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

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"LIBERTY"

"LIBERTY" is the name of our new journal published in Washington, D. C., which we trust all our readers have been introduced to. We wish to call special attention to the next issue which is just out. This paper contains some matter regarding the principles of religious liberty which are being violated in Canada at the present time, and has a picture of the Dominion Parliament buildings on the cover. Thus it is especially adapted to the needs and demands of this field.

In view of this it is expected that many thousand copies will be used in Canada. Each member and senator of the Dominion government has been supplied with a copy, and we trust that the leading men as well as the common people of Canada may have the privilege of reading this number of *Liberty*. Let all the churches take this matter up and order a large supply, and then make good use of them. Many of our readers are subscribers to this journal, no doubt, but aside from this the churches and companies will do well to send for hundreds of copies of this number and give it a wide circulation in Canada. This will be a good way to warn the people of the dangers that are threatening our country.

The Dominion Sunday Bill which was introduced into the House of Commons early in the year, has been going through a special committee, and was reported back to the House. On the 20th of June it was called up for consideration by the House.

After two days' discussion the Bill was laid over until the following week. While

some argued that it was all right in spirit, none seemed to be able to suggest a way in which it could be made practicable. One man said that the House was asked in this Bill to amend the fourth commandment, and to legalize Sunday work. He further said that he did not think the House had any business legislating upon the fourth commandment.

Another member, a lawyer, said that he did not understand the Bill, and also that he did not think many of the members did understand it, and if it was not understood by members of Parliament, what about the people? He said that he would not give his consent to a Bill that he did not understand.

Another member said that the Bill was imposed upon the House, and that it was the most absurd piece of legislation that had been introduced into the House for many years. It was based on very dangerous principles and did away with the liberty of the citizen altogether. The absurdity of the Bill was further shown in the attempt to make it a crime to work from midnight to four o'clock Sunday morning, and not a crime to work from eight o'clock Sunday night until midnight. He thought no more absurd legislation was ever thought of than to make it a crime to work a part of Sunday and not a crime to work some other part of the day.

The same speaker said that the Bill was an attempt to make people virtuous by law. Instead of relying upon the individual conscience and the moral quality of the church which should be influential enough to keep people within bounds without the aid of

the civil law to tell people they must be good.

While the Prime Minister would not admit that the Bill was an absurdity, he said the measure was a difficult one to frame and that it called for mutual concessions and compromise. It was made clear in the House that the Bill emanated from the Lord's Day Alliance, and no one seemed to deny that it was religious in character.

Some see the evil of religious legislation while others do not seem to comprehend what is involved in such a movement.

There is no better way to enlighten the people regarding this matter than to give *Liberty*, as well as our religious liberty tracts, a wide circulation.

Send your orders for the new journal to B. B. Noftger, Toronto Junction, Ont., at once, and have an active part in giving this Canadian number a wide circulation. He that acts promptly acts wisely. Further reports of the development of the Sunday Bill will be given from time to time.

W. H. THURSTON.

FROM THE FIELD

MY TRIP TO ST. JOSEPH'S ISLAND

ON Tuesday, June 5, among well-wishing fellow-students and friends, I took my leave of Lornedale Academy, and started out with tent and outfit to my place of labor for the summer. On arriving at Collingwood I found that my trunk and baggage, which had been cheked all right, had not come through. As I did not care to leave without them, I saw that I must miss my boat. This was a dissapointment to me, as I was a stranger in the place, and was anxious to reach my destination. I did not worry long, however, but claimed the promise, "All things work together for good to them that love God, and are called according to his

purpose." God must have a purpose in this delay. Some soul here must hear tidings of this message of salvation.

I immediately started out into the country, and about six miles out began to visit. Doors were thrown open to me, and I found a hearty welcome in the homes of the people. They had never heard of Adventists before, but they were deeply interested in my explanation of the Word of Truth; so much so, that they invited me to hold a meeting in their church that night. Several seemed impressed, and as I left them they gave me a very good wish for the success of my work this summer. There was apparently a longing in their hearts for more of the truth, which I hope will be satisfied some day.

Having accomplished this little service, I returned and took the boat on Thursday. It was a very pleasant trip through to Manitoulin Island. Here I visited my aged parents from whom I had been separated for nearly two years. They were glad to see me, and I found that God had wonderfully cared for them during my absence. I spent three days visiting in the vicinity of my home, during which time I arranged with the Presbyterian minister to hold a meeting on Tuesday night in the church. The news of my being home spread rapidly, and on the night appointed, the meeting house was crowded. Though the country is but thinly settled, about seventy men and women were present,— "an eager, expectant, waiting throng." As I thought of standing before my old associates and acquaintances, my courage almost failed, but when the time came the Lord clothed with courage and a power which I cannot well describe.

As I stood before the people, the best theme I could think of was my own experience. This was right from my heart and was accompanied by the power of the Spirit of God. When I held up the Word of God before the people as the agent of my salva-

tion, when tradition, and revival excitement, and all else had failed to transform my life, men of strength, steeped in sin, even as I had once been, broke down. Thier hearts were melted and a mighty wave of the Spirit swept over the meeting. The presence of the Lord was very near.

As I met with the people they begged of me to stay and hold a series of meetings. I began to regret that I had not taken the tent there, but as I look into the matter I see the hand of God guiding in it all. The people know my faith and manner of life, and now they see that I am rooted and grounded in the Word of God. The seed has been sown in their hearts, and they will be the better prepared to receive the truth, not as the word of man, but as it is in Jesus, when I return, if it is the will of God that I shall.

In my visits I found five people who, having read the books which Brother Carr sold here, believe this truth with all their hearts, and have ceased to attend the church to which they once belonged. They are just on the point of decision, and I am confident that a series of meetings would set their feet on the solid rock. One man promised that, God helping him, he would take his stand, and become a worker for the Master. He subscribed for the MESSENGER so that he might keep in touch with our work in Ontario. Brethren, pray for him.

I am now on my way to St. Joseph's Island, where Brother Hancock from Nebraska will join me. Brethren and sisters, shall we not have your earnest prayers that the Lord will baptize his servants with power, and that we may see souls saved in this our field of labor.

J. H. MCEACHERN.

ELDER H. E. Rickard of Fitch Bay, Que., is very sick with acute Bright's disease. Let all remember him in prayer.

W. H. T.

MORE ABOUT THE SUNDAY BILL

At twelve o'clock Wednesday night, June 27, the Sunday Bill practically passed the House of Commons with the exception of one section. The Minister of Justice hopes to so amend this section that it will meet the minds of the House. The clause proposed by the Jews exempting those who conscientiously observe the seventh day of the week did not carry.

Seventh-day Adventists and their attitude toward the government and toward other Christian people was discussed freely, and it was stated by the Hon. Mr. Fisher and others that Seventh-day Adventists were a conscientious, Christian people, good citizens, a law-abiding people, and that they respected the rights of other Christian people and should not be oppressed by this Bill. The effect of the Bill on the Jews was also freely discussed.

There was strong opposition to the Bill from different parts, but the majority rules in civil questions, and now it is ruling in religious questions. The Bill will not become law until it passes the Senate and is signed by the Governor General. It is not quite through the House yet, but the contested section will probably be amended so that it will pass.

One member said there should be one day of rest in Canada and one only, and those who would not conform to it should go elsewhere. This expression was responded to in different parts of the House, "Hear, hear." We shall know in a few days the decision of the House as regards this Bill. The discussion of the Bill reminds one very much of the declaration in Rev. 13: 14. It means something to be loyal to the Word in these times; but "He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death." Let the golden rule be our motto. More later regarding this Bill.

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"SIGNS OF THE TIMES"

IN VIEW of the great demand for the first and second editions of the Special Earthquake *Signs*, six hundred and fifty thousand of which have been printed and sold, the publishers have decided to issue a third or Souvenir Edition, containing twenty four pages with cover and insert, giving a complete story of this terrible calamity by eye-witnesses, illustrated by accurate and striking engravings.

This is to be an entirely new edition containing new illustrations, new articles, new make-up, etc., and taken as a whole, will be much more interesting, striking and attractive than either the first or second edition. It will summarize the accounts of the whole terrible catastrophe, and be a number well

worth preserving, not only for its artistic appearance but for its historical value.

OFFICE NOTES

ELDER LELAND called at the office just before starting West to attend an Educational Convention.

We can fill orders for several hundred more of the third number of the special *Signs*.

Misses Evadna Mathews and Florence White are canvassing in the city during the vacation at the school.

The last issue of the *Lord's Day Advocate* might be called a Seventh-day Adventist number; they are mentioned in nearly half its columns.

Brother J. Pengelly stopped at the office on his way to his field of labor last Tuesday. He has already delivered more than \$1000 worth of books this year.

The next number of *Liberty* will have a Canadian front, and will contain a great deal of matter from Canada, and we should place a lot of them in the hands of the people. Three hundred of them have been ordered already.

We have just received a good letter from Sister Mathews of Macedon, N. Y. She sends her tithe and says she hopes to be with us at camp-meeting. Brother Deike of Washington, D. C., sends a good letter with tithe.

A letter from Brethren McEachern and Hancock, dated June 25, says that the rain has kept them from pitching their tent, but they are busy visiting the people, and have held some meetings out in the country.

Chatham, in sending an order for a hundred of the third number of the special *Signs*, says, "Our *Signs* arrived all right. We sold them as fast as we could hand them out." We believe the third number will sell even faster than either of the other two.

Report of the Canvassing Work for Week Ending June 22, 1906

Name	Place	Book	Orders	Value	Value Miscellaneous	Orders	Delivered
G. W. Sowler,	Toronto, Ont.	B. R.	8	22.25	1.		19.25
Henry Pengelly,	Violet Hill, Ont.	C. K.	27	33.	15.25		1.
Florence White,	Lorne Park, Ont.	C. K.	9	11.25			
Evadna Mathews,	Lorne Park, Ont.	C. K.	9	11.25			
Wm. Brown,	Kilmaurs, Ont.	D. R.	11	31.25	10.80		
F. L. Pengelly							220.25
Totals,	6 Agents,		64	\$109.	\$27.05		\$240.50