

stimulate work in that direction it might hit another target than the one aimed at, and be used against us by unfriendly persons in other denominations. Rev. G. O. Gates agreed with the last speaker and called attention to what was being actually done in this direction. Deacon Cottle thought the lack referred to was in home training. Brother Elliott referred to the many cases of need in the matter discussed, as observed by the writer of the report, while he travelled through the country. Rev. J. A. Gordon accepted the principle, but was averse to the phraseology, since our B. Y. P. U. furnishes the only systematic training and education, that is to be found in the churches of any denomination. As a denomination we have proportionately a greater number of regular communicants than any other; as for Main St. Sabbath School it had increased 150 in numbers during the year. Brother Hall wished there had been something in the report about committing Scripture to memory, and also advanced the idea of a denominational S. S. Union. Rev. W. E. McIntyre, J. A. Gordon and Brother Elliot were added to the S. S. committee to embody some of the suggestions in the report. The report was then adopted after some slight change in phraseology.

The report on systematic beneficence was presented by Deacon J. S. Titus.

DEAR BRETHERN,—Your Committee on Systematic Beneficence wish to submit the following report:

Whereas, it is much to be regretted that our people, as a body, do not adopt a system for giving and thereby, when called upon to give, no matter how urgent the call may be, nor yet how much they feel the need of giving, have not the necessary funds on hand.

Therefore, your committee deeply feel the necessity of urging the people to adopt a system of laying aside a portion of all their income for benevolent objects as required in I Cor. 16: 2, which, reads as follows: Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come. According to Old Testament times at least one-tenth was required. Now, let us figure a little, even upon one-half of the above, being only one-twentieth of the income. For instance, a person receiving \$4 per month and

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