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COLPORTAGE.

The Committee on Colportage beg leave to Report.

1. That they view the Colportage as an efficient agency for promoting religious knowledge in our Province, as well in populous districts as in destitute places.

2. That a Colporteur has been successfully prosecuting the work of visiting families and distributing religious books and tracts, during nine months since the last Session of this Association.

3. That a suitable horse has been purchased by the Colportage Committee at £16 10, and that a balance of about £10 is still due for the same.

4. That we recommend this institution to the favourable considerations of the Churches, and trust that efforts will be made to liquidate the debt on the horse, and also to enable the Colporteur to devote more of his time to the destitute portions of the country.

In behalf of Committee.

ISAIAH WALLACE, *Chairman.*

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FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions beg to Report:

That they regard with deep interest the attachment to the Mission cause which has been so pleasingly evinced by the Baptist Churches in this Province. The miserable condition of the heathen nations, and the obligations to send to them the Gospel of the Grace of God, whereby they may be enlightened, sanctified and saved, are contemplated in the light of revelation, and powerfully affect the hearts of the servants of the Saviour.

The Committee are encouraged to believe and hope that the zeal hitherto manifested will continue and increase, and that whatever funds may be required in order to carry on the operations which have been already commenced, will be cheerfully furnished.

Brother Burpe's health, they have to report with gratitude, is considerably improved. He is extremely anxious to return to the Mission field, as soon as such return may be considered justifiable and safe: his heart yearns after the Karens and others, for whose instruction and salvation he laboured and suffered, and is willing to labour and suffer again, even unto death. The Committee cannot but consider this as an indication which must not be disregarded, and they suggest the desirableness of a serious inquiry as to the path of duty. Arthur Crawley, a young brother now at the Newton Institution, whose term of study will expire next fall, has also offered himself, the Committee understand, for Missionary service. They beg to recommend that the Board of Foreign Missions be requested to take steps whereby the leadings of Providence may be ascertained in relation to these brethren, so that, if it be judged proper to send them, they may travel and labour together.

The Committee recommend also that the Board of Foreign Missions be requested to take into considerations the propriety of entering into connection either with the American Baptist Mission-

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