

REPORTS

REPORT ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Your Committee of the Observance of the Sabbath wish to say first: Our knowledge of the desecration of the Lord's Day is very limited. While living in this God-fearing country, we are glad to believe that the Lord's Day Alliance have been instrumental in doing away with Sunday excursions by railroad and steamers.

The greatest hindrance to religious observance of the day is the improper use of automobiles, distance has been overcome by them, and visiting and pleasure seeking have become the order of the Sabbath day, and we regret that many professing to be God's children violate the law, and rob the day of its sanctity, and we heartily recommend that all who belonging to our body, and own automobiles will use them on the Sabbath day strictly for religious services, that by our example we may show to others that we observe God's commandment, "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy," and we do believe that God will own and bless the individual or body who honor him.

W. W. HOWE,
A. H. TRAFTON.

REPORT ON QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

Your Committee on Quarterly Meetings beg to report that during the year there has been held on No. 1 district four quarterly meetings—at Lower Hainesville, Hartland, Woodstock and Meductic.

In No. 2, two meetings have been held one in Moncton, N. B., and one at Westchester, N. S., during the year.

In the third district none were held.

In district No. 4 two have been held, one at Sandford, N. S., and one at Brazil Lake, N. S.

In the 1st district the two first were seasons of great helpfulness. The others were fairly good.

We also have favourable reports from the two meetings at Moncton and Westchester. The two in district No. 4 on account of storms and bad roads the attendance was small until Sunday, when good congregations enjoyed very refreshing seasons.

We beg to recommend that in view of the fact that many of the members and adherents of our churches are unable to attend either of our camp meetings, that special effort be made by the brothers and sisters of all the congregations of the various districts to keep up and attend the quarterly meetings.

Signed I. F. KEIRSTEAD,
REV. J. H. COY,
L. T. SABINE.

REPORT ON SOCIAL REFORM.

Your Committee on Social Reform beg leave to report:

In bringing in a report on Social Reform there is little new that can be said. Conditions remain about the same as in the preceding year, though there seems to be advance in some respects.

We are pleased to note that the Social Service Council of Canada has been extended to New Brunswick. A provincial branch was organized in St. John a few

months ago and this fall there are to be a number of conventions held in central places throughout the province with the intention of organizing local branches in these sections.

Rev. Dr. Shearer, who for a number of years has been the efficient secretary of the Presbyterian Church, has resigned that office to accept the appointment as General Secretary for the whole Dominion. We trust that advancement will come through the extension of this work. There are some things resulting from the war which are to be regretted. The calling of our women to fill the vacant places of the men who are serving our country, takes many away from the higher duties of the home and the work which they are best fitted by God to perform. We feel that the most efficient way of dealing with the social question is through the home and it is largely the work of the mothers. Where children are trained in the noble virtues of purity and modesty, there will be little trouble to decide on matters of dress and habits. Again, if the young people are led in the home to read the best literature and enjoy that which is instructive and ennobling, there will be less seeking the entertainment of the cheap and debasing, such as moving pictures and undesirable reading.

May the mothers and fathers in our homes use their influence toward purity and virtue, and the rising generation will be purer and better fitted to assume the responsibilities of life. In all circumstances, by precept and example let the standards of holiness be maintained by parents and preacher, and let our "behaviour be as becometh holiness."

Signed MRS. H. C. MULLEN,
MRS. H. C. ARCHER.

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

In making our annual temperance report we note with pleasure the progress of the temperance work throughout the world. And in our own Dominion we are glad that an act has been passed by the present government prohibiting the manufacture, importations and sale of intoxicants for beverage purposes. We are also pleased to note the success of the Prohibition Act in our province. This success is largely due to the excellent work of Rev. W. D. Wilson, chief inspector, and his staff of sub-inspectors. One can hardly believe that such a change could take place in one short year.

We are sorry to admit that we believe that many of those addicted to the drink habit are finding it possible to obtain a substitute in the form of flavoring extracts and patent medicine and we would therefore recommend that all those dealing in these things should be very careful not to sell to any who might use the same as a beverage.

We are very sorry that our Canadian boys who have gone overseas have placed before them the temptation in that they are given intoxicants before going into battle, but we are glad that many of them refuse it.

We are sorry to note the increase in the use of tobacco throughout the world, and in the Dominion of Canada it is re-

ported that the sale of cigarettes has been larger this year than ever before.

This growing and destructive habit is not confined alone to the male part of our population, as we are told that a great many of our young women have taken up the use of tobacco in this form.

We regret that some of the clergymen who have gone overseas as chaplains, and who should set the example for the young men, have themselves taken up the use of tobacco, and the press is already informing us that we need not be surprised that when these preachers return to take up the work in their respective churches if we find them indulging in this habit.

In therefore looking over the temperance work we feel that while we have made much advancement during the past year, there is much more to be done, and if we are to hold what we have succeeded in getting, as well as gain new ground in this work, we must unite all our forces in this particular.

We therefore call upon the church of Jesus Christ to take its stand against these evils that are corrupting the morals, undermining the health and killing out the spiritual life of our nation.

H. C. ARCHER,
P. J. TRAFTON,
F. T. WRIGHT.

WOODSTOCK MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The yearly business meeting of the Woodstock Reformed Baptist Missionary Society was held June 14th. Mrs. Mutch, Vice-President, was in the chair.

The meeting opened by singing.

Reading of 91st Psalm, followed by prayer.

The officers for the year were then elected as follows:

Mrs. C. P. Phillips, President.
Mrs. W. B. Wiggins, 1st Vice Pres.
Mrs. Reynolds, 2nd Vice President.
Mrs. H. Watson, Rec. Secy.
Mr. C. P. Phillips, Treasurer.
Luella Colpitts, Cor. Secy.
Mrs. G. True, Organist.

Programme Committee—Mrs. Arthur Bragdon, Mrs. B. M. Colpitts.

Mrs. A. J. Marsten delegate to Alliance.

A letter from Mrs. F. H. Hale, of Vancouver, was read by Mrs. Wiggins. Mrs. Hale still retains her membership in this society and sends her yearly offering. Evening's receipts \$11.25.

G. B. COLPITTS.

REPORT OF HOME MISSIONARIES.

Rev. H. S. Dow, H. S. Mullen and Mrs. Mullen.

Sixteen series of meetings held.

138 persons professed conversion.

51 persons professed entire sanctification.

Offerings received \$1215.20.

Paid out for travelling expenses \$39.33.

Total paid by the Missionary Board \$152.30. Total received for the year \$1367.50.

This is a remarkable showing for the year by our workers.

"Ideals are fine, but hard work is the soil in which they grow."