

a bad symptom in the case when the patient lacks sensibility; needs help most when he seems to care least about it.

*Resolved*, That the consideration of the subject be the order of the day for to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Report on the Sabbath was called for, and read by Rev. J. T. Parsons, Chairman of the Committee, as follows:

Committee on the Sabbath beg leave to report, that they consider the Christian Sabbath, or Lord's Day, one of the most beneficent institutions bestowed by our Heavenly Father upon the Christian Church, and that our influence, usefulness, and purity, morally and spiritually, depend largely on its faithful observance.

Its importance as a bulwark of the Church may be estimated by the strenuous efforts made by the skeptical and irreligious to destroy its sanctity, and do away with its observance, thus evidently admitting the hopelessness of their cause, while one day in seven is consecrated unto the Lord. We rejoice that the nation, of which we form a part, recognize the superior claims of God's law, and have not only established its observance by statute, but are proud to esteem the honest giving of the first day of the week to God, as one of the foundation stones of their political greatness. Your Committee sincerely regret that in the light of such national glory our Government have deemed it necessary, in the management of their railways, to infringe upon the sacred hours of the Lord's Day in connection with its business, thus depriving its employees the privileges of God's House, setting improper examples, and secularising the Sabbath. And they would earnestly recommend this Conference to give such expression of its feeling in this matter as shall convince our rulers that such desecration of God's holy day is heartily discountenanced by us, as an outrage upon the Christian sentiment of Nova Scotia, dishonoring to God and contrary to the genius of our institutions.

Your Committee also feel that Christians should be careful of their influence. The tendency of the present age is to drift away from the Sabbath, the Bible, and spiritual religion, and should those who have taken upon themselves the vows of Christians, spend the hours of God's Day in visiting, pleasure driving, boating, idleness, or sleeping, incalculable evil may be the result, and that upon those under their influence whom they most dearly love. Pressing the surfeiting cares of a busy week up to the very portals of the Sabbath, and thus disqualifying for the duties and enjoyments of the sanctuary, should be discountenanced and discarded; and we should constantly feel that not only the letter but the spirit of the command, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy," should find a hearty response, not only as a tenet of our faith, but in the practice of our lives.

Respectively submitted.

J. T. PARSONS,  
GEO. E. LOWDEN, } Committee.  
B. G. COVELL,

*Resolved*, That the Report be received, adopted, and engrossed on the Minutes.

*Resolved*, That we adjourn. Prayer by Rev. J. F. Smith.