

have been entrusted with the gold and the silver acknowledge their stewardship by a generous support of our Baptist institutions of learning.  
Read by Elder Freeman and adopted.

The Report on Education was then submitted and read by Elder Spurden :—[See Appendix.]

Resolved, That it be adopted and printed in the Minutes.

Moderator resumed the Chair.

Committee on periodicals submit the following report, which was read by Elder Spurden and unanimously adopted :—

The Committee on Periodicals beg leave to report,

That since the last meeting of the Association changes have been made in the proprietorship and editorial department of the *Visitor*.—Elder Guilford has become joint proprietor and Editor, and Mr. McHenry has taken the financial affairs and secular department of the *Visitor* in hand. These changes have relieved Elder Bill from undue pressure, and by dividing the labour, and enlarging the means of conducting the paper will in various ways work beneficially.

They are glad to learn that the circulation of the *Visitor* is well maintained, and that some progress is being made in settling the accounts which have been long due. The business of conducting a newspaper involves a large outlay and weekly expense, funds must therefore be obtained, and unless subscribers pay, and pay punctually, it is impossible for the conductors to meet their obligations. A large subscription list and ready payment enable the Editors to introduce improvements, and incur expense for the advantage of their readers. The Committee think that they are expressing the unanimous opinion of the Association when they strenuously urge the prompt settlement of all outstanding claims, and the adoption of prepayment as a general principle.

In view of the great advantage of a well conducted periodical, and the powerful influence which will inevitably be exerted by a religious newspaper, they cannot too strongly recommend the journals of the Denomination to the hearty support of the people. They would remind the local agents, and ministers, that the co-operation is still required for the purpose of extending the circulation of the *Visitor*, and attending to its interest, they trust therefore that these brethren will not relax their exertions which have already been of essential service.

All which &c.,

C. SPURDEN.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock for Special business.

Prayer by Elder S. Robinson.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 o'clock.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder I. E. Bill.

Resolved,—That the Report of the Council appointed to visit the Third Salisbury Church, and printed in the Minutes of 1855 be adopted.