

THE SABBATH.

Shall it be God's day or our day? Shall it be devoted to glorifying God or to pleasing ourselves? Shall it be a holy day or a holiday? Moses in speaking of the Jewish Sabbath said, "The seventh is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God—the Christian Sabbath belongs to God. To pervert it to unholy ends is desecration and robbery. John says: "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day. This is the only way to keep the Sabbath Day holy in the spirit and letter. The Sabbath may be a delight. Isaiah says, If thou turn thy foot from doing thy pleasure on my holy day and call the Sabbath a delight (not a blue law) holy, and honorable, then will I cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

There can be no permanent national greatness without a proper observance of the Sabbath. It is our boast that since the war Canada has become a nation, so from this standpoint we may speak of our national sins, not the least of which is Sabbath breaking. Many of our people find their own pleasure on God's holy day. This will, sooner or later, bring distaste in its train. During the past summer we have had thunder riven skies, torrential downpours of rain, and devastating floods. These are but a prelude to heavier chastisements from God unless we repent of our Sabbath desecration and cease it. Let all God's people resist this invasion of God's holy of holies among the days. Let all church members make this holy day one of glorifying God, worship and cessation from unnecessary labor. We speak to the church first, though all are under obligation to keep the Sabbath. No Sunday means soon or late no God and no church.

B. T. G.

EXTRAORDINARY TIMES.

Evangelist Foster spent Sunday, the 1st inst., at the Royalton Church and preached three stirring and powerful sermons to people who came from the surrounding country and crowded the church. The day was full of sunshine and delightfully warm. Brother Foster was at his best and to us he never preached better or with greater energy. The morning text was taken from 1st Thess. 4-3, "For this is the will of God even your sanctification." Showing that the charge was given that this epistle should be read unto all the holy brethren, that this Thessalonian Church was in good standing so that he (Paul) thanked God for them, yet they needed something more, something that would preserve them blameless unto the coming of Jesus. So it was left in God's will that they should be sanctified; so we also as Christians need and may have this experience if we make our consecration and allow the Holy Ghost to come in and cleanse our hearts from sin—giving us perfect love or charity that never faileth.

The afternoon lesson was the 23rd Psalm, emphasizing the fact that our Shepherd will not let us want for anything even during depressing times; never want for food or water either temporal or spiri-

tual, and the paths all lead to the Highway of Holiness.

In the evening the text was Matt. 20-6, "Why stand ye all the day idle?" His four chief points were, The sinner called to repentance, the believer to consecration, To go to work, and to meditate on the law of the Lord day and night. There was much conviction on the people—the Christians because they had not meditated or studied the Word as much as they should, and others for the fulness of the blessing. Five were at the altar for sanctification who prayed through to victory. Scores of testimonies were given and all were surely blessed. Praise the Lord!

Sunday, the 8th, Evangelist Lee Good was with us, and although it rained about all day, we had good congregations who were glad for the opportunity of listening to Brother Good again. He preached three times, warning sinners to flee from their sins, and urging the Christians to let the Holy Ghost come in to sanctify their hearts through faith in Jesus' blood, so that they would get established and live a victorious life; also encouraging the saints to hold fast to God amid all the testings they may have to meet with.

These sermons were full of rich food for the soul, a beautiful spirit pervaded and much freedom was manifested as testimonies were given, coming from honest and sincere hearts. Two precious souls were at the altar for sanctification while one was reclaimed.

These were extraordinary times for the Lord's people as they worshipped together in unity of spirit and I believe eternity alone will reveal the results; for these hundreds of souls who are determined to go through with Jesus whatever the cost, will surely let their lights shine and give glory to His dear name.

I. M. K.

WHY THE MISSIONARY GOT UP IN THE NIGHT TO PRAY.

Some years ago on the Island of Sumatra a man and his wife who were Moravian missionaries, were treacherously beaten and killed by the cannibal natives of the island. For several years no other missionaries were sent to this field.

At the end of this time another man and his wife became terribly burdened about this island. Although they well knew what had happened many years ago, they went to the Missionary Headquarters in London and asked to be sent out.

After careful and prayerful consideration the Board consented, and they started.

Almost as soon as they arrived there they realized that the conflict with the powers of darkness was terrific. Many times they had to get up in the night and pray for deliverance. And so the conflict went on. Night after night the struggle in prayer until the assurance of victory came.

One day one of the head men of the island came up to their home and said, "I want to see your guards." "We haven't any guards, sir," was the answer. "Oh, yes you have," the man answered, "and I want to search and find them."

He was given permission and searched every nook and corner, but could find no

one except two little boys who helped the missionary. When he gave up his search, the missionary asked him what he meant by their "guards." The man then told him this story: He said, "We formed a plan some weeks ago to kill and eat you and your wife just as we ate the other missionaries. We came right up to your bungalow and saw a number of guards protecting you. We were all terrified and returned home. We came the next night with the same results. Then we went to one of the most daring officials and told him the story. He said, 'I will go with you; I am not afraid of anything or any one.' So last night we all came. As soon as this official came in sight of the bungalow, he was perfectly terrified, and again we all ran back." "Now, said the man, "where are those guards?"

Then the missionary took him into the house, and opened the Bible and read to him, "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them" (Psa. 34:7). The incident had such an impression on the people that immediately all opposition broke down, and today there is a flourishing mission station there.

Innumerable other stories are told of similar miraculous deliverances wrought by our God in behalf of His children in answer to believing, prevailing prayer. May this account encourage God's children to pray for the missionaries as never before, that when they may be in difficult places, God's angels may succor and deliver and protect.—Sel.

THE PURE IN HEART.

There must be such, for the Lord speaks of them as a class. He recognizes them, makes promises to them, and predicates certain prerogatives or privileges of their estate.

Who are they? And how come they to be pure? The present tense "are" as to their state, in contrast with the future "shall" as to their reward, proves them to be pure now, and yet amidst the shadows and surroundings of a darkened world. They shall see God hereafter. They are pure in heart here. Were not they like all the rest, "leopards?" Who then hath changed their "spots?" Were they not all Ethiopians? Who hath changed their "skin?" How has a clean thing been brought out of an unclean, since all are conceived in sin and shapen in iniquity? Who hath delivered them from the body of death and made them pure from sin? There are not two answers but two parts of one answer. (1) "There is a fountain opened in the house of David for sin and uncleanness." They have washed and been made clean. (2) "The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made them free from the law of sin and death." They have received the gift of the Holy Spirit and have hearts purified by faith.—J. H. S.

Remember that, if you are a Christian, you are a giver, not of money only, not of culture only, not of teaching only, but of the dearest things man can hold—hope, energy, faith, love and a consecrated selfhood.