

Appendix.

(A)

REPORT ON BENEVOLENT FUNDS.

While your Committee are pleased to notice the increasing liberality of our Churches, they are yet of opinion that a great deal of money has been kept out of our treasury of benevolence by the absence of systematic giving on the part of many.

We believe that if the work is to go steadily on, the supplies must be steady and uninterrupted, but how can this be if there is no plan in the giving.

Again, if giving is a means of grace, it should, if necessity to us as individuals, be uniform. Few things will cultivate such symmetrical christian developement as the habit of giving generously, and at stated intervals, God honors with gifts and graces those who honor him with their substance. But, above all it is the Bible plan, and no experiment of our own should be thought preferable, or prevent us from yielding to the guidance of our Father's wisdom. Your Committee would therefore suggest to the several Churches of this Association to do away with all human inventions and measuring carefully the means placed in their hands, commit themselves henceforth to our Heavenly Father's better plan: Upon the first day of the week every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him. (1 Cor. xvi. 2.)

Respectfully submitted,

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(B)

REPORT ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Your Committee beg leave to report that our strict observance of our Lord's Day is a duty binding upon all classes of society; and when cheerfully attended to, contributes largely to its temporal comfort and spiritual welfare. Yes, there is reason to fear that this day is too little regarded in many localities, and that even some professing christians lend their influence to its habitual neglect by indulging in loose and trifling conversation—the reading of light literature—the visiting of friends, and by habitually absenting themselves from religious service on the Lord's Day, thereby rendering abortive their profession, as well as the pastor's efforts to save souls to Christ.

Let all the members of our Churches hold this day sacred to the Lord; and employ themselves in the diligent and careful study of his word and in acts of worship and benevolence; gathering in such as