

able, comprehensive and exhaustive report, and also for the many causes for gratitude that the returns from the various Presbyteries contain.

Brief reports on the state of religion, on Sabbath observance, and Sabbath schools, were presented by Dr. McIntyre, Mr. Shearer, and Mr. Ross, and the following resolutions on these questions adopted:—

ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

1. That over the children of our congregations, who by their baptism have been recognized as members of the Church, and therefore under the affectionate oversight of Sessions, Ministers and Sessions be urged to exercise constant zeal and wise judgment to lead them to hearty public confession of Christ as their Saviour and King.

2. That Sessions be requested to consider the advisability of the reading of Scripture passages concerning Christian giving, before or during the taking of the offerings in our public services, in order to emphasize the fact that the offering of our substance unto the Lord is an important act of worship.

3. That the Synod views with appreciation the beginnings of Missionary Libraries by the Y. P. S. C. E. of our Churches, and would encourage and approve of the founding of Missionary Libraries in every congregation.

ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

1. Resolved that we affirm our continued adherence to the historic teaching of the Presbyterian Church, on the universality and permanency of the Sabbath Law, and urge all Ministers and Christian workers to diligence and perseverance in systematic and positive instruction on this great and growingly important question.

2. Whereas, there seems to be a growing tendency to desecrate the Lord's day, even on the part of members of our Churches, by spending the whole or a portion of it in the pursuit of pleasure, whether by driving, boating, cycling, social visiting, or such like.

Therefore resolved, that the Synod affectionately but earnestly calls upon all the members and adherents of the Churches within its bounds to do all in their power, both by example and precept, to counteract this dangerous tendency, threatening, as it does, to change the Holy day of God into a holiday of the world.

3. Whereas, there has been within the bounds of the Synod, a widespread outbreak on the part of street and radial railway and steamboat companies, of the profanation of the Lord's day, and of inroads upon its quiet and rest, by carrying on their local traffic for purposes of gain.

Therefore resolved, that the Synod earnestly counsels the Christian people within its bounds not in any way to compromise themselves by sharing in the profits of such unholy traffic, or, by their patronage, adding to such profits; and expresses its appreciation of the efforts of the Lord's Day Alliance, to enforce the law forbidding it, and cordially recommends the members of Synod, acting in harmony with other Christians, to do all that lies in their power to increase the influence of the Alliance, by organizing new branches where none exist, or strengthening these already existing.

4. Whereas, the God-given right of the working men, to a weekly day of rest, is seriously threatened by the encroachments of enforced labor, whether on the Lord's day, or on the late hours of Saturday.

Therefore resolved, that the Synod expresses its hearty sympathy with them in this serious danger, and pledges them every assistance in its power in their efforts to preserve intact the Lord's day, and as well as to secure the early closing of shops on Saturday night, and if possible of a general weekly half-holiday in addition.

5. That the Synod strongly deprecates the holding, on the Lord's day, of