

home, and pray God to sustain and guide them henceforth and forever. Amen.

Resolved, that a copy of this report be enclosed by the Secretary to the bereaved family at an early date.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I. E. BILL, Chairman.

Voiced, That the report be adopted, and that the Secretary forward a copy of the report to Sister Irving as soon as possible.

The Committee on Religious Literature presented their report, which was spoken to by the Revs. I. E. Bill and G. M. W. Carey:

The Committee on Religious Literature have considered the important subject referred to them, and have to report that in their opinion, sufficient interest and care have not been taken to circulate a pure literature among the people, and that Baptist families and Sabbath Schools are sometimes found scantily supplied with Christian and Denominational books and publications. It is highly important to supply right teaching and suitable reading to all whom we may be able to reach. Thus may we seek to influence, to embrace, and obey the gospel and serve Christ and His kingdom, with knowledge and faith and zeal.

Much of the Literature that finds circulation and patronage is not of refining, elevating and wholesome character—novels and other light reading are widely scattered among the people, and sometimes found in the homes of professors of religion. The influence of such publications are highly detrimental to spiritual culture and growth, and must also retard serious enquiry and thought among the careless and unconverted. Every parent and every friend of true religion should do his utmost to discourage the use of such books and publications, and to encourage the dissemination of true Christian literature as widely as possible in every community; and moreover, Baptists should take especial pains not only to provide and circulate books and papers that teach clearly and strikingly the doctrines of the Gospel, but also to present a faithful portrait of the Church and Kingdom of Christ, and likewise of the ordinances which he has established in his Church, and commanded us to obey to the end of time. A wise use of the press in this direction would prove a powerful help in spreading abroad the truth.

The *Christian Visitor*, the denominational organ, continues to be a faithful and unflinching advocate of the principles and interests of the denomination. Your committee believe it to be a well conducted Christian and denominational journal, and should have a wider circulation, and no Baptist parent or family in our land should neglect to receive weekly visits of this paper.

Your Committee also wait with pleasure the return of Rev. J. E. Hopper to his native province, and believe that his connexion with the *Visitor* as co-editor and proprietor greatly help to give increased interest and vitality to our denominational organ. Your Committee is also pleased to know that the *Visitor* is now issued from the press and office owned and conducted by the editor. Connected with this office is a Book Room from which can be had all kinds of Baptist Literature. This enterprise deserves the patronage of the denomination.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. A. BLACKADAR, Chairman.