

that 'all ministers of the various religious denominations be respectfully requested to bring the subject of Sabbath observance in a discourse or lecture before their respective congregations on a day to be fixed upon.' The address was signed by the Rev. Robert Ferrier Burns, the first Corresponding Secretary of the Society, then comparatively unknown to fame, now the Rev. Dr. Burns, who has acquired a high reputation for erudition, eloquence and Christian philanthropy. He went on to say "That low and lax views are entertained by many throughout the Province, as to the origin, obligation and observance of the Sabbath, is painfully apparent. In the ordinary intercourse of life, too often do we find it divested of its Divine character and degraded to the level of a mere human institution, or practically regarded as intended to be confined to a particular period and a peculiar people, instead of running parallel in its authority with the entire human family and in its duration with the whole course of time. Hence the responsibility resting on professing Christians in general, and the watchmen on Zion's walls in particular, to do everything in their power *to rectify these unsound and unscriptural notions and to elevate the Sabbath in the estimate of the public mind, to the lofty position assigned in the word.* . . . If on one day throughout the length and breadth of Canada, the Gospel trumpet emit with no uncertain sound the single note 'Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy,' public attention may be arrested and aroused and the way successfully paved for resuming the campaign. . . . Preaching and prayer should be ever associated. While, therefore, the ministers of Christ are invited to give special prominence to the subject of the Sabbath, let the Lord's remembrancers generally throughout the Province, unite in bearing it specially on their spirits when they 'enter into their closets' and encircle the domestic altar."

Your Committee beg to say that the key note having been struck with such clearness and precision by this true friend of the Lord's Day, they and their predecessors in their Annual Reports and occasional addresses, have endeavoured to pursue the same line of earnest appeal to Ministers of the Gospel and lovers of the Lord and His precious gift of the Sabbath. And it would indicate ingratitude and distrust towards the giver of every good and perfect gift, "the faithful Promiser," if those who have offered up their humble prayers for Divine blessings on their endeavours to secure the scriptural observance of the Sabbath, were to doubt that an answer is now being vouchsafed in the observable