

APPENDIX H.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE, 1863.

To the Reverend the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in Connection with the Church of Scotland :

The Committee on Sabbath Observance beg to report, that with the view of carrying out the instructions of Synod, they have, in course of the past year, addressed communications on the important subject of Sabbath Observance to the Grand Trunk Railway, the Great Western Railway, the Buffalo and Lake Huron Railway Companies, and the Canadian Inland Steam Navigation Company.

In these communications, while conveying the thanks of the Synod, in accordance with the deliverance of last meeting, to those Companies who replied favorably to a previous communication addressed to them, for their co-operation in this important matter, the Committee, setting forth the great importance of the Sabbath to the best interests of men, in time and through eternity, respectfully reminded them of the great influence which, in the providence of God, they exercise throughout the Province, on all that conduces to its material prosperity and the moral well-being of its inhabitants.

They more especially drew their attention to the beneficial influence which they shall exercise in behalf of Sabbath observance, if their operations be conducted in harmony with the Word of God ; but, to the prejudice of the interests of the Sabbath and of religion and morality in general, should their operations evince a disregard of that Word, and interpose difficulties in the way of any of their employees enjoying the advantages of God's ordinances, or should they furnish facilities and temptations to any portion of the community for dishonoring or disregarding these ordinances.

The Scriptural observance and success of the other ordinances of religion, and, in connection with these, the best interests of men, depending much on the Scriptural observance of the Sabbath, the Committee would recommend your Reverend Court to appoint that each Minister of the Church should, on the first Sabbath of August next, or on the first Sabbath convenient to him thereafter, preach on this subject, impressing on his Congregation the many important interests involved in the right observance of the Sabbath, and the strong obligations under which the Word of God places all men to remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

All of which is respectfully submitted in name and behalf of the Committee.

WM. BAIN,
Convener.

APPENDIX J.

CURRICULUM OF STUDY FOR THE MINISTRY.

Principal Leitch gave in the following report :

At the last meeting of Synod, it was resolved that " The moderator be requested to place himself in correspondence with the committee of the General Assembly for colonial purposes, and other influential men in the Church, with the view of obtaining the same ecclesiastical privileges in Scotland for the students and probationers of the Church as belong

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