

sums collected by Brother Ross amount to more than what is sufficient for the purpose named, the overplus, after paying the expences, be handed over, with his report, to the Treasurer of the Home Missionary Society.

5. Of two letters purporting to come from the 2nd St. Mary's Church, your committee consider that the one signed by the Clerk of the Church, and appointing the pastor Rev. H. Eagles, and Brethren Jas. McKee, and Benjamin Sterns as Delegates to this Association, is the Letter from the said Church.

With regard to the Questions proposed in said letter, your Committee beg to say that it would be obviously inconsistent with their profession and obligations for any members of a Church to manifest hostility to the sentiments expressed in their Church covenant; that no church meeting can be constitutionally held without the concurrence of the Pastor and Deacons; and that no minister of our Denomination should countenance irregularity of proceeding in that matter.

6. Your Committee recommend that the letter from Brother J. L. Tremain be read before the Association.

All which is respectfully submitted.

S. SILDEN, *Chairman.*

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ON THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.

Your Committee would recommend the following as an expression of the sentiments of the Association, in regard to the *Christian Messenger*:

We have great pleasure in bearing renewed testimony to the value of the *Christian Messenger*, as a weekly paper, and an exponent of Baptist views and interests among us. It is on the whole so well conducted, that we can hardly do more than say, "Go on, and do as you have done, and as much better as you can."

J. DAVIS, *Chairman.*