

REPORT.

"Hitherto the Lord hath helped us." Truly we may say so, this day, while we confess and lament our unworthiness and shortcomings. Here, then, let us set up our Ebenezer. And seeing that the Lord has helped us for twenty years past, in contending for the Sabbath, as one of God's best gifts to man, let us "trust and not be afraid" but He will continue to support us while we by His grace "remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," and perseveringly make known the truth to others, that it is the duty of all to cease from their own secular works on that day, devoting it to the worship and service of God, and to acts of genuine philanthropy, not forgetting the words of "the Lord of the Sabbath, who spake as never man spake," thus: "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath."

Without further preamble your Committee proceed to a few details:—

THE LATE REV. HUGH CAMPBELL.

It was their privilege to include in their last year's Report a faithful but saddening account from the pen of the Rev. Hugh Campbell, of the harassing and exhausting labors of a number of men employed on the Cornwall Canal in passing vessels through it on the Lord's Day. The painful duty now devolves upon them to record the decease of that devoted minister of Christ, which took place at Manilla on the 23rd of June. He had been the kind pastor of an attached flock at that place for some time. He loved the Lord, and His day, and it grieved him to see it turned aside from sacred to secular and unhallowed purposes. "As a minister he faithfully preached the Gospel by word and example, in health, in sickness, and at the hour of death."

CONFERENCE PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.

Rev. Mr. Herridge, Chairman of the Sabbath Observance Committee, presented a Report. The Committee thanked Dr. Mair of Kingston, for his kindness in forwarding copies of the address and of the Annual Report of the Sabbath Reformation Society. They sympathized with the objects and labors of the Society, and hoped that laws would be passed forbidding any of our canals to be open, or any railway trains to be run on the Lord's Day. The Committee recommended that all their people be earnestly exhorted to strive by both precept and example to promote the proper observance of the Sabbath.

Your Committee tender their thanks to the Rev. Mr. Herridge, and the Sabbath Observance Committee of the Primitive Methodist Church, for their sympathy and aid in the good work; and also to the Editor of the "Christian Journal" for a valuable editorial on the Sabbath question,

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