

than refer to the Treasurer's account, which shows the result of the action of the Union during the past year.

By the Treasurer's account, it will be seen that a much smaller sum has been received this year than during either of the two previous years of the existence of the Union. This falling off has, doubtless, been occasioned by the extreme scarcity of money, and the pecuniary pressure which has been so generally felt throughout the Province for some time past.

A considerable expense has been incurred by the employment of Agents; but the Board consider this unavoidable, for without the aid of such Agencies, less would have been effected. If the Local Union Societies, when once organized, would continue their efforts from year to year, the expense of Agencies need not be repeated; but it has been found that those Societies, with few exceptions, have become inactive, and unless excited to action by the visits of Agents, would become altogether extinct. The Board believe that the employment of an efficient Agent, whose whole time should be spent on behalf of the Union, would secure the objects contemplated more effectually than any other plan that could be adopted; they have endeavoured, during the past year, to secure the services of such a person, but without success, and have been obliged to depend on the occasional services of the Rev. Messrs. Francis and M'Donald. The plan of the Union has been, for some time past, before the Denomination in this Province, although it has not been so generally acted upon by the Churches as was anticipated. The Board would therefore refer the matter to the serious consideration of the Convention, and request such advice and directions as that body may consider best calculated to secure the permanent support of the several highly important objects embraced in our organization.

### **OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL UNION SOCIETY FOR 1848-9.**

Elder E. D. VERT, *Secretary*,      SOLOMON HERSEY, *Treasurer*.  
*Executive Board.*

N. S. DeMill, A. M'L. Seeley, W. Buchanan, J. F. Masters, John T. Smith, J. Kinsman, J. Brailey, with the several Ministers of the Denomination, according to the Constitution.

N. B.—Organized for the year by the choice of Elder S. Robinson, Chairman. All communications to be addressed to the Secretary.

-Both Reports were adopted.

*Resolved*, Whereas Education is one of the objects comprised in the Convention, that in the present state of the Provinces, we recognize Acadia College as the College of this Convention, and consequently the College of the three Provinces, represented in this body: and we recommend that Educational Meetings be held in both Provinces, particularly in New Brunswick, during the next year; and that the Professors of Acadia College and the Principal of the Seminary at Fredericton be requested to attend and preside at such meetings. We further advise all young men preparing for a College course, to avail themselves of the preparatory training which is so efficiently afforded by the respective Academies at Fredericton and Horton.

Prayer by Elder Francis.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock, P. M.