consideration of the overture, a resolution was adopted to place the work in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick under the supervision of this Society in the manner proposed in the overture, provided that the whole expense thereof be borne by the local funds, and the grants of the Colonial Missionary Society. The first report from this, our fifth district, appears in June 1859.

At the eighth annual meeting held at Kingston, in June 1861, an important letter was laid before it in relation to the work of this Society, dated, "Colonial Missionary Society, Blomfield, St., May 21, 1861." It is printed with the reply of the Union, in an appendix to the Minutes of the Union. The attention of the churches is called to the augmented drafts for funds on that Society, and the need of some change of plan. The remarks of a writer, "E", in the *Canadian Independent* are cited as bearing