



Robert B. Loomis Diary, 1854

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Robert B. Loomis, Boston, Mass.
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Insert, in front of book:

American Baptist Missionary Union Feb. 1854 [inserted on fore of folded letter]
Missionary Room
Boston, Jan 4, 1854
My dear Brother,

It is made my duty by directions of the Executive Committee, to invite your special regard, and that of your church, to a statement of the present ?? abilities and resources of the American Baptist Missionary Union. We have entered upon the last three months of the financial year in which the Board of Managers directed an expenditure of \$160,000. But judging to the ability contributions received in the first nine months, all that the Treasurer has received and can expect to receive in the entire year from collected sources- such as the U. S. Government, coordinate societies, sales of real estate etc- the contributions in the three months ending ?? March must exceed nearly thousand dollars to make up the amount which the Committee were instructed to expend; ?? by nearly \$24,000 than was received in the corresponding months of the year preceding. It is possible that the actual expenditure may be brought somewhat below the estimated amount, but no such probability of it exists; at present, we would justify the committee in stating that the actual expenditure of the year can be less than the sum named at Albany.

I deeply regret so large a sum as ninety thousand dollars remains to be provided in so short a time as three months. The hope has been cherished that statements hitherto made, of the expense and risks incurred by delaying contributions to the last three months of the year, would induce earlier collections. And if in the present year the donations of judging contributions are more by nearly seven thousand dollars than were received in the same months of the year preceding, but the income from legacies has fallen below that of the preceding year by about five thousand dollars. So that the first nine months of the last, bears no just proportion even of the expense of the expenditures. A larger share of the needed income is therefore to be provided in the last three months of this than of any previous year. And the income must be whole provided for, if provided for at all by the voluntary contributions of the friends and congregations. The Committee have no reason to expect any

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