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

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"TORONTO METHODIST CONFERENCE OPPOSES ONE CLAUSE IN SUNDAY BILL"

"TORONTO Methodist Conference, assembled here, unanimously opposed to clause 11 in Lord's Day Act. R. H. Burns, president; Isaac Couch, secretary."

Such was the message telegraphed last night by the Conference to Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

The discussion was brief. Clause 11 is the conscience clause, which grants Jews, Seventh-day Adventists, and others who do not recognize the Christian Sunday the privilege of utilizing any other day as a day of devotion and rest and of working upon the day which is recognized as the day of devotion throughout Canada.

Rev. T. Albert Moore of the Lord's Day Alliance asserted that there were 150,000 men in Canada now who were robbed of their Sabbath rest, and but for the efforts of the Alliance there would be 150,000 more. He suggested the message to the Premier upon the conscience clause.

The item given above was clipped from the *Toronto Evening Star* of June 15, and it speaks for itself. It reveals the attitude of the Methodist people toward those who differ from them in religious belief. It is indeed a cause for alarm when a religious body of worshippers have become so lost to the principles of true religious liberty that they offer a protest against granting an exemption which statesmen are willing to grant and which they propose to give.

This protest originated with the Lord's Day Alliance, who have been endeavoring for some time to get this Bill passed. All the time the Bill was in the hands of the special committee, and even before that time, a lobbyist was kept at Ottawa, and at the hearing before the committee, the objections to this clause were presented by

this lobbyist; yet in spite of all these objections, the committee reported the amendment to the House.

There are numerous other amendments to this proposed Lord's Day Act, and every one of them grants the privilege (?) of working on Sunday to those who, if they have any conscientious scruples in the matter, believe that Sunday is the Sabbath. And it is among this class that the "150,000" mentioned above are found, if indeed it is true that there are that number who are "robbed of their Sabbath rest." They are not found among Jews and Seventh-day Adventists. But the Methodist Conference has no protest to offer against the amendments which permit these men to be "robbed of their Sabbath rest."

It remains to be seen whether the Dominion Parliament will remain true to the principles of religious liberty, or whether they will yield to the influence of this protest.

AT THE Anglican Synod just closed in Toronto, Mr. H. T. Beck, speaking on the subject of the Lord's Day Committee, said that the Lord's Day Alliance busied itself unnecessarily with private affairs. Just so.

THE WILLIAMSDALE ACADEMY

WE ARE NOW nearing the close of the first year of the work of the Academy, and some will go out, perhaps never to return. Others will go to their homes to return in the fall; and still others are going to the field to take up Bible work and thus prepare themselves by a practical experience

to do the Lord's work. We are very grateful that at least two of those who are here this year are preparing definitely for this line of work. Some will remain at the farm and attend to the work during the vacation, and will take up school work again this fall when school opens, Oct. 3, 1906.

We are making some improvements in the school this summer, which with our present facilities, will enable us to care for about thirty students during the next year. We are glad to say that the greater part of this number have already applied for the coming year. Any others who desire to attend should let us know of their intentions as soon as they can in order to secure their rooms.

We sincerely hope and trust that all who can will improve the opportunity now afforded to prepare for use in the Master's cause. God needs strong young men and women who will enlist for service. The cost to the parents is but a trifle more than the board of the child. Think of it—only six dollars per month if the child is willing to work three hours per day, or ten dollars per month when the student does only one hour's work per day; yet we are happy to report that even at this low rate we have been able to run the school this year without loss.

Young men and women of deep Christian experience are wanted, especially such as desire to enter the ministry and Bible work, to take up special work in this school next year. All such should correspond with Elder E. E. Gardner, or William Guthrie, Williamsdale East, Cumberland Co., N. S., as early as possible.

WM. GUTHRIE.

MID-SUMMER OFFERING FOR 1906

THE General Conference Committee has appointed June 30, as the Sabbath when the mid-summer offering for foreign mission

work shall be taken up in all our churches.

It is true that we have just made a collection for the Pacific Coast sufferers, and yet this fund, of course, does not in any wise assist or maintain the large number of workers we have in foreign fields. Our working forces in foreign fields have been considerably increased this last year, and other workers are planning to go, or will be on their way soon.

We have already sent several workers to different fields this present spring. Brother O. E. Davis and wife, recently called to British Guiana, are opening up work in the Demerara District; Brother Bond and wife left a few weeks since for Spain; Brother Jewell has gone to India; Dr. Marsh, Miss Kurtz, and Sister Whaley will sail June 2 for India; Brother Benson and Brother Anderson will soon leave for Japan and China; Elder Svensson left a few weeks ago for his home in Sweden, where he expects to spend some time in the interest of the work among his native people; Brother Geo. R. Israel and wife will soon leave for South Africa; and others are under appointment and will arrange to go at the earliest possible date.

The increased number of workers and the maintenance of those in the field make increased demands upon the mission funds, and of course necessitate the raising of larger donations for missionary work year by year.

We are all anxious to see the work closed up. The reign of sin has wrought great havoc among men; sorrow and disappointment are on every hand; convulsions of nature and war and trouble seem thickening. Everything indicates that our Master soon will come.

We hope our brethren will respond liberally to the mid-summer offering on June 30, and make it the largest that has ever been collected for our missionary work.

We wish the blessing of God to be with

our dear people everywhere, and give them liberal hearts in carrying forward the message that he has committed to our trust.

I. H. EVANS.

WORK FOR THE "SIGNS"

I TRUST that all our people in the provinces will see that all their neighbors have a copy of the Earthquake Special. It is not expected that you will give them one, but that you will sell them one. Some of the students at the school have been out and find that the papers sell at sight. Two of the boys sold a hundred in one day in the country, where the houses are not so numerous as in the city.

We ought to sell ten thousand copies in this conference, and we can sell them if we will go forth with the Lord's help and try. It is the one time of times when we can get this truth before the people. Let us be up and doing.

WM. GUTHRIE.

FROM THE FIELD

GALT, JUNE 11, 1906.

DEAR MESSENGER FAMILY,—

It was my privilege to meet with the Hamilton company on Sabbath, June 2. I was pleasantly surprised to see such a large company in that place. Hamilton is an important city, and these faithful brothers and sisters are holding up the light before their neighbors, some of whom are becoming interested.

I was pleased to find quite a number of young people there, and a fine class of children who are learning the principles of our faith. From these young people Hamilton ought to be able to furnish some workers for this field.

The following Monday was spent in Toronto. I was glad to see the kind faces of

Brother and Sister Noftsgger once more and find them of good courage.

We ask you to pray for the work in Galt.

Sincerely yours,

ANNIE M. JOHNSTON.

FROM ELDER THURSTON

OUR meetings at St. Thomas closed Sunday night, June 10, and all seemed cheered by the study of the Word. I was much pleased to meet Elder I. Sanborn at this meeting. Brother Sanborn is my father in the faith, and we had a good visit. He and his wife have settled in St. Thomas to assist in caring for Sister Sanborn's parents. The St. Thomas church has ordered two hundred and fifty copies of the *Signs*.

Elder Sanborn went with Elder Burrill to the next two appointments, and I turned back to the work in the East. I spent one day in Toronto and on Tuesday evening held a meeting at Lindsay, when Brother Niergarth was ordained elder of the church there. The attendance at this meeting was very good, and the work in Lindsay is moving on well.

The following night, June 13, I held a meeting at Peterborough, after visiting the believers at their homes during the day. Here I met Elder Washington Morse for the first time. Brother Morse is now ninety years old, and his hope in the coming of the Lord is bright as day. I enjoyed very much talking with him of the work in former days and the progress of the message up to the present time. Brother Morse has just returned from Perth Road, where for six or eight months he has been assisting Sister Mucklewee in her illness. He has recently sold a hundred *Signs* and has ordered a thousand more copies. He will probably attend the camp-meeting this year. It will do us all good to have some of the fathers in Israel like brethren Sanborn and Morse attend our annual meeting, and it

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will do them good too.

It seems that the work in Peterborough has been neglected; but we have so few laborers that we cannot do as we would. We need more faithful, earnest, God-fearing laborers for the harvest, and we are looking to our schools for help in all lines of work. We need more canvassers, Bible workers, medical missionaries, and ministers; and we begin to be encouraged as we see them forthcoming from our training schools.

I reached Ottawa on Thursday night, June 14, and will labor there for a week or ten days.

W. H. THURSTON.

Report of Tithes of the Quebec Conference for Quarter Ending Mar. 31, 1906

MONTREAL	\$104.53
SOUTH STUKELY	41.77
FITCH BAY	38.04
SOUTH BOLTON	38.52
ABERCORN	18.
KNOWLTON	15.10
NAMUR	2.
BALDWIN'S MILLS	.50
ISOLATED MEMBERS	11.
TOTALS	\$269.64

W. H. LIBBY, Treas.

Report of Tithes and Offerings of the Maritime Conference, Feb 1 to May 31

	Tithe	Weekly Offerings	Haskell Home	S. S. Off. to Missions
HALIFAX	\$73.96	\$2.62		\$3.27
TANTALLON	39.86	.50		1.09
INDIAN HARBOR		4.86		
JEDDORE	11.85			
SCOTT'S BAY	10.			4.04
TIVERTON	20.20	1.55	1.30	.22
WILLIAMSDALE	81.78	.84		4.12
ST. JOHN	70.76	5.50	4.13	3.40
HOPEWELL CAPE	48.32	3.27	3.75	3.25
MONCTON	43.07		5.03	4.95
CHARLOTTE TOWN	5.			3.04
GOSHEN	12.50			
INDIVIDUALS	12.50	5.20		4.19
TOTALS	\$430.39	\$24.34	\$14.21	\$31.64

ANNUAL OFFERING, HALIFAX \$1.60

WILLIAMSDALE .35

EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND, HOPEWELL CAPE \$3.

Appointments

No Providence preventing, we will hold meetings as follows:—

Albana, Sabbath and Sunday, June 23 and 24; Petrolia, Sabbath and Sunday, June 30 and July 1. At both of these meetings there will be opportunity for baptism. At the latter place we expect to organize a church. We hope to see a large attendance at both these gatherings.

Elder Isaac Sanborn will meet with the London church Sabbath, June 23, at the usual hour. He is among our oldest ministers. We ask that he may have a full house.

On account of the recent storm the Sabbath school Convention to be held at Selson, announced in the last issue, will be postponed until the fall.

A. O. BURRILL.

THE Rev. Mr. Tanner, principal of an industrial school for boys at Baldwin's Mills, Quebec, called at the Lornedale Academy a few days since for the purpose of getting some information with reference to the manner of conducting a school of this character. We showed him about the premises, giving him the desired information, and he seemed very much pleased. We trust that he may be able to accomplish a good work in that needy field.

The friends of the MESSENGER may be interested to know that our new pressman is Master Joe Currier.