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FOR THE CHRISTIAN EXAMINER.

ADDRESS OF THE PRESBYTERY\* OF HAMILTON, TO THE CONGREGATIONS UNDER ITS CARE, ON THE OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,—

As your spiritual guardians, earnestly desiring your welfare, and bound to watch over you as those who must give an account, we feel ourselves called to

exercise the authority with which we are invested, in warning you against a sin, which threatens to become the ruin of our Church, as it is the disgrace of the land in which we dwell—the sin of profaning God's holy Sabbath. And we affectionately beseech you to suffer the word of exhortation.

We trust, Brethren, that it is not necessary for us to prove to you, the divine origin and perpetual obligation of the Sabbath, but there is reason to fear that many of you do not lay sufficiently to heart, the solemn considerations by which the command to keep the Sabbath holy unto the Lord, is enforced. The Sabbath was instituted by God, when first the heavens and the earth were made, and prepared as a glorious dwelling place for the sons of men; it was promulgated to the Old Testament Church, as one of the con-

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\* At Hamilton 12th April, 1837, the which day the Presbytery of Hamilton met and was constituted.

Inter alia—

The Presbytery called for the draft of an Address on the Observance of the Sabbath, ordered to be prepared at last meeting, which was given in and read: and the Presbytery, having maturely considered the same and approved of it, ordered it to be printed and distributed, under the direction of the clerk, and enjoined the ministers of this Presbytery, to read it from the pulpit to their respective congregations.

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of Hamilton, by Alexander Gale, Presbytery Clerk