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REPORT ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

Whilst so much of error exists with regard to the authority of the Bible as the Text-book of the Church, your Committee deem it important that all Christian bodies should make known to the world from time to time the estimation in which they hold that book.

Your Committee believe that the canon of Holy Scripture—the Word of God—is comprised in those books universally held by christians as the inspired books, whilst they reject all dependence on apochryphal or traditional writings as unauthenticated and inculcating dangerous error.

They would not encourage any superstitious regard for the volume of inspiration as a closed book, but believe that it should be constantly studied by persons of all ages, and understood and committed to memory by young and old. They believe that by that means only can “the man of God be thoroughly furnished for every good work.”

As Baptists we hold that the Bible alone contains the rule of faith and practice for christians and churches, and that there alone do we find the true principles of church government and of the ordinances of the gospel.

Your committee rejoice that so many facilities are being discovered, in the good Providence of God, for aiding the translation of the Bible into the different languages of the world, and that opportunities are being afforded for circulating it among the nations, which, till recently have been closed against such efforts. They would recommend their brethren to aid to their utmost every endeavour to give the Word of Life in its purity to the people at home and abroad.

Respectfully submitted.

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