

Oh, for a larger spirit of liberality on the part of our people,—so that the Gospel ship may go forth fully equipped, and that the consecrated men going forth may have no lack of the temporal comforts, which, in too many instances, are very limited in the case of some faithful, zealous brethren

The Sabbath-school, which is the seed-bed of the Church, is doing a glorious work, and is growing rapidly in its influence and power, but there is still room for greater advancement in this direction; and we recommend, that from every pulpit it be urged upon young and old the importance of taking part in this department of Christian work.

We recommend the better observance of the Sabbath, by abstaining from pleasure, driving and visiting on that day, and urge a deeper spiritual life, evinced by universal attention to family prayer, which, in too many instances, is neglected by even professedly Christian families; and also a better attendance on the social means of grace, the class and prayer-meeting, and that Epworth League or Christian Endeavor be established wherever practicable, etc.

All of which we respectfully submit.

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F. JOHNSON, *Secretary.*

The report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Your Committee on Sabbath Observance beg leave to submit the following report:—

We regard the Sabbath as “made for man,” as a day of rest from toil, for devotion in the worship of God, as well as a memorial of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a test of man’s acknowledgment of God’s government in the earth. Ezek. xx. 20: “Hallow My Sabbaths: and they shall be a sign between Me and you, that ye may know that I am the Lord your God.” We rejoice in every sign of firm purpose to thus regard the Lord’s Day throughout our land, and deplore all encroachments, either by corporation or individuals, having in effect the transgression of God’s holy law. (See Ex. xx, the Fourth Commandment.) Also in effect the prevention of thousands of employees from the observance of the Sabbath by rest from common toil, and from attendance, if so inclined, upon the privileges of the house of God. Also in the running of trains on the Lord’s Day, and steamboats, keeping open canals, as on a week day, and also many other ways of Sabbath desecration, subversive of the political, social and religious well-being of the people. Milk vendors in our cities, towns or villages, as on a week day, pushing their trade for gain of gold.

And this Conference enjoin, and urge on all the members of the body, both ministerial and lay, and upon all the membership of our Church within the bounds of this Conference, to abstain from and avoid the use of railway trains and other public conveyances on the Lord’s Day. Also, the custom with many of keeping open their stores and public places of business very late hours on Saturday nights, and of the people in making their purchases at late hours on such evenings. These, with many other things