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

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THE Sabbath is God's holy day. It is
The one day sacred which he claims as his.
A holy day, and not a holiday.
When men from their own pleasures turn away,
"And call the Sabbath a delight," a joy,
With holiness the holy time employ.
Kept civilly, its holiness is lost.
Civility secured, but at what cost!
Nor yet secured: enforced religious rite?
No more civility than darkness light!
Kept civilly it is not kept at all.
The precept is, alike to great and small,
"Remember," is the word, "the Sabbath day
To keep it holy." In no other way
Can one observe the day aright.
Civility obscures its holy light.
A "civil" Sabbath? It can never be;
Because it is not. Will one ever see
An honest rogue? a righteous infidel?
A holy thief? Will people ever tell
About a circle that is square? a sphere
With faces like a cube? Or ever hear
One tell about light darkness? or cold heat?
Children in sport such language may repeat;
Or it may be employed by lunatics!
Or jugglers playing off mysterious tricks!
But honest men, men truly civil, men,
Despise such tricks! Sooner the lion's den,
The cruel lash, the dungeon's noisome cell,
Than practice such deception, knowing well
This "civil" Sabbath is a subterfuge,—
A pious fraud to hide delusion huge!
Even the fiery furnace with its glow
No terrors has for honest souls who know
The mighty power of God. Such men will dwell
With everlasting burnings. They will tell
Of how Omnipotence will quench the flame!
In prison sing high praises to his name.

(To be continued.)

"The L. D. A. of Canada"

THE annual meeting of the Executive Board of the Lord's Day Alliance of Canada was held in Toronto on the evening of Thursday, Nov. 9th.

The principal business was to determine what course should be followed, in the light of the decisions of the Supreme Court and Privy Council. The Board was unanimous and unhesitating in its decision to immediately renew its application to the Government and Parliament of Canada for the enactment of the Draft Act submitted two sessions ago. It was decided (1) To send at once a written communication to the Premier and Minister of Justice, who have already practically committed themselves in favor of the measure; (2) to personally interview these honorable gentlemen before the end of the year; (3) to have a large and representative delegation wait on the full Cabinet about the time of the opening of Parliament; (4) to circulate petitions throughout the Dominion for signature to be presented to the Senate and Commons by members of each; to arrange as far as possible for interviews with each M. P. by his constituents before he goes to Ottawa.

A committee of forty-three members, among whom were Hon. R. L. Borden, leader of the opposition, twelve senators, and twenty-five members of Parliament, was appointed to promote legislation at Ottawa.

THE December number of the *Lord's Day Advocate* has just come to hand. This journal usually appears at the very last part of the month; but this number has been issued early in the month for the purpose of getting into the hands of its readers a copy of a petition to the House of Commons of the Dominion of Canada, and to the Senate of the Dominion of Canada. This petition is a request on the part of the Lord's Day Alliance for the enactment of a Sunday law, a bill for which has already been drafted, and is printed on the back of the petition, a copy of which we give below.

The petition is as follows:—

To the Honorable the House of Commons of the Dominion of Canada, in Parliament assembled:

The PETITION of the UNDERSIGNED ELECTORS humbly sheweth that

IN VIEW of the decisions of the Supreme Court of Canada and of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council on the question of Sunday legislation, and

IN VIEW of the paramount importance of securing to every one the rights and privileges of the National Day of Rest,

WE RESPECTFULLY PRAY that such legislation be enacted at the ensuing session of Parliament as will adequately protect every one in the enjoyment of the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday, and prevent the doing on that day of labor, business or work, excepting work of necessity or mercy.

THE first words of the December *Lord's Day Advocate* are these:

"Kindly note carefully pages five to eight, (which consist of petitions to both Houses of the Dominion Parliament.)

"At whatever trouble or sacrifice share wholeheartedly in this canvass.

"Let the Petition to Parliament be the largest beyond comparison ever presented in Canada!!

"Let us remember Whose Day we are seeking to preserve!!"

Do not these words suggest to us the necessity of activity on the part of others than those to whom they are addressed.

The *Lord's Day Advocate* has an alleged circulation of 30,000, which means that at least 30,000 of these petitions have been sent out to all parts of the Dominion. If they are filled, as many of them no doubt will be, it means that a great influence will be brought to bear upon the Dominion Parliament in the interests of Sunday law. In view of this our people should be alive and awake to the dangers of the situation. Every one of them should be active in circulating a counter petition, which can be secured by writing to the secretary of the Canadian Publishing Association, B. B. Noftsgar, Box 178, Toronto Junction, Ont.

As compared with the influence and power which the Lord's Day Alliance is able to bring to bear upon the Parliament of Canada, our efforts would appear to be weak and useless; but if we are actuated by the spirit of Gideon, we shall no doubt be able to accomplish the great work. But it will mean zealous, earnest, determined effort. The Lord's Day Alliance is composed of all the influential bodies of Protestant Christians throughout the Dominion of Canada, and the great Church of England is in hearty sympathy with their work, as will be seen from the following words copied from a pastoral letter recently issued by the bishops of the Church of England in Canada, which contains the following statements on the Lord's Day question:—

"We would commend to the church the work of the Lord's Day Alliance of Canada. Its object is

largely identical with ours, and its field is the Dominion. We would welcome and aid any godly effort of this description, and knowing the devoted earnestness displayed by the Alliance in this respect, we pray God's blessing to rest upon its labors."

THE annual meeting of the Ontario Lord's Day Alliance was held on the evening of November 10. The annual report of the secretary contained an expression of gratitude to God for his blessing in the exceptional success of the year as shown in (a) the financial support given to the Alliance; (b) increased activity of the Branch Executives, the reports showing that "over 500 instances of Sabbath desecration had been successfully dealt with during the year" by moral suasion alone.

It would be interesting to know just how much of this moral suasion was truly gospel teaching, and if no suggestion of outward force was in any way connected with it.

IN view of the activity of the Lord's Day Alliance in circulating petitions by the Dominion Alliance as well as by the Provincial Alliance, it has been thought best to devote this number of the MESSENGER almost exclusively to the subject of Religious Liberty. We have several good letters from the field which will appear in due time, but the writers will kindly be patient with us, and we will give them due attention.

What a Little Girl Did

A CERTAIN church building in Ohio needed a new roof. The membership of the church had dwindled to a very few, and it was a task for them to raise the money. It was suggested to them that they canvass and use the profits for re-roofing the church. None of them seemed to think the suggestion practical, save a little girl of twelve. She did not want to be left out when the time came to collect the money, and she thought this the very plan. Without any encouragement from any one except her mother, and even she did not expect any results, she started to work right around home. The first day she took eight orders for "Christ our Saviour" and twelve for "Gospel Primer," total retail value \$8.75. Thus encouraged, she kept on until school began, when she had to stop. In about ten days work she took \$61.25 worth of orders. One half of this was profit, almost half enough to roof the church. This was eight years ago. You may say this could not be done now; but it can. And I want to tell you what was done by a little girl in this conference not a month ago.

At Chatham, they are building a new church.

The children were asked to raise the money to buy the shades for the new church, and not depend upon their parents for the money. But how were they to get the money? The good, wide-awake librarian suggested canvassing. This little girl began at once right in her home village. The first day she worked one and one-half hours, and took eleven orders for "Gospel Primer." The second day she worked three hours and took twenty-six orders for "Gospel Primer," and ten for his "Glorious Appearing." The librarian orders the books, and adds, "We have almost enough to buy the shades."

This canvassing was done in a small village where a tent effort had been made and failed to bring any fruit. What our boys and girls could do in this work of God's own appointment would often surprise us, had we the faith to encourage and help them a little. I know of two little boys in this Union Conference who are canvassing. They are taking their first lessons and getting their first experience in the Lord's work. I would that there were more of them.

B. B. N.

FROM THE FIELD

BRANTFORD, Ont., Dec. 3, 1905.

TO THE MESSENGER,—

I was at Paris three days last week, and by the help of the Lord sold 173 *Signs of the Times*, which makes about 1100 special *Signs* sold already in and about Brantford during the Missionary Campaign.

I love to sell the *Signs*. People will buy a five-cent paper when they will not buy a book. It will take about two more days to finish Paris. Pray for me brethren, and I will pray for you.

W. DREDGE.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 4, 1904.

DEAR MESSENGER,—

I am glad to report a very interesting meeting which was held here Nov. 28, in the interests of the medical missionary work. Sisters Minnie McLeod and Mildred Purcell, who recently graduated from the New England Sanitarium, Melrose, Mass., are here, endeavoring to introduce this branch of the work. We rented a hall in a wealthy part of the city, and advertised a lecture and demonstration on hydrotherapy and massage.

We had a good audience. The demonstrations in treatment were very interesting, and the people were well pleased. They expressed themselves freely after the meeting as being entertained and instructed. We hope that this may be the means of opening the way for this work to enter.

Pray for this branch of the work, that it may prosper, and that souls may be saved in the kingdom of God as a result of faithfulness in uplifting the standard of truth and right principles of living in this community. Your brother in the message,

J. GREER HANNA.

SO MANY good things came in this week that we were unable to get in as much Religious Liberty matter as we intended.

We must arouse to the importance of doing something in this line of work. Send for some of those tracts, and give them to your neighbors.

Office Notes

Elder Burrill sends an order for fifty "Object Lessons."

Elder A. L. Miller has organized a Sabbath-school at Palmerston.

Lorne Pengelly sends a nice order for books for Christmas delivery.

"Ministry of Healing" came the fifth inst. All orders have been filled.

Brother and Sister Hickok have entered the canvassing work at Bracebridge, Ont.

We are encouraged by the number of orders for our books at reduced prices.

Sister Hattie Marston has returned from the West to her work in Montreal.

So far, almost all the orders for "Ministry of Healing" have come from the Eastern provinces.

A note from Elder Burrill says that his daughter was obliged to go home on account of a severe attack of La grippe.

Sister Crackle of Chatham writes that they hope to have their new church ready for the Week of Prayer meetings.

The annual offering is already beginning to come in. Does this indicate that it is to be larger this year than ever?

Renewals for the *Review* are coming in encouragingly. We have just sent in several small lists, enough to make one very large one.

Brother J. Pengelly writes that smallpox is almost epidemic in the vicinity of his territory. He asks prayer on his behalf that he may be kept from getting the disease.

Sister R. Barnett of New Market, Ont., called at the office the fourth inst. and purchased her canvassing outfit. She chose "Great Controversy" and "Coming King." Pray for her success.

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In case the paper is not received promptly, notify us and another copy will be sent.

A blue pencil mark here indicates that your subscription has expired.

Entered as second-class matter.

Although the weather was rather forbidding there was a good attendance of the Toronto church last Sabbath. We meet now one door south of the corner of Queen and Bathurst.

A large part of our Religious Liberty literature is now ready. The signs of the times indicate that we should be using it soon. The L. D. A. have their plans all laid for work as soon as Parliament is convened. Prices next week.

We have no annual offering envelopes this year. Instead we have just sent to all the church treasurers in Ontario envelopes that may be used for this or any other offering. Please examine them carefully and use them freely; but do not waste them.

Henry Pengelly, who prints the MESSENGER while pursuing his studies at Lornedale Academy, called at the office last week, and delivered a lot of job printing he had just finished for us. If you have any work of this kind, we can recommend him.

With our mail averaging more than twenty letters a day, some containing money, some orders, and some both; others "things hard to be understood," we believe that all will see that it is impossible for us to reply to your letters at any great length.

**Report of Ontario Tithes and Offerings
Received During November**

	Tithes	Missions
OIL SPRINGS	\$ 1.50	\$.30
TORONTO	15.70	
LINDSAY	6.04	1.34
HAMILTON	231.50	
PICTON	5.	
ALBUNA	19.38	1.80
BRANTFORD	30.42	1.15
GALT	13.75	
KENYENGHE	17.80	
LONDON	91.40	
IROQUOIS	6.45	
INGERSOLL	3.10	
GUELPH	42.95	
SELTON	25.50	
LYNDEN	10.22	
PETROLIA	19.	
	<u>\$539.71</u>	<u>\$4.59</u>

SOUTHERN FIELD, LINDSAY, \$5.

LONDON, \$2.

CHATHAM CHURCH FUND, HAMILTON, \$5.

SABBATH-SCHOOL OFFERING, IROQUOIS, \$1.15

ANNUAL OFFERING, MRS. W. H. ALLEMS, \$1.

**Report of Tithes and Weekly Offerings
of the Maritime Conference from
June 1, 1904 to November 1, 1905**

	Tither	Weekly Offering
HALIFAX	\$521.10	\$63.22
TANTALLON	164.52	7.
INDIAN HARBOR	69.	24.40
JELDORE	8.50	
SCOTTS BAY	97.12	1.23
TIVERTON	89.90	2.40
FARMINGTON	91.35	4.35
ST. JOHN	613.25	37.75
FREDERICTON	283.14	34.10
HOPEWELL CAPE	283.93	34.45
MONCTON	125.79	
GOSHEN	70.09	
CHARLOTTETOWN	34.95	
INDIVIDUALS	50.39	6.20
	<u>\$2503.03</u>	<u>\$215.10</u>

Report of the Canvassing Work for Week Ending Dec. 2, 1905

Name	Place	Book	Orders	Value	Value Miscellaneous	Orders Delivered
J. Pengelly	Hopeville, Ont.	C. K.	12	13.	14.50	
H. D. Carr	Lorne Park, Ont.	Home Hand Book, C. O. L.	10.			
John McEachern	Lorne Park, Ont.	C. K.	2	2.50	1.40	
Totals,	3 Agents,		14	\$12.63	\$15.90	