

Assistants. The number of Pupils has been greater than for several years past, and the Academy is in excellent working order.

Your Committee present these statements with pleasure and gratitude. They trust that the Association will receive them with similar feelings, and that our Educational Institutions will enjoy, in an increasing degree, the sympathy and support of the Baptist community of these Provinces.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. CHAMP, *Chairman.*

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REPORT ON COLPORTAGE AND BAPTIST PUBLICATIONS.

Your Committee regret to learn that so little has been done during the past year in this interesting department of christian labor, particularly by the churches included in this Association. Knowing that in many parts, destitution of a wholesome kind of Books to a surprising extent prevails, also knowing the activity of the agents of the Prince of evil in flooding every village and town with alluring books for the young of an objectionable and pernicious influence.

Your Committee are convinced that a good and efficient system of colportage energetically worked would prove of incalculable advantage to the people—especially the youth of this rapidly growing country. "As the twig is bent so the tree is inclined." Feeling the force of this fact, your committee would respectfully suggest that that Missionary Board take into consideration the propriety of furnishing its Missionaries with suitable Books to sell in the several fields of labour and if possible to give to the needy poor.

Further, your Committee would recommend the pastors of churches to use every effort to induce the members of their churches and congregations to supply themselves with the best publications embodying our views of gospel truth, especially in reference to the History of the Baptists and of their principles.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. S. FILLMORE, *Convener.*