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

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A DAY IN OTTAWA

It was my privilege to spend a day in the capital of the Dominion last week in the interests of religious liberty and in opposition to the proposed Sunday Bill. The committee which had been appointed by the House of Commons to hear arguments in favor of the Bill and opposed to it, met on Thursday, the 19th inst., at 10.30 A. M.

At this meeting there were present perhaps one hundred and twenty-five men, and almost without exception every one of them was opposed to the Bill, but also without exception they were opposed to it, not upon principle, but because its provisions interfere with their business transactions, and they were there simply to ask that certain clauses in the Bill be so amended as to favor the carrying forward of their particular line of business on the first day of the week.

Nearly every occupation that could be imagined was represented, and from all parts of the Dominion, all the way from Halifax to Vancouver. By the time the Bill is adjusted to meet the requirements of these various demands it will resemble the face of a gentleman recently recovered from small-pox; for it can not be otherwise than very much pitted.

The various interests represented, if we should classify them, may be summed up under two heads,—business interests, and religious interests. Other classifications might be made, and indeed there was an attempt to make other classifications, as for instance, one doctor insisted upon legislation in favor of the observance of the first

day of the week in the interests of public health. We are at a loss to understand just how all these various and conflicting interests can be embodied into a bill which will satisfy everybody and yet secure the result desired by the Lord's Day Alliance.

That association was represented by the Rev. Mr. Shearer, who said nothing until everybody else had finished what he had to say, and then he gave notice that it was his intention to reply to the arguments made by Seventh-day Adventists and others in opposition to the Bill at some future meeting of the committee. It was stated by several in the room that they would be pleased to hear his arguments then and there, and indeed some members of the committee suggested the same thing. But the reverend gentleman, for some reason known only to himself, refused to reply to their arguments at that time, although he had plenty of time at his disposal.

The Seventh-day Adventists were represented by Elder W. H. Thurston, Elder H. E. Rickard, Elder A. O. Burrill, Mr. John Falonsbee, mayor of Strathroy, and the writer.

Our arguments were presented by Mr. Falonsbee, and although there seemed to be a chilly feeling on the part of some of the committee against the views held by our people in general, yet Mr. Falonsbee's argument was received with marked attention, and several members expressed themselves as being very favorably impressed. Even the Minister of Justice, Mr. Fitzpatrick, remarked at the close of the speech that he had been enlightened in regard to the views held by Seventh-day Adventists,

and from the material point of view they certainly had a good argument.

We are of opinion that the committee will grant an exemption clause in favor of those who observe the seventh day as the Sabbath, including Jews and Seventh-day Adventists. We may be mistaken in this, but judging from the attitude of the committee, we have no reason to think otherwise, unless some influence is brought to bear upon them by the Lord's Day Alliance, and no doubt an attempt of this kind will be made. Mr. Shearer, the secretary of the Alliance, appeared before the Government some time ago, and, speaking in behalf of the deputation which had met the Government with him, he opposed granting an exemption clause to Seventh-day Adventists, and he stated before the committee that he had good reasons which he proposed to bring out at some future time.

No conclusion was arrived at by the committee as to the fate of the Sunday Bill, but there is no doubt that a Sunday law of some kind will be enacted. The committee adjourned until Tuesday, April 24, and will continue to sit day after day until the business is entirely disposed of.

In the afternoon, Prince Arthur, the son of the Duke of Connaught, who is a brother to King Edward VII, reviewed the cadets in front of the Parliament Buildings. From a worldly point of view this was a very pleasant sight; but standing under the window of the room in which the committee had met in the morning we could not help contrasting the work which they were doing with that of the boys in the afternoon, each of them armed with a gun and being instructed in the art of warfare. The legislators in the forenoon were trying to enact a law which would make people act as if they were pious, and the boys were being instructed in the afternoon to show their hatred of their fellowmen by going through with a sham battle.

We are glad to know that there are schools in our country and in other countries where the true principles of righteousness and peace are taught to the young men and young women who attend, rather than the principles of war; and I trust that those who are looking for the coming of the Lord will avail themselves of the privilege of attending these schools rather than those where war and strife is taught.

"MINISTRY OF HEALING"

NOT much has been reported lately of the sale of "Ministry of Healing," and we would naturally conclude that not much was being done. Perhaps more is being done than is being reported.

I am pleased to say that in connection with my other work I have sold in all twenty-seven copies of this good book, and shall sell more during the summer. Those who have purchased the book and have had time to read it, even in parts, commend it highly. It is certainly one of the best books we have on the market.

It is to be hoped that every Sabbath-keeping family has purchased one for home reading, and that each family will have some part in placing it in the hands of others. A gentleman to whom I sold a copy a few weeks ago told me yesterday that the reading was of the very best, interesting and profitable.

Let all the people unite this summer in selling "Christ's Object Lessons" and "Ministry of Healing," and thus assist our educational and medical work. If you can not sell a hundred, sell less. Sell a few at least. It will do you good to do some of this good work, and it will do others good too, and assist materially our institutions in doing good work.

If any have said, as a certain son spoken of in the Bible, that they would not, they will do well to do as he did, repent and go

to work, and share the blessing in distributing these good books.

This is something that all can have a part in, and we ask all our people to join us this summer, and do what they can to the glory of God and the advancement of his cause.

We would be pleased to have short reports from the laity, giving their experience in handling our literature. This will encourage others who may not yet have entered into the work.

"Go work to-day in my vineyard," is the Master's call.

W. H. THURSTON.

LORNE DALE ACADEMY

SCHOOL opened Sunday, April 22, for the summer term. The first division of the summer term will consist of twelve weeks, closing the old school year, and finishing up the courses of study for the old year.

The school family consists of twenty with a prospect of one or two additional ones who will come in later. Quite a number of those attending school at present intend to pay their way entirely in work. One or two more can be given employment in the same way if they see fit to come on those terms; but let no one come without first corresponding with the manager, Mr. Herbert L. Knister, Lorne Park, Ont.

The condition of the farm is such that a abundant harvest may be expected under favorable conditions. About three acres of raspberries are being set out, and it is the intention of the management to plant out a large area of other small fruits and vegetables. A considerable order for fruit trees has also been placed, and on their arrival will be properly cared for.

One student, Brother H. D. Carr, will continue his studies during the school year. At present he is at Aurora assisting Brother Alfred Williams in getting a start in the canvassing work. Brother Williams has

been a student at the school during the winter term.

A letter just received from Brother Carr states that last week he took orders for \$31 worth of books and delivered \$13.50 worth in addition. It would seem from this that the question of students canvassing has been very favorably settled. During the entire winter Brother Carr has spent a portion of each week in canvassing in the vicinity of the school, going over the same territory several times, with marked success each time, sometimes even taking the same book.

Some other students have been equally successful in the canvassing work. Among these we might mention Brother John McEachern and Brother Thomas Brown, who have spent their spare hours in this work, meeting with excellent success.

We are sorry to miss from the school the pleasant face of Brother Fred Boettger, who has been with us ever since the school opened. But we know from encouraging letters which we have received from him since he left us, that he is making a grand success in the canvassing work.

We trust that all those who are in attendance at the school will have the one object of entering some phase of the Lord's work, either as canvassers, school teachers, ministers, Bible workers or medical missionaries.

OFFICE NOTES

We wonder that more do not order the Year Book. It gives the address of every worker in the denomination. Price 25 cents.

We have just shipped to Brother J. Pengelly at Shelburne, Ont., a total of 953 books for his May delivery.

From far off Australia comes an order for 6s. 3d. (6 shillings, 3 pence, \$1.52) worth of religious literary tracts.

Brethren H. D. Carr and John McEachern have been canvassing and delivering books in this vicinity the last week, with fair success.

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TO OUR READERS :—

When requesting change of address, be sure to give both old and new address.

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.

Mayor Falonsbee of Strathroy has just published a tract on the Sabbath question—48 large pages, price 10 cents. Order of this office.

Sister H. I. Farnum of Peterboro, Ont., sends an order for a "Desire of Ages" prospectus, with the word that one of the members there will begin work soon with that book.

Brother Henry Pengelly, who has printed the "Messenger" for so long, stopped at the office on his way to join his father in the canvassing work. We wish him the best of success.

THE May number of *Life and Health* comes to our desk, bearing the cheering message of Isaiah 36 : 10,—“They shall obtain joy and gladness and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.”

With much other good matter, this number emphasizes the importance of *right thinking* and *right doing* in combating disease and promoting health. The three general articles in this number are alone worth the price of the journal for one year. “Divine Healing,” teaching conformity to the physical

and moral laws in maintaining health and happiness; “Experience Not Always Reliable,” illustrating, in story form, erroneous conceptions and practices of *self-made* invalids; “The Woes of the Sensitive,” prescribing the remedy of *applied common sense* in the prevention and cure of all sensitiveness, and revealing the way for all sensitive persons to have peace in the place of pangs and constant irritation.

We recommend *Life and Health* as a missionary periodical. All agents are having excellent success in selling it. The regular subscription price per year is 50 cents; 25 or more copies of any one issue, at one order, to one address, 2½ cents a copy.

HAVE you subscribed for *Liberty*, our new religious liberty magazine? If you have, and have read the first issue, you will no doubt recognize the importance of giving it your hearty support and doing all you can in extending its circulation. If you have not read a copy of the magazine, write the publishers, the Review and Herald Publishing Association, 222 N. Capitol St., Washington D. C., for a sample copy; or order 25 or more copies to use in missionary work. The rates are as follows: Annual subscription price, 25 cents; five or more copies per year to *different addresses*, one order, 15 cents per copy; ten or more copies per year to *one address*, one order, 15 cents per copy; 25 or more copies of any one issue, one order, to one address, 2½ cents a copy.

Notice

I would call the attention of the readers of the MESSENGER to the change in my address. Until further notice my address will be, 123 Albert St., Ottawa, Ont. W. H. THURSTON.

Mr. Falonsbee and Elder Burrill will remain in Ottawa during the sittings of the committee to whom the Lord's Day Bill has been committed. We hope they will succeed in defeating the measure.

Report of the Canvassing Work for Week Ending Apr. 13, 1906

Name	Place	Book	Orders	Value	Value Miscellaneous	Orders	Delivered
Grant Priddy,	Markham, Ont.	D. R.					\$6.
John McEachern,	Lorne Park, Ont.	C. K.	3	3.75			
J. Pengelly,	Proton, Ont.	C. K.	48	55.50	44.50		2.50
H. D. Carr,	Lorne Park, Ont.	H. H. B., P. P., D. R.		51.			13.50
Fred Boettger,	Galt, Ont.	P. P.	4	10.25	4.50		4.25
Lorne Pengelly,	Beeton, Ont.	C. K.	19	22.50	12.50		
Walter Holden,	Sutton, P. Q.	C. K.	2	2.50	37		
Totals,	7 Agents,		76	\$114.50	\$98.50		\$26.25