

RELIGIOUS PUBLICATIONS.

The Committee on Religious Publications, beg leave to report as follows:—

We feel increased confidence in the *Christian Messenger*. As the organ of our denomination in these provinces it occupies an indispensable position. Compared with other papers, for general information, both secular and religious, we can safely recommend it,—and in reference to all disputed matters we feel much gratified at the independent and manly, yet mild and courteous spirit which pervades it. We cordially recommend it to the increased patronage of our body, believing that if a larger number of subscribers were obtained the publisher would be enabled to give more reading matter in proportion to the advertisements.

Your Committee would also recommend that the periodicals for the young, many of which are so useful and so good, should be more generally circulated in the Sabbath Schools.

For Denominational Literature your Committee would call your attention to the issues of the American Baptist Publication Society, and the New England Sabbath School Union.

All which is respectfully submitted.

STEPHEN W. DEBLOIS, *Chairman*.

BIBLE CAUSE.

Your Committee on the Bible Cause beg to report, that we consider the circulation of the Bible one of the most important Christian engagements of the present age.

The Bible is the only book that can guide our feet through this dark world of sin and woe, to the cloudless region of felicity and joy. How dark, gloomy, and degraded that land where the Bible has not shed its heavenly light! How sad and hopeless that death-bed, where the Bible has not poured its divine and heavenly comfort! How dark the prospect of that dying heathen where the Bible has not shone on the scene, nor opened up the prospects of a heaven, and a home with the Saviour! Dark! Dark in the extreme will be the