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

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## THE "GLOBE" AND THE LORD'S DAY

THE Toronto Daily Globe is a representative Canadian newspaper. In an editorial in a recent issue, under the above heading, some very pertinent questions are asked by the editor of this paper, which are far-reaching in their meaning.

Before noticing these questions we wish to call attention to the manner in which the Globe deals with those who are opposed to the attempt of the Lord's Day Alliance to secure a Dominion Sunday law. He calls them mockers, which to us does not appear to be candid. It is the kind of argument which appeals to the prejudices of the vulgar rather than to the sober intelligence of candid men.

The questions are these:—

"But were it thought that the State might go even farther and hold an attitude sympathetic to religious uses of the Day of Rest? What then? Would that be a crime? What is the State? Who is this Cæsar? Is he an atheist or only a machine? Has he claims, but not responsibilities? Must things be rendered to him, and he be free from all obligations? Is the duty of the State confined to building railroads, and carrying mails, and borrowing money, and giving force to the policeman's club?"

From the nature of the first question we would infer that the editor's answer to each of them would be in the negative; that is to say the editor of the Globe would be in favor of the State's enforcing religion upon the people. Perhaps a better answer to these questions could not be given than the reply of Lord Macaulay to Mr. Gladstone's tract on the subject of Church and State, which was written in his youth, but afterward repudiated. Lord Macaulay says:—

"Now here are two great objects: one is the protection of the persons and estates of citizens from injury; the other is the propagation of religious truth. No two objects more entirely distinct can well be imagined. The former belongs wholly to the visible and tangible world in which we live; the latter belongs to that higher world which is beyond the reach of our senses. The former belongs to this life; the latter to that which is to come. Men who are perfectly agreed as to the importance of the former object, and as to the way of obtaining it, differ as widely as possible respecting the latter object. We must, therefore, pause before we admit that the persons, be they whom they may, who are intrusted with power for the promotion of the former object ought always to use that power for the promotion of the latter object."

The editor asks, "But were it thought that the State might . . . hold an attitude sympathetic to religious uses of the Day of Rest? What then? Would that be a crime?" We answer, It certainly would. It is the crime of all crimes. He asks further, "What is the State?" and "Who is this Cæsar?" In reply we would say that the State is simply an organization for a definite purpose, and when that purpose has been effected its work is done.

## NOTICE TO CHURCH TREASURERS AND CLERKS

THE statistical secretaries of the General Conference desire a report of all offerings made either for general or local work.

Heretofore, this has not been asked, and it is evident that when the statistics were made up, they did not rightly represent the amount of offerings made by the denomination. All that has been asked heretofore was a report of tithe and offerings, under four heads,—weekly offerings, annual offerings, Sabbath-school offerings, and tithe.

In addition to the above it is desired that the report for this quarter give the offerings for local use, as rent, fuel, re-building, building a new church, repairing, for the poor, for literature for the general use of the members, etc. In other words, a statement of the running expenses of your church is desired. Please make them up for the whole of the year 1905. The blanks sent you will not call for all these items, but there is blank space on them for other items not named. Please be faithful.

We desire also that the clerks be careful to send in a report giving every item called for on the blanks. I am writing this for the Ontario Conference only, but I desire to say that the secretaries of the other conferences of this union will ask the same of their clerks and treasurers.

B. B. NOFTSGER,

*Sec. of the C. U. C. and the Ontario Conference.*

### ONTARIO

WE visited the Academy at Lorne Park Dec. 18, but unfortunately most of the students had gone away for the holidays. We were pleased to note the cheerful appearance of those who remained. No snow had fallen up to that time, and in consequence the work of the farm, in the way of plowing, ditching, and fencing, was well advanced. We very much admired the general appearance of the farm. There is an abundance of food for the stock, and they are looking well.

The workers in the printing office were about to go home for the vacation, but they cheerfully remained to get out the extra MESSENGER, which required nearly ten days. We appreciated the spirit which actuated these workers. It is such occasions that test character.

On the last Sabbath of the year we met with the Brantford church, who readily ordered a large supply of reading matter on the subject of religious liberty, and provided

themselves with petitions for work.

We reached home in time to be with our family the last day of the year. Our daughter, Mrs. Landon, is much improved in health, and hopes soon to be able to engage in C. O. L. work.

The Galt church has made advancement in every way during the year that is past. Financially, they have reason to congratulate themselves. The interest and expenses have been kept up during the year, and the mortgage has been reduced \$143. They have ordered tracts and petitions, intending to take an active part in the campaign against religious legislation.

Sister Boyce of Petrolia, reports two new Sabbath-keepers, and others interested.

Brother John McEachern of Lorne Park reports another new believer. Also Brother J. Pengelly reports one new Sabbath-keeper and quite a number who are interested. He has been putting out a large number of books.

Altogether the work in Ontario is forward and we feel to thank God and take courage.

A. O. BURRILL.

### SHALL OUR YOUTH GO TO BATTLE CREEK ?

MUCH instruction has come from the pen of Sister White recently regarding the dangers of sending our youth to Battle Creek to obtain an education. The most important of this has just been printed in a neat pamphlet of sixty-four pages entitled "Testimonies to the church," Series B, No. 6.

This is an important pamphlet and contains timely instruction for all our people, and should be in the hands of not only our young people, but of every Sabbath-keeper of our denomination. Price 5 cents. Secure a copy at once.

Order of the Canadian Publishing Association, or of the nearest denominational publishing house.

### LORNEDALE ACADEMY

ACCORDING to appointment the school opened on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1906. Although many of the students had not yet returned from their holiday visits, yet there was a goodly number who responded to their names on the opening day. So far as we know, all of those who were in attendance during the past term will return to resume their studies.

A feeling of devotion to the work seems to prevail in the minds of all the students, and a disposition to engage in their studies for the one purpose of becoming useful in the work of spreading the truths of the third angel's message.

We will have a larger number of students during the present term than at any other time since the school began. Already we are beginning to feel the need of more room, and we trust that the School Board will see its way clear to furnish us with proper buildings very soon.

The finances of the school are in such a condition that we think the School Board will be justified in taking steps at an early date to construct a building suitable to the wants of the institution. We are crowded beyond our capacity to accommodate, and others are still coming. It is evident that something must be done in this way very soon if we maintain the school at its proper standing.

The studies pursued at the school consist of, first, daily lessons from the Bible. In this study we have two classes. Just at present the subject under consideration is the work of the Holy Spirit, and the interest manifested on the part of the students is such as to show that they not only accept the Bible teaching upon this subject in theory, but that it is their intention to make it a practical thing in their own experience.

The missionary spirit has taken hold of the young men at the Academy to that ex-

tent that during the holidays several of them were engaged in the work of canvassing, and as the result of their work a large number of books were disposed of.

### OBITUARIES

SCOTT.—Died at her home in Huntsville, Ont., Dec. 10, 1905, Sister Fannie Scott, wife of George Scott. The immediate cause of her death was a tumor, though she had been frail for years. Brother and Sister Scott accepted the truth in Gravenhurst about five years ago, under the labors of Elder W. H. Spear, and united with the Muskoka church. They soon afterward moved to Huntsville, where Brother Scott after a time gave up the Sabbath; but she remained faithful to the end.

She leaves an adopted son, six years of age, with the request that he be brought up in the faith. We had word that she was very low, and at once planned to spend Sabbath and Sunday with her, but on our arrival found her dead and buried. We have every evidence that she sleeps in Jesus, and though her light has gone out, her influence lives. God has used Brother and Sister Sowler to raise up another light in Huntsville, Sister Hooey, who has been rejoicing in new found light for over a year now, and is passing it on to others, though still a member of the Presbyterian church.

Brother Scott hopes to return to the light soon. May this sad bereavement lead him back to his God is our sincere prayer.

MR. and MRS. C. O. HICKOK.

TAYLOR.—Died at South Bolton, Que., Dec. 21, 1905, George Dyer Taylor, aged 72 years, 11 mths. and 3 days. Brother Taylor became interested in the Sabbath reform and kindred truths by reading tracts and other literature. Soon afterwards he attended one of our camp-meetings at Magog, Que., and fully accepted the message. For twenty-four years he has been a firm and faithful believer, ever ready and willing to bear testimony for the truth, and to do all he could for the advancement of the cause. A few years ago he received a paralytic stroke, which nearly deprived him of his speech, but even then when opportunity was offered to witness for Christ he would arise and when utterance failed, he would raise his hand, and point upward, thus signifying where his hope was centered, and bearing a silent yet touching testimony for the Master. The last words we heard from his lips were "Praise the Lord," and we have reason to believe that he will soon come forth from the dusty bed to shout with a

clear and strong voice the praises of his dear Redeemer. The funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by the Rev. E. M. Taylor, a nephew of the deceased. H. E. RICKARD.

CLAXTON.—Died of senile debility in Westbury, Que., Dec, 21, 1905, John Claxton. Brother Claxton was born Dec. 22, 1816, in Norfolk, England, near the city of Norwich. Thus the day following his decease would have been his eighty-ninth birthday. He sailed from Cromer, England, in 1832, for the city of Quebec, where he remained one year and then came to Campton County in the Eastern townships, where he has made his home ever since. He faithfully filled the places of trust which his townsmen called him to occupy, and was highly respected by all who knew him. He was also among the first to accept present truth in the province of Quebec, having begun the observance of the Sabbath about fifty-eight years ago. He was chosen one of the Executive Committee of the conference of Quebec when it was organized. Thus a pioneer in the work, a father in Israel, has fallen, yet with a firm hope of entering into the promised land, the inheritance of the just when the earth is made new. He loved the message and was ever ready to help the cause as far as his means would allow, from its early days until his death, and he rests in hope of a part in the first resurrection. The funeral services were conducted by the writer. H. E. R.

### "The Signs of the Times"

WHILE this valuable paper is increasing in worth, filled with present truth for this time, the subscription list in Canada is decreasing. This ought not so to be. The total number of clubs of the *Signs* taken in the Canadian Union Conference is only thirteen, the whole number of papers in these clubs amounting to only eighty-three. About as many more are taken in single subscriptions, or perhaps one hundred and fifty in all.

If all our churches could take a club of the *Signs* and use them judiciously in missionary work, they would see results from the efforts. We are living in very important times, and startling events are taking place. Are you aware that from the 15th to the 21st of November there met in New York the Inter-Church Conference on Federation, representing eighteen million people? What does this mean? Ah, read Revelation 13! No such steps have ever been taken in the history of this message as were taken at that meeting.

The *Signs* will give the first and very best reports of all that is done, and will draw faithfully the tre-

mendous lessons to be learned. All who subscribe for the *Signs* at once will have the benefit of this valuable instruction, and can then pass it on to their friends and neighbors.

Not only this, but the special numbers of the *Signs* are not having the circulation they deserve. It is not too late yet to order the special numbers and give them a wide circulation. Many people are waiting for just what is presented in these numbers, and it is our privilege to carry the message to them.

Not long ago a lady expressed herself as follows: "I can not tell you how much I appreciate the *Signs*. It was through the kindness of a friend that I first received the paper, and it has been the means God has used in bringing me into the truth."

All may have a part in distributing this missionary paper, and thereby bring others into the truth.

Please think these things over, brethren and sisters, and act promptly. W. H. THURSTON.

### OFFICE NOTES

All our canvassers are in the field again after a brief vacation.

Orders still continue to come for the *Signs* and *Watchman* special.

We learn that Brother Wm. Dredge is in Hamilton, selling from forty to fifty papers a day.

Church treasurers and clerks please read carefully the article addressed to them in another column.

Word just received from Brother Sowler seems to say that he will be here by the time you read this.

One of our workers in the Maritime Conference sends a list of subscribers for the MESSENGER every week.

Elder Leland and John McEachern are in this city to-day, Jan. 5, soliciting subscribers to the petition to Parliament.

A little unavoidable delay was experienced in getting off the petition blanks, but we trust our brethren will make up for the lost time by faithful work.

Our tracts at reduced prices are going very fast. We have just made large shipments to four of the churches in Ontario. We look for the next large order from the East; in fact we have just shipped a good order to one church in New Brunswick.

Let all please notice that there are two more Religious Liberty tracts to be published. They are in the press now, and we await your orders. The titles are "Principles Too Little Understood," and "An Appeal to the Christian People of Canada."