

The following resolution was adopted :—

"That the Synod have much pleasure in welcoming delegates from the Wesleyan Conference of Eastern British America, and trust that their present visit may be the means of opening up an intercourse which shall tend to strengthen the bonds of brotherhood between this Synod and the Conference; and illustrate to the world the *real unity* which exists among Christ's people though separated by denominational distinctions."

The addresses delivered by delegates and the responses of members of Synod were most cordial and appropriate.

A Deputation was sent to the Wesleyan Conference with the Synod's christian salutations.

Rev. Robert Sedgewick was appointed to represent this Synod next year in the General Assemblies and Synods of the Sister Presbyterian Churches of the Fatherland.

The Moderator and Rev. James Bennet were appointed to convey the fraternal Salutations of this Synod next year to the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church, to the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, and to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America.

#### Home Missions.

The Report, printed in last *Record*, was adopted. Able addresses were delivered by Revs. John M. McLeod and Neil McKay. No special action was required in connection with this department of the Church's work.

#### SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Rev. R. Laird read the following Report :

##### REPORT ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

In presenting their annual report, your Committee may be permitted to remind the members of Synod that the work in its most important aspect is their own. The duty of "observing the Sabbath Day" is incumbent on all the officers and members of the Church in a much more extensive sense than the obligation to advance almost every other object which the Synod recognizes as within the sphere of its operations. The Committee cannot point to a particular

part of the field, as in the case of the Foreign Mission, and report the result of the combined efforts of the whole Church. As all true Christians love and revere the Lord's Day, so they should feel that they are personally responsible to Him for the right improvement of the day, and for their talents of influence to promote its scriptural observance by others. A special duty, however, devolves on your Committee which they will endeavour briefly to discharge.

Though unable to report decided progress in any part of the Synod's bounds in which Sabbath desecration is known to prevail, yet former ground has, it is believed, been maintained. Information on the subject has been diffused, and earnest efforts put forth to arrest the course of this kind of wickedness. The amount of success which has attended these cannot be estimated. But, as in every other truly Christian effort, fruit has doubtless been the result to the glory of the Lord of the Sabbath. This appears to be the situation of the subject in Halifax. The warfare is going on between the friends of the Sabbath and those engaged in illicit traffic on that day. In St. John, the "Sunday Liquor Bill," referred to in last year's report, continues to work very well; and consequently is producing most desirable results. In Charlottetown the change of one of the market days to Saturday, as noticed last year, was soon revoked, and Friday resumed as previously. The fears of the friends of the Sabbath have thus been dispersed, and encouragement afforded to persist in all right endeavours to promote the sanctification of the Lord's Day. In other parts of the Church former good practice has generally been maintained.

Your Committee have in part carried out the resolution expressed in their last report, to use the press as an auxiliary in the work. This has aided in keeping the subject before the minds of many who read the religious periodicals in circulation among them. But this effort has only had a beginning. It seems well adapted for the purpose; and the Committee recommend that it be earnestly prosecuted during the ensuing year. Newspaper editors and proprietors might be induced to give more attention to the subject. Besides this, tracts on Sabbath Observance might be largely distributed, especially in those places in which the holy day is profaned. The originator of the now celebrated "Stirling Enterprise," began the work by issuing "a plain, pointed tract on Sabbath desecration." "The success of his little effort took him by surprise." That which was felt as a new and strange power put into his hand for the Divine glory, will, we should believe, be owned by God for a like