

Rev. G. O. Gates, in giving a verbal report on obituaries, said while some esteemed and beloved laymen had been called away by death, the ministerial ranks had been left intact and at the suggestion of the moderator, he led in prayer recognizing God's dealing with us in this matter.

Rev. S. McC. Black read the following report on Denominational literature :

REPORT

on Denominational Literature.

The subject with which this report is to deal is one in connection with which a great many trueisms have been uttered from year to year and a great many excellent remarks have been made in this and in other of our Associations. The matter is doubtless of sufficient importance to justify the repetition of the statement that it is a matter of great moment what kind of literature is admitted to our Baptist homes and read by the members of our families. From many publishing houses and from countless newspaper offices a constant and mighty stream of literature, good, bad and indifferent, is poured forth upon the World. Much of this, of various character and quality, is seeking admission to our homes, and unless great care be exercised, by those, whose duty it is to be guardians in this matter, the bad is quite as likely to obtain admittance as the good. Good literature with its instructive, edifying and refining influences is among our choicest blessings. One which should be jealously conserved, thankfully and wisely used. It makes for the upbuilding of manhood and womanhood, intelligent, strong and pure. Bad literature is demoralizing and in its worst forms unspeakably evil. It is one of the most subtle evils against which we have to contend. The poison of asps is in it, frequently hidden under a bait as sweet as the droppings of the honeycomb. Christian parents are under the highest obligations to exercise intelligent care that the literature which finds entrance to their homes and into the minds of

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