

satisfactory explanation of the causes which led to this untoward result has been rendered by R. S. Cook, Esq., Corresponding Secretary of the New York Sabbath Committee, in a recent letter to Mr. ROGERS, at the close of which he says :—"I have often wished that the intercourse of our Committee with the Kingston and other Associations in Canada, might be as intimate and fraternal as it is with the 'Lord's Day Observance Society' and 'National Rest Association of London.' Nothing here hinders." Your Committee desire cordially to respond to these brotherly sentiments. We have gratefully to acknowledge the following gifts from the New York Sabbath Committee, viz. :—"The Civil and Sacred Sabbath," "The Anglo-American Sabbath," "The Sabbath and Free Institutions." The two last read before the National Sabbath Convention, Saratoga, August 11 and 13, 1863. They have also received from the Committee of the Society for Promoting the Due Observance of the Lord's Day, London, their Thirty-Second Annual Report, containing much valuable intelligence regarding the great Sabbath movements in Great Britain and other parts of the world, and evincing unwearied zeal and much practical wisdom in traversing the wicked schemes of the enemies of the Sabbath. We are also indebted to this noble Society for a pamphlet entitled "Sunday Traffic on the London and Brighton Railway. An appeal to the Directors against their efforts to obtain Sunday Traffic." By HENRY STEVENS, M.A., Secretary of the Society.

As for a succession of years past, Ministers of the Gospel of all denominations have been earnestly and respectfully requested to devote the third Sabbath of January, to preaching on the Divine authority and perpetual obligation of the Lord's Day, its duties, privileges, &c. To what extent the request has been complied with your Committee is ignorant.

Your Committee must here record their unfeigned sorrow at the loss they have sustained in common with other benevolent institutions and the Church of Christ generally, by the decease of their late highly respected Vice-President, THOMAS ASKEW, Esq., who, after a short but painful illness, borne with exemplary fortitude and resignation, departed this life, rejoicing in God his Saviour. The following resolution, commemorative of his valuable services, and the high estimation in which he was held by his co-laborers in the cause of the Sabbath, was unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Committee, 19th June, 1863, and a copy of it transmitted to his bereaved widow and relatives, soon after the mournful event :—"The Committee of the Kingston Sabbath Reformation Society, in reference to the recent decease of THOMAS ASKEW, Esq., desire to record their unanimous testimony to the valuable services rendered by him—to the cause of the Sabbath, while holding the office of Vice-President of that institution since 1857—to the cheerful and liberal manner in which he contributed to its funds, and the steady zeal with which he maintained its principles. They cordially proffer this humble tribute of respect to the memory of their beloved friend, and tenderly sympathize with his bereaved and sorrowful relatives."

#### THE SABBATH IN OUR FATHERLAND.

The key note to the Thirty-Second Annual Report of our esteemed cotemporary the Lord's Day Society of London is, "that there seems to be no rest for them that contend for the day of rest," and that "in this respect the history of the Sabbath is like the history of its Lord." "Each