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## REPORT.

In presenting their first Annual Report, your Committee are happy to commence by congratulating you on the degree of success which has attended your efforts to engage the churches and members of the denomination, to which we have the honor to belong, in the work which has called us together on this occasion. Our success has, indeed, been but partial; yet it has upon the whole been sufficient to encourage our hopes, and prompt us to persevere in the course we have begun. And what great undertaking ever attained its utmost elevation in so short a time as we have been engaged in ours? Some difficulties were to be overcome—a variety of objections to be met and removed—before any progress could be made in the execution of the plan we had in view. And, even now, many misconceptions are entertained, and surmises thrown out against our objects and proceedings. It will be our duty to meet these in the kindest spirit, and to deal with them in the most calm and friendly manner.

In the latter part of the year 1842, several ministers and members of Baptist churches, in their occasional or incidental interviews, frequently mentioned to each other the desirableness of uniting the different sections of our denomination more closely together, so as to secure more frequency of intercourse, and greater harmony of operation among the numerous bodies holding our sentiments. With the increase of communication, the conviction appeared not only to gather strength, but also to take possession of other minds. At length, early in the year 1843, a few friends met together to consider the matter more seriously, to discuss the propriety of attempting a general Union, and to consult upon a plan for accomplishing this desirable purpose.

The result of this small meeting was the appointment of another more numerous, which assembled in the neighbourhood of Paris on the 19th of June last year, when the Union was formed, an