

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Your Committee regret that so little substantial advancement in the better observance of the Sabbath has been made in this Province since the close of the last Conference. There is still wide-spread desecration of the Holy Day. Passenger, freight, and excursion trains continue to run. There are excursions by steam-boats and stages; saloons, cigar and fruit stands, and confectionery shops are open; various games are played; newspapers are published; freight is landed; fishing and hunting parties are organized—all regardless of the claims of the Word of God, or the feelings of the Christian people in the land.

We deeply deplore the fact that our Legislature has not passed any effective laws by which this open and continuous profanation of the Sabbath-day may be prevented, and we hereby submit for adoption by this Conference the following resolutions:

1. That a committee, consisting of the ministers of Vancouver, East Vancouver, and New Westminster, be appointed, to draft a petition for circulation among our people throughout the Province, setting forth our views as a Church in reference to the nature and observance of the day, and petitioning for direct legislation on the matter at the next session of the Local Legislature.

2. That a sermon be preached on this subject by all our ministers in this Conference during the month of June.

3. That special attention be given to the training of our children in the proper observance of the day, and that we supply them with sound religious literature, bearing on this important subject.

4. That as the social visiting practised in many places on the Lord's Day is a great evil, we recommend that a clause be inserted in the Pastoral Addresses calling the attention of our people to it.

5. That the holding of public funerals on this day, so seriously interfering with the stated means of grace, be discouraged among us, except in cases where interment cannot be postponed.

6. That we bear in mind the Divine injunction, "Remember the Sabbath-day, to keep it holy;" and that we seek to secure united action on the part of all the Churches of this Province in securing the better observance of the Lord's Day.

J. E. STARR, *Chairman.*

D. JENNINGS, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE WORK.

Your Committee beg to report that the present state of the work of our Church is such as to awaken devout gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for the clear tokens of His continued presence, and for the steady progress in all departments of the work. We are glad to record an increase of 458 to the membership of the Church, as well as to note a very gratifying advance in the Missionary contributions. We thank God that, as our people increase in numbers the spirit of their Christian liberality grows proportionately, and we trust that during the coming year we may be able to tabulate greater results than ever before.

T. W. HALL, *Chairman.*

J. W. WADMAN, *Secretary.*

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