

SABBATH OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE.

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was submitted by the Rev. Mr. McMullen: The Committee met in this city in October last, and addressed remonstrances to the heads of public works on this subject, and entered into correspondence with other Churches, and nine Christian Churches have given notification of their cordial co-operation. Two Bishops of the Episcopal Church had written to the Committee on this subject—that of the Bishop of Huron having been already published. Letters were also received from the managers of all the railways, some of them informing the Committee that there was no railway service done on Sunday, and all expressing a desire to reduce these services to the very smallest possible bound. The Committee were glad to report that Sunday traffic had, in consequence of the remonstrance, been greatly diminished on the Grand Trunk, but was sorry to say they could not give an equally encouraging report of the Great Western, where there was an extraordinary Sunday traffic. The report recommended that correspondence be entered into with the Church in the States, and that a fund be gathered in order to carry out the aims and ends set forth in the report. It also recommended the formation of an Association for Sunday Observance. The report was referred to a Committee.

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At a subsequent sederunt Rev. Mr. Simpson read the report of the Committee on Sabbath observance report. The report looked upon the expressions of opinion for the control of Sunday traffic on railways by the managers of them as satisfactory, in so far as they defended it only on the ground of the necessities of traffic, and not as being according to the law of the land. They reported with pleasure that a promise had been made by the Government to reduce Sunday labor as much as possible on Government railways; also that railway employees in this country and the United States had made and were making great efforts to enforce their claims to the one day of rest in seven. They recommended co-operation with other religious bodies, and expressed gratification at the result of this during the past year. They also noted the formation of several local associations for the purpose of enforcing the civil law in respect to this subject. They recommended the continuation of the Committee, with instructions to continue their efforts in the direction in which such gratifying results had been already secured; also that the Committee continue to negotiate with other bodies in the Dominion and the neighboring Republic for the purpose of forming something in the way of a Sabbath Defence Association. They also recommended the Committee to extend the range of their efforts so as to include other forms of Sabbath desecration, and that a pastoral letter be addressed to the Churches on the subject, and a special Sabbath set apart upon which it should be made the subject of prayer. The last recommendation was that the Committee be empowered to draw from the Assembly fund an amount to defray the expenses thus incurred, it being understood that no action be taken by the Committee for public prosecution to enforce the civil law upon the subject—that being left to the various associations now contemplated.

KNOX COLLEGE.

Rev. Dr. Topp then read the report of the Committee of Management of Knox College as follows:—"The Committee of Management of Knox College, in presenting their annual report, have in the first place to notice the change which has taken place in the staff of Professors since last Assembly. The Rev. Dr. Inglis, Professor of Systematic Theology, having resolved to accept a call given to him by the Reformed Church of the Heights