

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Mr. R. N. Grant, Convener of the Committee on Sabbath observance, read the annual report.

Dr. James, from the Special Committee appointed to confer with the Premier of Ontario, with a view to securing such legislation as would prevent the running of excursion trains, &c., on the Lord's day, gave in their report.

In regard to the report on Sabbath observance, Mr. McEwen moved, seconded by Dr. James, receive the report, return thanks to the Committee, and especially to the Convener, for their diligence, and appoint the following as the Committee for the ensuing year: Mr. R. N. Grant, Convener; Dr. James, P. Wright, John Laing, J. R. Battisby, George Burson, Mungo Fraser, N. McKinnon, and H. McQuarrie, Ministers, and Messrs. Hugh Davidson, Thomas Gordon and J. Charlton, M. P., Elders.

On motion of Mr. Inglis, seconded by Mr. Laing, it was agreed that the Committee be instructed to prepare and issue a pastoral letter, to be read from the pulpits within the bounds, directing the attention of our Christian people to the infringement on the sanctity of the Lord's day, referred to in the report, and presenting for their guidance such considerations as will prevent the church from being compromised in the desecration of the Sabbath.

On motion of Mr. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. Burson, the report of the Special Committee, presented by Dr. James, was received, and thanks tendered the Committee, and especially the Convener, for their efforts in the work assigned them.

REPORT OF AUDITORS.

The Auditors gave in their Report, as follows:

"Your Auditors appointed to examine and report on the books of the Synod Treasurer, have examined the vouchers for payments amounting to one hundred and seventy dollars and ninety-three cents (\$170.93) including the balance from last year of \$11.06. The receipts from congregations since the audit of 1880 are one hundred and seventy-one dollars (\$171), leaving an overdrawn balance of \$10.93. There appears to be much neglect on the part of Treasurers of congregations, seeing that only seventy-six congregations out of about two hundred have made payment up to the present audit for the current year, and of those not having made returns some are three or more years in arrears.

JOHN K. HISLOP, } Auditors.
ROBERT BOYES, }

On motion duly made and seconded, the report was received, and the cordial thanks of the Synod tendered Mr. Walker for his long and faithful labors as Synod Treasurer. The Synod further request Mr. Walker to transmit the names of congregations in arrears to the Synod fund to their respective Presbyteries, that said congregations may send the Treasurer the amount now due.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Moderator pronounced the benediction, and the Synod adjourned to meet again at 2.30 P. M.

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

Zion Church, Brantford, April thirteenth, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, half-past two o'clock p. m.

The Synod again met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted, the Moderator, the Rev. John Thompson, and Mr. Straith, conducting the devotional exercises.

The Minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.