

political and semi-political meetings, semi-sacred concerts, and public parades, accompanied, as they often are, by bands of music, whether by secret or fraternal societies, companies of militia, or other organizations, and would urge Christians generally and Ministers in particular, to discourage as far as they possibly can such gatherings, believing them to be a profanation of the Lord's day, and strongly tending to make it a day of amusement and pleasure.

6. That the Synod expresses its appreciation of the noble efforts of Mr. John Charlton, M. P., and other worthy laymen of our Church, in endeavoring to secure the enactment of a Dominion Act for the closing of canals on the Lord's day; prohibiting the publication of Sunday newspapers, and in other ways promoting the better observance of the day God has given for rest, worship, and the development of spiritual life.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

1. That Pastors and parents be instructed to make efforts to secure a fuller attendance of the young people of the Church at the regular Sabbath services.

2. That the attention of Sessions be called to the desirability of having a larger number of their members actively engaged in Sabbath school work.

3. That parents and Sabbath school teachers be directed to encourage the memorizing of the Scriptures and the Shorter Catechism to a greater extent than is practised at present.

4. That all interested in the young be urged to use their most earnest and prayerful endeavors to lead them to a sincere and immediate decision for Christ, and to the manifestation of a true Christian life in the full membership of the Church.

5. That the Synod strongly recommends that the Helps published by the Sabbath School Committee be used by the Sabbath schools within our bounds, and that liberal contributions be made to the funds of the committee.

ADDRESS OF REV. DR. ROBERTSON.

The Rev. Dr. Robertson, Superintendent of North West Missions and Moderator of the General Assembly, addressed the Synod at length on the Home Mission Work of the Church in the North West and British Columbia. His address was full of interesting details as to the progress and demands of the field. On motion of Mr. W. J. Clark, seconded by Mr. George Rutherford, of Hamilton, a cordial vote of thanks was tendered him for his eloquent appeal.

The Synod then adjourned, to meet again at 9.30 a. m. to-morrow morning, and was closed by the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

St. Andrews Church, Chatham, the twenty-second day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six. The Synod met again pursuant to adjournment, at half-past nine a. m. and was constituted by the Moderator pro tem, Rev. Dr. George Sutherland, who presided until the arrival of Dr. Lyle, a few minutes later.

The minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Colin Fletcher, from the committee appointed to strike standing committees, reported the following nominations, which were accepted by the Synod, and are as follows:—

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Mr. John Ross (Convener), W. M. McKibbin, Dr. Abraham, R. W. Ross,