

ment of another missionary. The Committee, however, judge it to be hardly prudent to attempt this until Mr. Burpe shall arrive on the ground, and we learn by letters from him what, in his own experience, is likely to be the expense attending the annual support of his Mission.

IMPORTANCE OF PUNCTUAL PAYMENTS.

In the meantime the Committee deem it prudent to remind the society that it is needful to attend to the utmost punctuality in forwarding to the Treasurer the monies pledged. These monies are now, under Providence, the only dependence of our beloved missionaries in a land of strangers and idolaters, where, if left for only a short time without a regular supply, they may be reduced to the most painful destitution, without any means of relief. Besides, we hold a strict business relation to the Board at Boston in regard to the transmission of funds, and it is therefore necessary to act with all the strict adherence to engagement in which consists the life of commercial transactions, and the honour of men of business. Mr. Burpe is now furnished with a year's subsistence from the time of his leaving us; but, in order that means for his support for another year meet him in time, it is needful that the amount of another year's salary be placed in the hands of the Treasurer of the Boston Board considerably before the lapse of a year from April last. It would be needful to forward that amount in time to be transmitted by the fall ships from Boston; that is to say, within three months from the present time at furthest; and the Committee trust that the society will without fail enable them to make such remittance.

UNION OF THE CHURCHES IN THE LOWER PROVINCES.

In the working of our present system, of two societies, one for New Brunswick, and one for Nova Scotia, it becomes more and more apparent to the Committee, that some plan must be speedily adopted for concentrating the labours and deliberations of both provinces, and of Prince Edward Island. They are happy to learn that the brethren in New Brunswick have the same conviction. "Union is strength." It is no less promotive of wisdom and love; and this Committee are assured, that no measure is more urgently pressing, than a union which will enable several communities of churches that are in effect one in all their interests, as they are one in principle and affection, to become, in all needful respects, one, also, in action.