

named as a moderate amount to be raised by the nine thousand Baptist communicants of this country, for the several objects embraced in the Union plan averaging less than fifty cents for each member; a small amount indeed for a soul ransomed by the blood of the cross to give in one whole year for the conversion of a world of sinners to Christ. But small as it is, this sum will not be realized without earnest and continuous appeals to the churches. Will our pastors all do their duty in this matter? Can any brother or brethren be induced to assist them? Nearly three-fourths of the financial year has passed, and but little more than one-fourth of the \$4,000 has been paid into the Union fund. Who will open their purse strings and pour into the Lord's treasury?

Young men, who feel that the hand of God is upon them to preach the Gospel, appeal to us for means to aid them in seeking more thorough preparation for this great work. Shall they appeal in vain? Missionary stations, old and young, call for help, shall we refuse them aid? Fields that have not yet been entered open wide their doors, and send the Macedonian cry, will we turn a deaf ear? The cause is urgent, deathless souls are perishing, life is rapidly passing, and the judge is at the door. In view therefore of the pressing responsibilities of our position as God's redeemed, we have adopted the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we call upon the ministers and churches composing this body affectionately and earnestly to encompass the important objects embraced in the Union scheme with a whole hearted liberality, and with incessant exertions in the name of the Saviour, to give them expansion and power in building up the kingdom of righteousness and truth in the world.

2. *Resolved*, That our pastors be requested to preach missionary sermons as often as once a quarter to their respective churches, presenting the claims of the Union Society, and take quarterly collections in aid of the funds.

3. *Resolved*, That the sum of \$4,000 allotted for by our Corresponding Secretary, ought in justice to be collected before 31st December of the financial year in both Associations and at home.

4. *Resolved*, That the 31st of December in each year be the close of the financial year in both Associations and at home.

5. *Further Resolved*, That we hereby pledge ourselves to do our utmost to assist our Board in collecting the \$4,000 before 31st December next.

Addresses by Brethren Spurden, Cady, and Powers.

Adopted: I. E. Ellis, Chairman.

The Committee on Home Missions report:

That the labours of our devoted missionaries during the past Association year have been signally blessed by God's Spirit. In Newmarket and its surroundings, in Blenheim, Deerpark, and their associated districts, and in St. Andrews, the converting grace of the Gospel has been experienced in many hearts, and the result is that in all these places the Baptist cause is permanently established. Some of our missionaries as have not been so long favored with revival influences have enjoyed some mercy drops, and are sowing the seed of Gospel truth in expectation of a rich harvest in the future.

Although seed is buried long in earth, it shall not decay the hope, The precious grain can never be lost, For grace secures the crop.

In viewing the past, we feel that we ought to thank God and take