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"As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger."

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"FRAMETH MISCHIEF BY A LAW"

"Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law? They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous and condemn the innocent blood." Ps. 94: 20, 21.

Very forcibly this scripture sets forth the evils of religious legislation. It has been stated that there has been more war and bloodshed over religious controversies than any other disputed point. Such trouble has been caused by unlawful union of church and the state, either the civil power ruling the ecclesiastical, or the ecclesiastical power dictating to the civil. But all is done by *law*. We have a law and it must be obeyed. Thus the mischief maker seeks the arm of human law to support his religious belief and enable him to force his dogma upon those who differ with him.

It is a strange unexplainable thing why the church which has the promise and assurance of infinite power should seek to finite power of earthly governments. Does Christ's cause or his Sabbath require civil protection? Is the infinite in need of finite help?

The policeman is not expected to take a Bible and pray with the man he is called to arrest; nor can the minister of Christ knock his man down, handcuff him, and then begin to preach to him about the love of God.

The civil government undertakes to govern men, but the church aims to convert them. The state commands, the Gospel entreats. The civil government does not eradicate wrong-doing, it simply restrains it. The gospel is the one cure for wrong-doing, the only remedy for sin.

The dragonic spirit is plainly manifested by some who are clamoring for stringent Sunday laws. Here are a few statements which show the intent of Sunday laws, at least of some of the leaders of the movement.—

"The Seventh-day Adventists are just the kind of people we are after." These words were spoken in response to the question,—“Will not a Sunday law oppress the Seventh-day Adventists?”

Referring to the Seventh-day Adventists in defeating a certain Sunday law bill, the editor of the *Lord's Day Advocate* says,—“This is a fair specimen of the stupid, unreasoning, unscrupulous, methods, of these modern Pharisees.”

Another said that he trusted that the law would “have the effect desired in regard to the Adventists.”

It is just as God has said, he “frameth mischief by a law” “to condemn the innocent blood.”

Now is the time to enlighten the people of this wicked work. A warning against the beast and his mark is to be given.

W. M. ADAMS.

THE CHRISTIANS HOPE

Everything portends that that glorious hope for which the people of God have so long waited is about to be ushered in. Prophecy is fast being fulfilled; the image to the beast is being made; the time of trouble is near: we see its approach on every hand.

But these things instead of causing dread, and alarm, should rather be a stimulus to greater action. The mighty hand of God is staying the winds of strife till his mes-

sage will have gone to every tribe, and tongue, and people. Now is the time for God's people to be stirred to the depth of their souls to see this message advancing, for it must go to the ends of the earth as a witness, that every loyal soul may see the light and be accepted, before Jesus lays off his priestly robes, assumes his kingly crown, and comes to gather his scattered people.

Where are his faithful servants, whom He can send with the bread of life to those hungry souls? The aged, be they ever so willing, cannot go; neither the father and mother whose brow is careworn with household duties. It is the young men, and young women, who are strong, and whose minds are free, that God is calling. "I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one." John 2 : 14.

The Lord says: "Go work to-day in my vineyard." What a glorious privilege to be the voice of that Third Angel crying to a dying world: "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." Patriarchs and prophets would rejoice to see this day. We do rejoice to see it, and shall we not, young brothers and sisters, leave all and follow Jesus? Let us make a strenuous effort to spend a little time in acquiring a more thorough knowledge of those mighty truths, and then go forth, armed with the sword of the spirit, to fight in the battle of the Lord, preparing the way for the coming of our Redeemer.

Mothers and fathers, will you not, at this time lay your sons, and your daughters on the altar—a living sacrifice, acceptable unto God. "Educate, educate, educate," says the Spirit of Prophecy. A hard struggle lies ahead—"not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord." And O what a comfort to have those about us who have hid that Word in

their hearts. "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever."

J. H. McEACHERN.

GOD-GIVEN RIGHTS

A committee has been appointed for the purpose of listening to arguments both in favor of and in opposition to, this proposed Sunday Law. Gentlemen from all parts of the Dominion of Canada, representing various organizations and industries, will appear before this committee for the purpose of opposing this bill. Every last one of these gentlemen has the God-given right to rest and worship on the Lord's Day, and this right includes the equally God-given right not to rest and worship if he does not choose to take either. And yet these gentlemen are obliged to appear before this committee as suppliants, asking for the privilege of being permitted to exercise their rights.

When did these gentlemen ever delegate this right to rest and worship on the Lord's Day to the Dominion Parliament?—We answer, Never! The right to rest and worship on the Lord's Day is inherent in every man's nature and can no more be delegated to the Dominion Parliament than can his God-given right to breathe, to eat, or to sleep.

What kind of a God given right is it, forsooth, that one is *compelled* to take? One that is forced upon him by law. If a man has the right to rest and worship on the Lord's Day, as he has, and as the promoters of this bill admit, then the Government has no right to demand either rest or worship of him by changing his right into a duty and compelling him to perform it. But if the Government has the right to enact this law, then no man in the Dominion of Canada has any such God-given right to rest and worship on the Lord's Day.

OTTAWA

The committee to whom the Sunday observance bill was referred has been appointed and Thursday the 19th inst has been named for the hearing. I have had a talk with the chairman and the secretary of this committee and they have promised that we should have the privilege of coming before the committee on said date and presenting our views regarding the bill. There is much opposition to this bill and many will appear against it, and demand a hearing before the committee having it in charge.

The promoters of the bill are trying to make all people believe that this bill in no way interferes with religious liberty and that all will be left free to make such use of Sunday as they choose, but the bill itself does not read that way. It proposes to stop both work and play. The bill is religious legislation. The Alliance wants the desecration of the day prohibited. The evidence is not lacking that we are rapidly approaching the time when religious freedom will be abridged.

Full reports of the hearing will be given to our readers as well as further developments from time to time.

W. H. THURSTON.

Maritime Conference Recommendations

At the session of the Maritime Conference held at Halifax, the following recommendations were passed:—

That two tent companies be formed for the summers work; Elder Gardener and Brother Livingston to take charge of a tent in Cumberland County, N. S.; and Elder Hanna to take up the work in Charlottetown, P. E. I.

That Brother Longard aid Elder Hanna in the work at Charlottetown, providing no worker from another field can be obtained.

That Sisters Mabel Dimock, Mabel Patterson, and Alberta McLeod take up the Bible work, and be located as the need may demand.

That the General Meeting of the Maritime Conference be held from September 20—30.

That we endeavor to make arrangements to hold the General Meeting at Charlottetown, P. E. I. That this Conference subscribe for forty copies of "Liberty" for use in the Conference.

ALBERTA MCLEOD, Sec'y.

Obituary

After an illness of about two months with diabetes, Annie May Collingwood eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Collingwood, died at her home in Exeter on Tuesday April 3, at the early age of 14 years, 2 months, and 14 days.

About three years ago, she, with her mother and sisters, accepted the Truth under the labors of Elder Leland. Though young she was very faithful, and spent much time studying her Bible which she loved.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Perkins, an English Church Minister, from 1 Cor. 15.

LINNY PROUTY.

Report of Tithe and Offerings Received During March (Ontario)

	Tithe	Missions	Rel. Lib.	S. S. Off.
INDIVIDUALS	\$10.25			
LINDSAY	5.06			
TORONTO	17.55	\$.85	\$1.75	
BRANTFORD	33.97	2.30		
PETROLIA	18.85			
ALBUNA	20.			
LORNE PARK	14.75		1.11	
KENYENGHE	21.			
GUELPH	15.35			
OTTAWA	7.30	1.90		\$1.93
GALT	1.40			
OIL SPRINGS	1.	.10		
ST. THOMAS			5.25	6.55
SELTON			1.11	
BELLEVILLE			1.40	
TOTALS	\$166.48	\$5.15	\$10.62	\$8.48

CHATHAM CHURCH REBUILDING FUND
TORONTO \$3.00

A letter from Brother Frank Lane of the London, Ont., church, states that he will soon be going to California. Our best wishes go with him.

Elder A. O. Burrill paid a visit to the office last week and remained with us a couple of days. From this place he went on his way to Ottawa where he will appear before the Committee in opposition to the proposed Sunday law.

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Summary of Medical Work at Lindsay and Galt for March 1906

CASH RECEIVED		CASH PAID OUT
*SADIE BAKER	\$50.90	16.36
†ANNIE JOHNSTON	38.	1.50
‡H. A. NIERGARTH	8.25	2.25
¶EVADNA MATHEWS		
ETHEL M. LYNG		
§L. M. BAKER		
NO. L. AND H. SOLD		NO. TREATMENTS GIVEN
†		57
¶		64
		42
§	49	10
NO. BOOKS SOLD		NO. TRACTS SOLD
*		31
†		20
‡	3	180
¶		123
		127
§		30
		1632
		5

Report of the Canvassing Work for Week Ending Apr. 6, 1906

Name	Place	Book	Orders	Value	Value Miscellaneous	Orders Delivered
G. W. Sowler,	Toronto,	B. R.	4	10.		17.
A. M. Taylor,	Lynden, Ont.	G. C.	2	5.50	3.	
Lorne Pengelly,	Beeton, Ont.	C. K.	62	76.	24.	
Walter Holden,	Sutton, P. Q.	C. K.	10	12.		
Mrs. R. Barnett,	Stratford, Ont.	Grt. Cont.	5	12.50		
Totals,			83	\$116.	\$27.	\$17

Lorne Pengelly reports for two weeks.

	NO. BIBLE READINGS	NO. MESSAGES	NO. PERIODICALS GIVEN AWAY
†		44	
‡	23	31	6
¶		33	4
		12	
§			5
	NO. BATHS GIVEN	NO. HEALTH TALKS GIVEN	
*			31
†			15
‡			17
¶	31		34
	30		6

I am sure that the MESSENGER family will be pleased to read the above report. We ought to have an army of workers doing similar work all through the conference.

The Committee appointed to hear arguments for and against the proposed Dominion Sunday Law, will hold its first meeting at 10.30 o'clock on Thursday, April 19. Our people will probably be granted a hearing on that day. Mr. John Falonsbee, Mayor of Strathroy, and the editor of the MESSENGER will present the arguments, as only two speakers will be permitted from each organization or denomination.

We do not know how much time will be granted to us in opposing this Bill, but we have prepared a paper which will require thirty minutes to read, and if so much time can be granted, we will present a few of the leading points orally, and leave the paper with them. Mr. Falonsbee is a Sabbath-keeper, though not a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church. Yet he is in hearty sympathy with us, and being a lawyer, and holding the office he does, he will be heard where we could not expect to gain a hearing.

Probably there is nothing in the history of our message in Canada that is so important as this hearing, and we know that in appearing before this Committee and in presenting the arguments, we shall be sustained by the prayers of our people, and we trust that the good Spirit of God will so work upon the hearts of the legislators, that they will do only what is for the best interests of the cause of God in Canada.