

After hearing a statement from different brethren respecting the investments of a portion of the funds in the United States, it was

Resolved, That this Association feel called upon to express their gratitude to Almighty God for the success which he has been pleased to grant to Acadia College, and prayerfully hope that uninterrupted prosperity will attend its future progress, and hope that the Governors will devise effective measures to that end, with whom, in carrying out which, this Association desire to co-operate.

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REPORT ON THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.

The Committee on the *Christian Messenger* call the attention of the Association to the fact that this valuable periodical is now in the nineteenth year of its existence. The first number was issued in January, 1837,—since that time it has contributed its weekly quota of information and instruction, in so doing has aided the enlightenment of the people and promoted the success of religious and benevolent enterprise.

Established for the benefit of the Baptist churches of these provinces, the *Christian Messenger* has thus far accomplished its mission. It is a welcome guest in our families, whose visits are highly prized, and whose communications are received with pleasure and satisfaction. The suspension or cessation of those visits would be regarded as a calamity deeply to be deplored.

In consequence of the lamented death of brother Ferguson, one of the proprietors and editors, it will become necessary, as your committee are informed, to make important changes at the close of the present year. The property must pass into other hands, and brother Nutting, the surviving proprietor and editor will be unable to assume the entire editorial management under the arrangements which will then be formed.

It is obviously of great importance to the interests of the denomination that those arrangements should be acceptable to the whole body, it is essential to the usefulness and success of the *Christian Messenger* that it should be managed by those in whom confidence can be safely placed.

But no one can be expected to undertake the risk of publication, and to incur the additional expenditure which certain contemplated improvements will render necessary,—unless there be a reasonable hope of remuneration, that