

## 2. REPORT OF THE SABBATH OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN,—Your Committee regret to find that the tendency of the age is to make encroachments on the sanctity of the Christian Sabbath. Powerful companies are multiplying in our Dominion, whose great influence enables them to set aside the laws of both God and man, when those laws conflict with their purposes. This is seen in the conduct of railway and steamboat companies, and also in the breaches of the liquor laws. The demoralizing influence of these breaches of the Sabbath law tends to blunt the public conscience concerning the sanctity of the day of sacred rest, and the time has come when the Churches should unite all their strength to maintain the proper observance of the Lord's day in its entirety. Your Committee, therefore, respectfully recommend that we, as a denomination, give no uncertain declaration on this vital question, and we suggest the following :—

1st. Let our members and people generally be earnestly exhorted, from our pulpits, and by the Conference address, to keep holy the Sabbath in the social circle, and to observe the day by strict attendance on the means of grace.

2nd. Let all traffic and travel, except when absolutely necessary, be discountenanced by our people.

3rd. Let any political influence possessed by our people, to whichever political party they may belong, be brought to bear on Members of Parliament and the Legislature, that they may take steps to put down and prevent any desecration of the Lord's day.

4th. That this Committee be empowered to correspond or deliberate with any other Committees or representatives of the Churches to take common action: if such be found advisable and practicable.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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## 3. SABBATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

We, your Committee, beg to report the following :—

1st. That we recognize the great and growing importance of the work.

2nd. We have 289 places where Sabbath services are held. Our schools number 152, with 1,172 teachers, and 9,070 scholars.

3rd. We regret to find that on some of our stations no schools are reported; and while our brethren on these stations may have to contend with obstacles not known to your Committee, we would, at the same time affectionately urge the friends to use all proper means to plant a school wherever it is proper to do so.

4th. We would urge the importance of using the International Series of Lessons in all the schools.

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