

SABBATH OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

In reaffirming our earnest decision in reference to the maintenance of the Lord's Day for strictly religious purposes, we would express our unanimous regret that in some cases the sacred institution is still violated against the Law of God and of the land, both in the case of companies and individuals. We nevertheless rejoice in the fact that the Churches have taken action in the matter; and in appealing to the several Railway Companies on the subject, have elicited courteous replies in all cases, indicating a disposition, as far as possible to circumscribe all labour on the Lord's day.

We would also draw attention to the practice at present prevailing, of the masses wandering about the streets, Parks, Cemeteries, and other public places, to the great dissipation of the mind, and the sad estrangement of the soul from the purposes of public worship.

To assist in the reformation of these practices, we advise that all our ministers preach, at least one sermon during the year, drawing emphatic attention to the proper observance of the Lord's Day.

Also that all our people be admonished, by precept and by example, to stand firm in the spirit and letter of the Sabbath, as a day of physical repose, and fellowship with God in His House.

We would further recommend the appointment of a committee, to confer with other committees, on Sabbath observance, as occasion may require during the year.

(SABBATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

That your Committee beg most respectfully to submit that they have most carefully examined the position of our Sabbath Schools and are sorry to have to report a decrease of 18 Scholars, 22 Teachers, and an increase of but two Schools, and that there are three Stations which have no schools, viz., Walsingham, Orillia, and Collingwood.

Your Committee beg to recommend, that the attention of the Ministers and Officials, be called to the fact, that there are many of our preaching appointments without Sabbath Schools, and that they be earnestly requested to establish one wherever practicable, and that the brethren appointed to said Stations, having no Sabbath Schools, make it their first work, to establish Schools at some point of their work.

That as we have to report a decrease of Teachers and Scholars, we recommend that there be a searching enquiry into the position and mode of working our Schools, which may lead to greater efficiency and success.