

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

The printed page to-day wields an immense power—a power most pernicious and deadly as well as salutary and life giving. It therefore becomes Christians to counteract its evil influences, by a wide dissemination of a literature that ennobles our manhood and prepares for the proper discharge of our duties as citizens of this world and that which is to come.

As Baptists we have some special truths committed to us which are vital to the proper and scriptural order of the setting up of Christ's Kingdom in the world. These truths we must propagate.

The "Christian Visitor" we commend as faithful in the setting forth of our principles, as worthy of the fullest confidence and widest circulation. The denomination would gain much were it found making its weekly visits in all our homes. To the accomplishment of this end our ministers and delegates are urged to lend their active co-operation.

The publications of Rev. J. E. Hopper, viz.:—The "Canadian Record," "The Youth's Visitor," "The Gem" and the "Canadian International Lessons," are especially adapted to the wants of our Women's Mission Aid Societies and Sunday Schools. As Canadian publications loyal to our denominational principles, we ought to give them a preference over imported and union Sunday School periodicals.

As to Sunday School Libraries we strongly recommend the use of books which are thoroughly in harmony with our faith and practice, and deplore the fact that so many libraries now in use in Baptist schools are inharmonious with our principles. Especially we urge the discontinuance and use of a literature which seeks acceptance from the fact that it proclaims itself non-sectarian. The meaning of this is in most instances that it is entirely sealed against the promulgation of all those grand truths for which our father's endured hardness, and which to-day form the only apology for our separate existence as a denomination.

Your Committee have learned that a Colportage Society has been formed in St. John by our brethren, and is already doing a good work in disseminating a wholesome literature. We commend its work to the sympathy and support of our churches.

JAMES SLOAT, Chairman.

On motion, these reports were received to be discussed in connection with each other. Spoken to by Revs. Prof. Keirstead, C. H. Henderson, Dr. Hopper and H. A. Charlton. Each report was unanimously adopted.

On motion, adjourned. Prayer by Rev. A. B. Macdonald.

SIXTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, June 29, 10 a. m.

Prayer by Rev. C. B. Lewis.

Minutes corrected and approved.