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REPORT ON THE OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.

The Committee on the observance of the Sabbath beg leave to report as follows :—

They regard the Sabbath as the one great means of preserving in the world the knowledge and the worship of the great God.—Wherever the Sabbath is not regarded the moral world becomes a desert, where life never springs, and beauty never smiles.

The sacred nature of this day and the solemn consecration of it by God himself, together with all the advantages which we enjoy for religious instruction, and for all the duties of piety, proclaim the violation of it to be a sin of no small magnitude.

Your committee would therefore urge christians, if they love themselves, their friends, and their country, to exert themselves to the utmost to uphold the Sabbath in its purity in their hearts, in their conversation, and in their conduct.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

The committee on Sabbath Schools report as follows :

That they regard the Sabbath School as a very important sphere for christian exertion and usefulness. The great success that has hitherto resulted from effort in this department of christian toil, the multitudes who have been converted to God, the ministers and missionaries of the Cross who have been here raised up and partially trained for usefulness, all prove, beyond dispute, that it is an instrumentality that has received the Divine approval, and is admirably adapted to win souls to Christ.

We are gratified to learn by the letters from the Churches that most of them have one, or more, schools in efficient operation, we fear however that these institutions are not as highly prized, as liberally sustained, and as efficiently conducted as they ought to be.

We would suggest to the pastors that they give to these institutions their hearty support, that they give occasional addresses to the teachers on the nature of their work, and the best method of performing it, and that they establish Bible classes, in which they may prepare the youthful members of the churches for future usefulness in this department.

They would recommend monthly concerts for prayer and exhortation in connexion with the schools.