

"Search the Scriptures" is perhaps more fully complied with by thus uniting in classes for the purpose of ascertaining the Divine communications made in the Sacred oracles, than by individuals reading the Scriptures alone.

The statistics as shewn by the Letters indicate some advancement.

The number of pupils returned is	1493
In Schools reported last year, but not now heard from	162
Total Scholars	1655
Teachers reported	202
" reported last year but not the present	18
Total Teachers	220
Schools reported last year.	42
" " this year.	43
reported last year but not this.	6
Total Schools	49

Respectfully submitted,

S. SELDEN, *Chairman.*

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ON THE "CHRISTIAN MESSENGER."

Your committee on the *Christian Messenger* report that they have great pleasure in recommending the *Christian Messenger* to the continued confidence and support of the Baptist Denomination in this Province.

We know that it is unreasonable to suppose that any man can please every body in the discharge of any public duty; yet we think that the Editor of the *Christian Messenger* has given as little cause for offence as any other man could be expected to give under the same circumstances.

It is an important thing for an Editor to know how to deal fairly with correspondence in cases of controversy, and conduct his editorials in such a spirit as to show independence of thought, and courtesy of manners.

Your Committee are of opinion that our Editor, has admirably succeeded in these respects. We further believe