

poorly paying fields; also, for the better carrying out of the project that special Sustentation Fund meetings be held where practicable, and that deputations be appointed by the Financial District Meetings for this purpose.

C. WATSON, *Chairman*.

ROBERT R. MAITLAND, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE SABBATH OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee respectfully submit the following report:—

1. That while we do not desire to see a pharisaic or puritanic observance of the Christian Sabbath, we nevertheless deplore the apparent disposition of many professing Christians to tamper with the sacred obligations of the Lord's Day, thereby lowering the tone and weakening the influence of our common Christianity.

2. That we view with profound sorrow the callous indifference of railway, steamboat, tramway and other companies, to the divine command, "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy," completely disregarding the social, moral, and spiritual claims of their employees, and utterly ignoring the earnest and repeatedly expressed desire of all that is Christian in the Province.

3. Your Committee gratefully recognize the fact that by the legislation of the last session of the Provincial Assembly, all places where intoxicating liquors are sold are to be closed during the Lord's Day, believing as we do, that this will greatly conduce to the better observance of the Christian Sabbath. We would also express our high appreciation of the noble efforts of the honorable the Premier of the Province, and other members of the House, to have the hours of closing still further extended, and also to secure the enactment of a general law for the better observance of the Lord's Day throughout the Province, and our profound regret that a majority of the House should have given to that important measure, framed in the interests of our social order and moral well-being, a treatment so different from that awarded to it by the large majority, including the wisest and best of the statesmen of Great Britain, Canada and the United States of America.

Your Committee most earnestly hope that the excellent measure now before the Dominion Parliament will meet with a very much better fate. For this our prayers have already gone to the Dominion House—let them also ascend in the same behalf to Him whose throne is above the heavens, and whose kingdom ruleth over all.

J. P. BOWELL, *Chairman*.

C. C. FISHER, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF STATISTICAL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Statistics beg to report that they find a very encouraging increase in membership on the Victoria, Westminster, and Kamloop Districts, but a decrease on the Simpson District, which materially affects the increase for the Conference.

The Connexional Funds are, with the exception of the Sunday-school Aid, all in advance of last year. We call special attention to the Westminster District, which has nearly doubled the amount raised last year.