

## CANADA, BEWARE!

A little over a year ago, a group of business men in London, England, awoke to discover that they had lost, or at least were rapidly losing their Sabbath, as a day of rest and worship.

In order that they might have accurate information, and not be unduly influenced by casual observation, they had a general survey made, the results of which are given in part in the following figures, which tell their own tragic tale.

250,000 shops open in England every Sunday.

40,000 in London alone: Here the assistants lose their Sunday rest.

86,728 drinking places open every Sunday in England, twice as many as there are places of worship.

19 Sunday newspapers, containing much garbage published every Sunday. Circulation over thirteen millions.

85% of the population of London habitually neglect public worship.

500,000 crowd the cinemas every Sunday in London.

930,000 attended National Sunday League Concerts last year.

2,000,000 persons follow their ordinary occupation every Sunday, 1 out of 8 of the adult population. This means that two millions have lost their Sundays.

No wonder Mr. James Douglas says: "England has no time for God."

This survey was followed by the organization of an extensive and intensive campaign of legislation and of education, which is still in progress, designed to try to "recover" a day which they have already largely lost.

About the time that this survey began, the editor of a leading religious journal in the United States visited Canada for some weeks, and in editorial correspondence in his paper commended Canada on the manner and the measure in which she had so far succeeded in saving her Sunday. He then went on to deplore the fact that in his country, through the greed of gain and the love of pleasure, they were rapidly losing this "breathing space for the spirit," and stated that he was returning to see what he could do, with others, to "regain" the day, and restore it to its primary place and purpose. "Please note the word 'recover' used in England, and the word 'regain' used in the United States.

Is it necessary to point the meaning or the moral of all of this for Canada? The same disintegrating forces which have already wrought such havoc with the Lord's Day in England and in the United States are operating among us, and, given time and opportunity, will produce the same results here as there. It is worthy of note that the large proportion of Sunday business in the London survey is such as seeks to cater to those who would make Sunday a day of amusement. This class is rapidly increasing in Canada. The service station, the garage, the ice-cream parlor, the air-plane, the radio, the Sunday evening concert, all require Sunday labor, and deprive those so employed of Sunday rest and cultural opportunity. Hence we say:

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To "retain" or to hold what we have is our task, and it is very obvious that it is not going to be an easy one. It will be much easier for us to "retain" our day, than either to "recover" or "regain" it, if, for any cause or combination of causes, we allow it to slip out of our organized civic, social and religious life.

"Strange, we never prize the music. . . . ."

"Every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible."—Paul.

Outside the grace of God, nothing will develop sturdiness of character as the practice of self-restraint. Saints and rascals are not made in a day. We wonder why so many fall away even after having admonished others for years. Where did it start? The foundation was laid back there in the cradle when the child was permitted to cry at the top of its voice because he could not have his own way. Oh, that parents could only realize that they are fitting or unfitting their children for the tests of future life!

Many a man gets saved and perhaps sanctified, then fails, or to say the least, struggles through life, fighting a warped disposition that was largely developed in childhood. Mrs. Wesley did not allow her children to cry aloud after they were one year old, except when in pain. Her son John remarked that they were all "highly spirited enough," but the wise mother did not rob them of their personality, though she did suppress their carnality. No marvel then that they became real Methodists! There was a real mother in the background.

Why do men curse, commit adultery and suicide? Why do fair women fly into a fit of anger and act like Jezebel? Because they were not properly taught in youth to repress and restrain their feelings. Drunkards, gamblers and harlots did not just happen to become such all at once. Lack of self-control from infancy prepared the way for open violence in after life. They ate, drank, slept and spent money just as they pleased. On the other hand, evenness of spirit is not acquired in a moment. Little by little we either build up or pull down the bulwarks of character. Even after entire sanctification, in eating, sleeping, sight-seeing and a dozen other ways we strengthen or weaken the citadel of the soul. Thus we become either susceptible, or impregnable under the artillery of hell.

Dear friend, resolve now that through grace you will take yourself in hand afresh! Crush as you would a viper the first suggestion to evil; yea, the least departure from purity and righteousness. Remember all sin begins in thought! Like Mother Eve, or David: First, attention; then consideration; then gratification; then humiliation. If you would preserve integrity to the end, avoid getting near the border line of temptation. Detest a spirit of curiosity and prying into matters not your own. Be too dignified to itch for news or meddle with the affairs of others. Refuse to look the second time in the wrong direction! Cultivate the ability of bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

Control your own mental household and call back every wandering thought, as a wise parent would a child who goes beyond a safe limit. He who can do this in the Spirit, will not find it legal and irksome, but rather a blessed, wholesome rest and strength of soul. Yea, he who through Grace reaches and retains complete self-mastery as did St. Paul, will as surely be able to say, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."—2 Timothy 4:7-8.—Church Herald and Holiness Banner.

## SOME OF THOSE ATTENDING BEULAH CAMP MEETING 1932

Saint John, N. B.—Mrs. Wm. Stanley, Mrs. A. L. Bubar, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Ingersoll and children, Mrs. Short, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Foley, Alfred Foley, Mrs. G. B. Trafton, Wm. Trafton, Miss Ella McCarthy, Grace Lawlor, Alice Hudson, Mrs. Parks, Raymond and Laura Parks, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Minue, Miss Helen Grant, Mr. and Mrs. John Brawn and family, Miss Laura McLaughlin, Miss Gladys McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Cosman, Mrs. Parlee, Mrs. Charles Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sharp and family, Earle Sharp, Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Thomas, Rev. I. F. and Mrs. Kierstead.

Millville—Rev. S. G. Hilyard.

Maple Ridge—M. H. Young.

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