

The Services of the Rev. John Francis, and Brethren J. Ring, and J. W. Hartt, have been procured in Agencies, at different periods during the past year. The first two have spent upwards of six months each on behalf of the Union, and the latter nearly three months.

The total cost of these Agencies, including travelling expences, has been one hundred and four pounds, five shillings, and ninepence half-penny; amount of public collections taken up by the Agents, toward their expences, twenty-four pounds and eleven pence half-penny, leaving a balance of eighty pounds, four shillings, and tenpence, payable from the ordinary funds of the Union.

Upwards of *fifty* Local Union Societies have been formed, from thirty-seven of the number monies have been received, the remainder have not as yet made any return to the Board.

The reports of the Agents show that the principles of the Union have generally met the approval of the Churches visited, but that in some cases, it is to be lamented, both Churches and individuals have stood opposed. The Reports also show that the Sabbath School cause has received a due share of attention, and that the state of weak and scattered churches, as also destitute places where no Churches exist, have been regarded with interest by the Agents, and advice and assistance afforded.

The Board have reason to believe that more than a full year of profitable missionary labour has been performed by the Agents, aside from their more immediate duties, in relation to the Union, and believe it will be found that those labours have exerted a strong influence in favour of the general interests of the Denomination. The Board trusts that the prompt and zealous attention of the Ministers and Churches, in their different localities throughout the Province, to the claims of the Union, may soon prevent, to a great extent, at least, the necessity of employing Agents.

LOCAL SOCIETIES.

The sums received from the Local Societies vary from twelve shillings and three pence to twenty-six pounds nineteen shillings and one penny; average amount, six pounds two shillings and ninepence; total amount received from the 37 Societies, including some subscriptions paid over to the Agents by members of the Local Societies, two hundred and twenty-six pounds, eighteen shillings and ten pence.

Connected with the Association there are 71 Churches. Had each formed an Union Society, and raised the same proportion as those that have contributed to the funds, we should have received about double the sum now reported, and even that amount is far below what it is hoped will be realized from the operations of the Union.

The Board would suggest for the serious consideration of the Churches, their respective Pastors and Members, whether it is too much to expect a sum equal to *six shillings and two pence*

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