

## THIRD DAY.

*Morning Session, Thursday, June 24, 1875.*

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, who, after prayer offered by Rev. S. Burt, read the Rules of Order. The Record of the proceedings of last session was read and approved.

The Report of the Committee on Religious Literature was presented, and after remarks made by Messrs. Everett, Charlton, Todd, and B. N. Hughes, it was adopted:—

Your Committee beg leave to report that the necessity of a wide dissemination of Baptist Literature is daily becoming greater. The increase of secular education is rapidly cultivating a taste for reading in the minds of the young. This desire must be met on the religious as well as on the secular side; and if unprovided for by ourselves, it certainly will be by others. On this account your committee would urge the need of special attention to Sabbath School Libraries, not only with the view of enlarging them, but also to seek to make them representative of the denominational tenets.

Your Committee hail with much pleasure the commencement of a Colportage of denominational literature. They are much gratified with the measure of success already obtained by Brother Mutch, and trust he may become very useful in this greatly needed work.

Approving the way in which the denominational paper, the *Christian Visitor*, has been conducted during the past, your committee would urge the churches to support it liberally, and in order to this, to adopt, as far as possible, the prepayment system, as that is the only financial basis upon which any paper can be sustained.

DAVID MCCLELLAN,  
W. P. EVERETT,  
I. E. BILL, JR.,  
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The propriety of making a change in the Articles of Faith was presented to the Association, and on motion, it was resolved, that a Committee be appointed to revise the Articles of Faith and Covenant, as far as verbal inaccuracies are concerned. The following brethren were appointed as that Committee: Revs. E. Hickson, G. M. W. Carey, and Bro. J. E. Masters.

The Committee on Arrangements for the next annual session submitted the following Report, which, on motion, was adopted:—

The Committee appointed to arrange for the meeting of the Western Association next year, beg leave to propose that the Association meet with the Baptist Church, Germain street, St. John.

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