

hearted formalist for warmth and zeal, the spirit and warmth of the meetings grew, and it seemed as if the people were unwilling to go away. There were meetings at 7, half-past 9 and 4, in Queen Square Church, and by the particular request of Rev. Mr. Duncan, in the Kirk at 7 p. m. All were most hearty meetings. The attendance was full. The chairman presided with such good order, that singing, silent prayer and prayer by any who desired to pray, as well as by those called upon, were happily intermingled.

"The crown of all the meetings was that held with the young men of Charlottetown at half-past 9 on Monday evening. A large number were in attendance, and after suitable admonitions names were called for to revive the association. Judge Young pledged himself to give £25 for the next three years, while other brethren earnest in the cause renewed their consecration to the work. Many long tried friends and earnest workers spoke out of the fulness of their hearts, and a most marked and happy spirit of energy and life was manifested.

"There is plenty of talent in Charlottetown and plenty to engage its earnest attention, so that we hope the work so happily resumed with increased life will be vigorously prosecuted.

"At the close of the meeting, Mr. J. S. McLean presented to the assembled association a lad to be taken care of, a stranger in a strange city. He was a type of the work of Young Men's Christian Associations, and the father's heart was gladdened when he saw the sympathies of the young men present awakened on behalf of his child.

"The attendance of Delegates was larger than on any former occasion, but such was the completeness of the arrangements, such the kind hospitality of the citizens, that all were provided for. The committee who had that part of the business in hand did their work with a thoroughness and an attention to detail, that surpasses that of any former committee. But their efforts would have been in vain had not their desires been as readily acceded to, and carried out by all classes of society who joined with them in the entertainment of the Convention. From the humblest to the highest there was a seasoning of Christian love which permeated the reception, and we trust that God will be pleased to honor that city with a gracious outpouring of His Spirit, that the various churches, ministers and people, may be blessed, revived and quickened. And if the Association in Charlottetown is faithful, God will give them what they desire."

It was a delightful circumstance, well deserving of note, that the Delegates going

and coming, in rail cars, and steamers, were never ashamed of the Cross of Christ, but had as the theme of their earnest conversation their Master and His work.

### Sabbath Observance.

Messrs. Editors,—

When the Report on this subject was before Synod at its last meeting, several members called attention to forms of Sabbath desecration with which they were acquainted. At that time I had in view to notice these so as to have the remarks published in connection with the report, but the publication having been effected earlier than usual, the report appeared alone. The statements made at Synod showed that in some places Post Offices are kept partially open on the Lord's Day, while in others stage driving is practised. These practices are both in direct violation of the Laws of the Province. A number of years ago the Sabbath Alliance of Nova Scotia called the attention of the Legislature to this subject; and the House of Assembly in their report distinctly stated that they "have adopted schemes by means of which the advantages of post communication will be greatly enlarged, and no office be kept open or mail be transmitted through the Province on the Lord's Day." All Magistrates are, therefore, in duty bound immediately to take active steps to arrest such profanation of the Lord's Day wherever it exists. But a greater Law-giver has spoken. Those who receive His laws as holy, just, and good, should energetically exert their influence to prevail on transgressors to abandon their wicked practices, and to "remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." No Christian is free from responsibility in this matter; but those residing in places where such wickedness abounds, should promptly and prayerfully bring the law of the land and the authority of God to bear directly on the acts and consciences of offenders.

Since the meeting of Synod, I have received copies of the last annual Report of the "Kingston Sabbath Reformation Society." It exhibits the earnest zeal and devotedness with which that Society is striving to lessen the amount of Sabbath profanation which prevails in some parts of Canada. It also gives information respecting the progress made in effecting reformation in other parts of the world. Your space forbids further notice of these facts at present.

Yours truly,

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