

1. That this Union deprecates the encroachment of enforced labor upon the sanctity of the Lord's Day, as seen in the running of street cars, railway traffic, work in railway workshops, the loading and unloading of vessels in ports, and also of the many ways pleasure-seekers violate the day.

2. That the Union expresses its sympathy with the Lord's Day Alliance of Ontario, in all its efforts to enforce the law against all infringements upon the sanctity of the Lord's Day, and in its efforts to secure better legislation thereon.

3. We further wish to express ourselves in favor of a Lord's Day Alliance for the Province of Quebec, and that we appoint the Revs. W. H. Warriner and E. M. Hill as a Committee to act with such Committees as may be appointed by other bodies.

The Rev. John Morton, for the Church Union Committee, presented its report, which was adopted, as follows:—

The Committee has had no communication from any church-union committees of sister denominations in Canada, during the year. It believes that there has been general inaction on the part of such committees, not through any absence of fraternal feeling, but apparently because the time is not yet ripe for such formal approachments. But while there has been this inaction in formal communications, there has been no lack of fellowship in spirit, and thought, and work. The members of the various denominations are becoming one in the truest sense, inasmuch as they are reading the same great books, discussing the same great problems, and unitedly engaging in the same labors of love.

The Committee thinks it wise therefor, in the absence of anything more specific, to call the attention of the brethren to some of the signs of union in the Christian world at large.

We begin in our own country. It should be noted that the Methodist church has a standing committee, instructed to be ready to communicate with any similar committee of any other denomination on the possibility of a federation for general work. Other denominations have declared themselves favorable to this arrangement. Such a federation, in the opinion of your committee, is practicable, and would be a saving of labor and of unseemly rivalries.

Going further afield, your committee notes with pleasure that a congress of the Nonconformist churches of England is being formed, to be called "The Free Church Congress." This Congress is in a sense divisive, for it marks the cleavage between the Established and Free churches; but it is also unifying, for it brings into a kind of federation all the Nonconformist churches of England.

Your committee is also delighted to see that union between the Congregational Union and the Evangelical Union of Scotland is now, after long negotiation, certain to become an accomplished fact. The nine students who were expelled fifty years ago, from the Scottish Congregational Theological Hall because they held the resistibility of the Holy Spirit's work, have vindicated their right of liberty, and those who are left of them with the denomination formed around them, are now to form the New Congregational Union of Scotland. If this be a credit to the nine students and their followers, it is even a greater credit to the brethren who have admitted the mistake of the past, and been willing to restore the broken harmony.

Your committee notes with pleasure also, that through the indefatigable Dr. Lunn, the 24th May last was appointed as Church Union Sunday. Each minister in England was asked, by circular, to preach on that day on Union; and specially to call attention to the services rendered to the common cause by some denomination other than his own, preference being given to the denomina-

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