

to interpose and to put an end to this species of Sabbath desecration, several of the Fishermen themselves would consider that they had obtained a large boon. The committee some time ago lodged a memorial with the city authorities to this effect, and although the matter has been discussed by the City Council, the Fish-market still remains open.

There are other painful forms of Sabbath desecration to which the attention of the committee has been directed. They would specify particularly angling in the Lakes around Halifax at some seasons of the year by great numbers, Skating on N. W. Arm and Lakes—Walking and strolling in the fields and woods for amusement, games, &c.—Vessels leaving Harbour on commencement of Voyages—much unnecessary use of public and private carriages, Travelling with Teams homewards from the city—catching Salmon, &c. &c. Regarding some of these forms of Sabbath profanation, the committee are making most anxious enquiry, and are devising means which, they hope will, under God, eventually lead to their suppression. But whilst it is their incumbent duty to use every legitimate means with the view of arresting the progress of, or putting an end altogether to any existing kinds of Sabbath profanation, by calm and well-tempered appeals to the conscience and enlightened judgment of the parties more directly concerned, the committee are, at the same time, perfectly satisfied that many of these forms can only be affected by the prevalence of a higher general tone of feeling on the subject of Sabbath observance through the diffusion of sound, scriptural, and enlarged views on its obligation and privilege—With this end in view, the committee have used all diligence in circulating donations of excellent Tracts received from the Messrs Drummond of Stirling—as well as those from Dr. Greville, Secretary of the Scottish Sabbath Alliance; and the committee have only been waiting for adequate means for the publication of a monthly or quarterly series of Tracts, of their own, which, it is hoped, might prove better adapted to the present position of the question in these lands, and trust that the time is not far distant, when they shall feel themselves warranted to undertake this work. The committee also issued a request to all the ministers connected with the Alliance, to preach on a certain specified day on the Sabbath, in the hope that by the adoption of such a course, a greater moral impression might be produced. This request was generally complied with, and the committee have reason to believe, that it was followed with beneficial effects.

It affords too, the highest possible satisfaction to the committee to be able to state that all the Public News-rooms in Halifax are now shut on the Lord's day, and thus no small source of temptation to worldly conversation removed.

Such is a brief outline of the proceedings of the committee during the past year,—brief we say, for it would require a volume of no small size to present a full narrative of all that has transpired at the regular monthly meetings of the General committee, as well as at the meetings of sub-committees appointed for certain specific objects. But however brief this statement, enough it is hoped has been brought forward to satisfy the friends of the Sabbath generally throughout the Province, that the committee have not been unfaithful to the trust reposed in them, and that the operations of the Alliance have not been altogether unblest.