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Report of Committee on Denominational Literature.

Your Committee on Denominational Literature would hail with joy the Revised Version of the New Testament, and recommend it to all within the limits of this Association. That it is a work of the best scholarship and consecrated talent of our age is evident from the names and work of the revisers who have labored so diligently in giving us the book. Notwithstanding the many changes made in translation, it retains the old flavor and the purely Biblical style. Many of the difficult passages are made plain, and the marginal readings are of immense importance.

We do not consider it a perfect translation by any means, and some of the changes made may appear unadvisable. But it will give a fresh impetus to the study of God's Word. It will enable the average man to read out more directly, without explanation or comment, the mind of the Spirit in its original utterance. It is calculated to tighten the grasp of Divine truth on every fair-minded man. It is evidently the best English blade ever put in the hand of the English soldier.

Your Committees would suggest that great care be taken in the selection of books, especially for the young. Each book should be read by some competent person before being placed in the hands of the child. In our day you cannot tell the nature of a book from its title-page or its cover, any more than you can read the character of a man from his name or his clothes. Give not the young a serpent in a book when they are asking for truth, morality, and spirituality.

Your Committee would call attention to the circulation of a good, wholesome denominational literature, and recommend the purchase of books that will stamp Divine truth on the heart, and teach them, as the New Testament does, how to follow Jesus and His Apostles in church life.

Your Committee desire to make honourable mention of the *Christian Messenger*, and bespeak for it universal patronage, until the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces takes different action in respect to a denominational paper.

Respectfully submitted,

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