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REPORT ON OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.

The Committee on the observance of the Sabbath beg leave to report:—

That they are fully convinced of the vast importance of its strict observance. Our heavenly Father having finished the work of creation, rested on the Sabbath-day and hallowed it. When we examine the Bible, and the many precepts recorded therein in reference to the claims of this day, (now the day of the Lord.) We have multiplied reasons to mourn over its non-observance and lamentable desecration. We feel that we should be deeply humbled before God on account of our past remissness, and realize the importance, the great importance, of calling upon our brethren to put forth all possible and suitable efforts in order to awaken a more extensive and lively interest in favor of the strict observance of this Hallowed Day!

We would recommend to this Association that every minister in its connection preach a sermon on its strict and due observance in each of their preaching stations during the ensuing year.

JOHN SHAW, *Chairman.*

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REPORT ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

It is matter of devout gratitude to God, the God of missions that he has most graciously blessed the efforts of our christian brethren in this department of our work. Large additions have been made to some of the churches by missionary labour, and many have been visited and encouraged on their way by the servants of the Lord who have visited them. The Mission to Cape Breton, both English and Gaelic have been especially successful. Your Committee would urge most affectionately, but earnestly upon all our wealthy churches and friends, to increased efforts to replenish the funds of the society, and aid in spreading more extensively the glorious gospel of the grace of God, the ordained means of the conversion of the world to Christ. Your committee would strongly recommend the importance of the mission to Pictou, and also suggest the desirableness of taking the Gaelic Mission to Cape Breton, under the control of the