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REPORT OF S. S. COMMITTEE.

Your Committee, acting under authority of the Home and Foreign Mission Societies, are pleased to report that the work committed to their trust has been carried forward during the year with success. The chief feature of the work at present is the publication of the paper, of which we now speak.

OUR OWN PAPER.

This medium of communication with our schools having proven of such value in connection with our first "Home Mission Day," in September, 1886, an effort was made by our predecessors to give it permanency, by offering special rates for a three months' trial—October to December. The response to this offer was encouraging, and your Committee, following up the effort, have the satisfaction of reporting that the paper is now on a paying basis. It is issued monthly under the auspices of the Committee, contains four pages of three columns each, well printed on good paper and handsomely illustrated. We think the time has come when it should be in every school, and for this purpose we would suggest that this Convention recommend its adoption by the schools generally in preference to others that do not possess its special features of home interest. It can by united effort be made a power among the young in creating and developing interest in home and foreign missions, education and all other work which we, as Baptists, desire to promote. We are pleased to report that the circulation has now reached 4,200, taken by 122 schools.

The success of the paper notwithstanding poor facilities, has been such as to encourage your Committee to believe that more could be done in the same direction—that of Sunday School publications. There is a demand and a field for leaflets and other Sunday-School periodicals, and we believe it would be wise policy to utilize future profits from the existing paper in rendering it more efficient and in developing the interests of Sunday-School work on the lines suggested.