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REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.

Your Committee are pleased to observe that there is a growing sentiment in favor of supplying our Sunday Schools and people generally with a literature which does not avoid setting forth clearly and distinctly, when necessary, the precious doctrines of the gospel as held by us as a denomination.

The time has fully come when a Book Room, managed by the Baptists of these Provinces, should be established. We have gained nothing by our repeated delays in this matter. On the contrary, we have lost much by delegating to societies belonging to other persuasions a work which is vitally connected with the doctrinal instruction and spiritual welfare of our youth.

Our Home Missionary Board have done a good work in furnishing books, pamphlets, and tracts for the use of our schools and churches. Upwards of \$3,600.00 worth of wholesome literature has, through this agency, been circulated through this Province during the past four years.

Your Committee strongly recommend that this Association express its approval of the action of the Convention at its last annual meeting, held at Sackville, looking to the early establishment of a Baptist Book Room.

Submitted,

W. H. WARREN, *Chairman.*

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REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit their report as follows :—

We recognize in the evil of drunkenness a prolific source of domestic and social unhappiness, of sorrow and of crime, and a very great hindrance to the successful prosecution of gospel work and the salvation of souls. We believe that the appetite for strong drink is a stumbling-block whereby some of our weaker brothers have erred and fallen, and thereby brought reproach on the church of God.

We would, therefore, commend the temperance movement of to-day, and the societies which have for their object the suppression of the liquor traffic to the sympathy and support of our churches and church members generally. While we believe that the church itself is a proper place for the cultivation of every christian grace, and every movement which tends to the extension of our Redeemer's kingdom ; we thankfully recognize the fact that much good has been done, and may yet be done, by temperance organizations.