

Christian ministry, the advantages of attending an Institution where the spiritual part of their nature may be cultivated, and where they will grow up in full sympathy with our denominational enterprises.

It is not necessary in a body like this, to urge the demands of the present age for a higher standard of education. The emphatic manner in which the people of this Province have lately spoken out in regard to their system of common schools, means on the part of those who expect to occupy positions of importance, a more careful preparation for their life work, if they expect to keep ahead of the age.

The duty of the churches with regard to the endowment of the College, has been faithfully laid before them by the organ of the denomination—the CHRISTIAN VISITOR.

We can only urge the necessity of pushing on this work as rapidly as possible.

JAS. J. DEWOLF, *Chairman.*

On motion—The Report was laid on the table, to be taken up in the afternoon session.

The Committee on Religious Literature reported :

That in this day when "of the making of books there is no end," it becomes the imperative duty of Christians to see to it not only that no encouragement is given by them to the circulation of anything that will prove detrimental to the interests of truth and uprightness, but that they spare no reasonable effort to disseminate those principles by securing for themselves, and laying before those with whom they associate, a pure and healthy literature. The influence of books upon the lives and character of men, cannot be estimated; and it therefore becomes a question of the greatest moment, that men should read good and not evil books all the days of their lives. Especially is this the case with the young, whose tender minds easily and readily absorb the mental aliment provided for them. If this food be of a pernicious tendency, the results will be of a most ruinous character, while the higher blessings may result from the supply of good and sound moral and religious instruction. Your Committee therefore, urge upon the officers of Sabbath Schools the necessity for a closer supervision of the books submitted for the use of the pupils under them, lest in the garb of an angel of light, Satan succeeds in governing their lives and actions.

Your Committee have confidence that the works issued by the Baptist Publication Society, are of a character to secure the best results; and they therefore recommend the publications of that Society among others, to the notice of our churches and Sabbath Schools.

Your Committee further believe, that the distribution of religious intelligence by means of the religious press is an important agency for good, which should be kept in constant and healthy operation. They take pleasure in bearing testimony to the careful and able management of the CHRISTIAN VISITOR, and to its bold and uncompromising attitude on all occasions when the rights and liberties of the people have been endangered by the efforts of evil minded partisans and political factions. On every question where the distinctive principles of our denomination have been questioned or imperilled, the VISITOR has stood forth as the champion of truth and righteousness. Your Committee, therefore urge upon the members of our churches and congregations, the necessity of sustaining it themselves, and adding to its subscription list whenever opportunity offers, and upon our brethren in the ministry to contribute to its columns items of interest in connection with their churches, and articles upon subjects of importance, touching the welfare of the denomination.

It is a question with your Committee, and one that ought to receive the