

The work of the Baptist Book Room, Halifax, which supplies these helps, S. S. books and other denominational, and general religious literature, is commended to the churches of this Association. The work which the Book Room is doing is highly important and is being efficiently carried on.

Your committee believes that one of the most important factors in supplying the needs of our churches and our homes in the matter of denominational literature is a good denominational newspaper. Whether the Messenger and Visitor meets the needs and demands of our people in this respect it is not for the writer of this report, considering his relations to the paper, to pronounce his opinion. Your committee, however, would say that constant and strenuous efforts are being put forth on the part of the publishers and the editor of the Messenger and Visitor in order to make it as helpful and as effective in its mission as possible. In this they have much encouragement to believe that their efforts meet with a large measure of appreciation. Your committee would, therefore, commend the paper to the Baptist families of this Association, believing that it is for their highest interest that the paper should be taken in every home and that no one who is not a constant reader of it can be as intelligent respecting our work and our interests as a denomination as every Maritime Baptist should be.

Your committee believe that colportage work, if efficiently provided for and conducted would be a valuable adjunct in introducing good literature in the more sparsely settled parts of the country and also in promoting Evangelistic work. It is hoped that either through the Book Room or by other means provision may be made for the prosecution of colportage work.

S. MCC. BLACK,
Chairman.

In speaking to the report, Rev. G. O. Gates in his usual forcible and pleasing way, warmly commended the report, and impressed among other things the need of having the Bible itself read and taught in preference to talk ABOUT the Bible.

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