

souls. How comparatively few of those who attend the ordinances of the Lord conduct themselves as becometh that day; what levity and unconcealed indifference to things Divine! How little of the spirit of real earnest devotion! Your Committee would therefore respectfully entreat that every minister and preacher, itinerant and local, every exhorter and class-leader, with every member of our Church, and all else who love the Lord, use all the influence they can wield to induce their fellow-mortals to make the Sabbath what God designed it—a blessing, and not a curse to man.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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Committee Room, Napanee, June 4th, 1866.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of education would respectfully beg leave to report—

That we consider the education of the youth of our land, next to religion, the most important subject that can occupy the attention of a Christian community. A liberal education is a valuable assistant to piety, inasmuch as it enables its possessor to take a more comprehensive view of the sublime doctrines of Christianity, and has a tendency to elevate the affections and strengthen religious habits. Education is likewise one of the grand instrumentalities by which the Church has been defended in the past, and upon which the future triumphs of the Church must depend, because the great battle against infidelity in the present day must be fought out on scientific ground. It is therefore indispensable that the ministry and laity of the Church be furnished with facilities for acquiring a liberal education. This, we are pleased to know, has been successfully undertaken by our Church in the establishment of the Belleville College, and should therefore be regarded as supplying a great want to the Church, as well as an enterprise in keeping with the spirit of the age. We earnestly recommend our people to patronize the institution, by securing, as far as practicable, the advantages of its instruction, and we can recommend to the community at large that this College affords a cheap, safe and efficient means by which the useful and ornamental branches of learning may be acquired.

We recommend also that a strenuous effort be made this centenary year to relieve the building from its financial embarrassment. It is needless to say that the hopes which were often entertained in consequence of schemes which have been hitherto projected, that the liabilities against the building should be removed, have been disappointed; but the reason is because the subscribers have failed to