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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The Committee on Sabbath Observance report that as the holy Sabbath is of divine appointment it should be strictly observed. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work, but the seventh is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. Exodus xx. 9, 10.

Under the law the Sabbath commemorated the finishing of the work of creation. Under the gospel the day of rest commemorates the bringing in of the better hope, procured through the finished work of Christ. The same necessity exists for a due regard of this holy day under the new dispensation as under the old. It is as truly ministers to man's spiritual necessities and should be as sacredly observed.

Your Committee would therefore respectfully urge upon the members of this Association the necessity of their personal influence in maintaining an institution that in its observance honors God and brings the most precious benefits to man. In an age like this when our people are urged onward by the lust for gain — there is great danger lest they fail in a due regard for this sacred day.

Our manufacturing interests are attended with peculiar temptations in this direction, and it behoves the church to watch the conduct of its members in regard to needless violation of the holy Sabbath as strictly as in the case of any other transgression of any other part of the moral law.

Respectfully submitted,

M. P. FREEMAN, *Chairman.*

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REPORT OF THE NOVA SCOTIA WESTERN HOME MISSIONARY BOARD.

BROOKFIELD, *June 15th, 1872.*

YOUR BOARD HAS ENDEAVORED TO PERFORM THE WORK ASSIGNED TO IT, AND PRESENT A REPORT OF LABOR PERFORMED.

Rev. Joseph H. Saunders was assigned a mission of one year to Shelburne and vicinity by your previous Board. Three months of this term has been performed since the last meeting of the Association. Of this labor your Board have received a Report. Bro. S. labored faithfully and with much acceptance. He gives the following summary of the work performed: Sermons 20. Prayer and Conference Meetings 5. Family visits 74. Miles travelled 906.

Rev. Perez Murray labored one quarter of the term of nine months at Dalhousie West, closing Dec. 26th, 1871, and preached 36 sermons, made 70 family visits, held 8 conference meetings, and baptized 1. *Rev. Joseph Saunders* having resigned his connection