

APPENDIX H.

REPORT ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

To the Reverend the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland.

The Committee on Sabbath Observance beg to report that in answer to the communication addressed to the Directors of several of the Railway Companies, as reported at last meeting of Synod, they have received answers from the following Companies, viz., from the Grand Trunk Railway Company, the Great Western Railway, and the Ottawa and Prescott Railway, which answers are herewith submitted.

The Committee have anew forwarded to the several branches of the Legislature now in Session, Petitions, setting forth the sacred character of the Sabbath as a Divine Institution, and praying for the abolition of labour on that day in all the Departments of Government, and in all the public works under its control.

The Committee beg, further, to submit a communication recently received from the Secretary of the Kingston Sabbath Reformation Society, requesting the Synod at its next meeting, "that they would be pleased to take the whole subject of Sabbath desecration as perpetrated by the Public Departments into their deliberate and prayerful consideration, and to transmit a Petition to the three branches of the Legislature, soon after the assembling of the Legislature in 1863, praying for the abolition of all labour in all Public Departments on the Lord's day."

The Committee regard with satisfaction the public official assurance received from the Grand Trunk Railway and the others above mentioned, to the effect that, quoting the words contained in the reply received from the Grand Trunk Railway, "this company will continue to do every thing in its power to advance the object to which you have drawn the attention of the Board."

In conclusion, your Committee would express their confidence that your Reverend Court will not relax its efforts to secure, throughout the land, the Scriptural observance of the Sabbath, but will continue to employ its influence, as an important branch of the Church of Christ, in concert with the other religious bodies in this Province, until this object, so important in its bearing upon the prosperity of the Province and the temporal and eternal interests of men, shall be fully attained.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

In name and behalf of the Committee,

W. BAIN, *Convener.*

APPENDIX J.

ADDRESS TO THE QUEEN.

Unto the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN :—

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, now assembled at the annual meeting of Synod, avail ourselves of the opportunity thus afforded of again presenting to Your Majesty the expression of those deep feelings of warm affection and devoted loyalty which we, and those whom we represent, cherish to Your Majesty's Person and Government.

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