

ANNIVERSARY MEETING

Held in Wesley Hall on Thursday evening, January 22nd, the Mayor, John Creighton, Esq., in the chair.

The Rev. R. V. Rogers opened the meeting with prayer.

John Mair, M.D., read an abstract of the Thirteenth Annual Report.

Resolution 1.—Moved by the Rev. Principal Leitch, D.D., seconded by Thomas Kirkpatrick, Esq., and

Resolved,—That the Report, of which an abstract has now been read, be adopted, printed and circulated under the direction of the Committee, and that the following gentlemen—President, Neil McLeod, Esq.; Vice-President, Thomas Askew, Esq.; Treasurer, Wm. Ferguson, Esq.; Secretary, Dr. Mair—Committee, Rev. J. Edwards, G. Davies, A. Drummond, John Paton, John Shaw, R. Matthews, Thomas Kirkpatrick, James Linton, Thomas Gordon, Dr. Henry Skiener, Samuel Chown, Wm. Massie, Thomas Masson, Samuel Gaw, George Hendry, John Johnston, and Walter P. Lacey, with Ministers of the Gospel who qualify—constitute the Committee for the ensuing year, with power to add to their number; and moreover, that this meeting solemnly records its unalterable conviction that the rest of one day out of seven is necessary for man's well-being, physical, moral, and religious; and has been given to him by his benevolent Creator for these important ends; their thankfulness to Him for so precious a boon, and their recognition of the duty of all Christian men to petition for, and of all Christian governments to grant, securities by law against their being deprived of its benefits and privileges.

Resolution 2.—Moved by the Rev. Mr Fenwick, seconded by John Paton, Esq., and

Resolved,—That this meeting, highly approving of every lawful means being used for obtaining and securing to the public generally, to the employés and laborers upon the Canals and Railways, and other Government works, and to the marine of this Province in particular, the unbroken rest of the Lord's Day, the right to which God has graciously bestowed upon all men: And moreover, being convinced, from facts well authenticated and established, that the observance of one day out of seven being necessary for preserving the bodies and minds of men in good working order, if it were procured for the persons above designated, would not prove detrimental to trade or commerce, or occasion loss to the Government or Proprietors of Railways, &c.; but, on the other hand, tend greatly to promote the best interests of all concerned, in accordance with nature's laws, which cannot be broken with impunity, and by averting from them the retributive judgment of God for violating His holy commandments: Does, therefore, unanimously resolve that the undermentioned petitions (read by the Secretary) be signed by the Chairman, in the name and on behalf of the Kingston Sabbath Reformation Society, and transmitted respectively—the 1st to the Governor General, Legislative Council, and Legislative Assembly; the 2nd to the Chief Commissioner of the Department of Public Works; the 3rd to the Managers of the Grand Trunk and Great Western Railways, &c.—all but the first named to be presented by deputations, to be named by his Worship the Mayor of Kingston, and your Committee conjointly.

The several Petitions were read and adopted.

After singing the Doxology, the meeting was dismissed with a benediction by the Rev. Mr. Bell.