

Anderson, M. L. Leitch and E. R. Hutt, ministers, and Messrs. T. W. Nesbit, G. Rutherford and W. N. Hossie, elders, with the conveners of the Presbyterian Committees.

**SABBATH OBSERVANCE.**—Messrs. S. Lyle, B. D., convener, Dr. John Thompson, Dr. A. D. Macdonald, Dr. McMullen, ministers, and Messrs. John Charlton, M. P., A. Bartlett, Robert Lawrie and Robert Ray, elders, with the conveners of the Presbyterian Committees.

**SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.**—Messrs. Robert Hamilton, convener, J. G. Shearer, Dr. Battisby, E. H. Sawers, and Messrs. D. D. Wilson and Charles McGregor, with the conveners of the Presbyterian Committees.

#### REPORT ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Mr. W. J. Clark presented the report on Sabbath Observance, and closed by moving its reception and the adoption of the recommendations.

The report was received and the recommendations considered seriatim. These were adopted and are as follows :

1. That this Synod expresses its regret, that the House of Commons has not supported Mr. John Charlton's resolution, to secure the closing on the Sabbath of Canada's exhibit at the Columbian Exposition, as this court believes the House of Commons has thus failed to make known the moral and religious sense of the country.

2. That ministers of the church be instructed to preach plainly on the subject of Sabbath observance at least once a year, and they are advised while presenting the question from a scriptural standpoint, to also emphasize its humanitarian aspect, inasmuch as by doing so, they may gain the co operation of some who may be unwilling to accept the religious view of Sabbath observance.

3. That while ministers preach, they and all officebearers, private members and adherents, are exhorted by the Court, to be living examples of the right observance of the Sabbath day ; let them beware of seeking their own pleasure, but call it a delight, the holy of the Lord and honorable.

The Synod cordially thanked the committee, and especially the convener, for their valuable report.

#### THANKS TENDERED JOHN CHARLTON, ESQ., M. P.

On motion of Mr. F. McCuaig, seconded by Dr. McMullen, the following resolution was unaimously adopted :

That the Synod tender thanks to Mr. John Charlton, M.P., for his manly christian advocacy in his place in parliament, of the claims of God's moral law, and especially of the claims of the Holy Sabbath, on all the people in their public as well as in their private capacity. And this Synod assures Mr. Charlton of its sympathy, and active support in the course