

to the utmost of their power; but they have felt themselves paralyzed by their local position. They are too far from the only organ of the denomination to be able, with benefit, to communicate with their brethren through that channel, and they have been kept too poor by their constituents to do anything material by means of circulars or agencies. They are also now much too far from the Seat of Government. In the only instance in which, during the past year, they have endeavoured to bring their representations to operate on a measure before the Legislature, they, with all the haste they could possibly exert, could not have their views in the hands of persons in Montreal under between three and four weeks from the time of the introduction of the measure, and until, already stated, it had been disposed of for the Session.

The experience of these and other difficulties, arising from their present location, has induced your Committee to come to a resolution to recommend that their successors be appointed in or near Montreal.

The Treasurer's account of receipts and disbursements from the date of the institution of the Union down to the present time, is annexed at the end of the report.

In bringing this report to a close, your committee would earnestly appeal to the Churches for greater exertions on their part towards the promotion of the objects of the Union. We are more frequent in communicating with your Committee; give them more work to perform, and give them more to do it with. Compare the list of Churches with the receipts in the Treasurer's account, and let those whose names do not appear on the latter, see that the deficiency is supplied without delay for the interests of the Union cannot be promoted without a moderate supply of money. Let each do what he can, and let us induce other Churches to join the Union. A great deal can be accomplished by individual, private influence. A little leaven, judiciously introduced, will soon leaven the whole lump.

Our motive has been called in question. What is the promotion of Union. Not Union of sentiment or of communion (we do not think that is attainable,) but union of operation in every thing that affects the denomination as a body, whether free communion, or open communion, or closed communion. A few years co-operation on matters in which we are all agreed, would tend to remove many of those jealousies, and heart-burnings, and misconceptions, which are prevalent, and so much to be deplored! And (without in any measure interfering with those minor differences in opinion and practice which always must exist in a community of imperfect although rational beings;) would give a character and influence to our denomination in this country which we do not now possess, and which can never otherwise be attained. Whatever may be the conduct of others, let our motto be, "Peace within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces." Let