

deacons are efficient in this respect, and everlasting blessings would result if they could be induced to go and look after the destitute. The Master would smile upon such efforts, and there would be a large increase of converted persons to our membership.

The Home Mission Board are aiding about fifty different fields. The grants to them will be about five thousand dollars; the debt of last year was \$850.00. So that this year about six thousand dollars will be needed. A good work is being done; nearly two hundred baptisms reported.

In conclusion your Committee commend the Home Mission Board the confidence of our people. They make their grants with the greatest care, and always urge the churches aided to do all in their power for the Convention Fund.

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Report of Committee on Denominational Literature.

Your Committee on Denominational Literature, beg leave to report that they rejoice in the strenuous efforts made by the religious press to counteract that which is erroneous and profane, and to promote Christian culture in the minds of the people.

But the duties of your Committee are Denominational; and they speak with still greater pleasure of what is being done to bring our distinguishing principles into prominence. The Baptist Publication Society in the United States, and the Baptist Tract Society in Great Britain, are both in healthy exercise, and are emulating each other in the great work for which they were instituted. They have great pleasure to add that a similar institution is being established in the Upper Provinces of Canada.

The Baptists of this Province should take pleasure in the special efforts made by the Editor of the *Christian Messenger*, in a cheaper edition, to bring the affairs of our churches more extensively before the notice of our people, and to educate new converts in the faith and order of Baptist Churches.

Conscious that, after all, many do not see denominational newspapers, your Committee would strongly recommend that such pieces as are from time to time published in the *Messenger*, be obtained in the form of tracts and scattered broadcast in our midst.

Our principles confer equal privileges and responsibilities on all our members; consequently, the consolidation, strength, and prosperity of the Churches depend very much upon unity of action on all points. Also, according as we expect our young people to become converted, it is essential that they be instructed in the privileges and duties of church life.

Your Committee are of opinion that these and other interests