

Annual Report of the Society for promoting the due observance of the Lord's Day" and "Occasional Paper, January 1868," and from the latter (Document No. XXXV.) "Sunday Railroad Work," and circulars to Managers of Railroads, concerning the running of railway trains on the Sabbath.

We are heartily glad that the indefatigable labors of these societies have been owned by the Lord of the Sabbath, and that He has crowned them with a gratifying measure of success.

The thanks of the Committee are also due to the Rev. A. Dixon, Rector of Port Dalhousie, for a deeply interesting and soul-thrilling narrative of the burning of the propeller "Perseverance," and the awful death of fourteen human beings, on lake Ontario, on the 6th October last. This terrible sacrifice of precious lives and valuable property, he had no doubt, was owing to the inability of the crew to keep the necessary watch, from exhaustion produced by incessant toil on the Lord's Day. In his sermon soon after the sad event, he thus addressed his congregation, "I feel as certain as that I am now addressing you, that this mournful tragedy can be distinctly traced to the prostitution of the Lord's Day to the level of a week day.

To me it is plain that in all human probability, had last Sunday been devoted to rest as God intended, those unhappy men would have discovered the flames before they obtained so complete a dominion over the doomed ship. But they were jaded and worn out by the unceasing toil, and when the deadly foe stole upon them, they were in no condition to resist his advance until he had gained supreme and terrible power."

We cannot do better than close our report, with the following truthful and eloquent appeal. May it have its due effect upon all who peruse it.

"Brethren, neither individuals, nor companies, nor societies, nor states, can trample unscathed on God's ordinance. He is a jealous God, and will not suffer His honorable and holy day, to be insulted. And though things seem all fair and prosperous for a time, 'Be sure your sin will find you out.'"

P. S. The annexed invitation to the friends of the Sabbath, to engage in special prayer for the objects stated, kindly transmitted to us by the Secretary of the Lord's Day Observance Society, London, England, and received as we were going to the press, it is hoped will be cordially responded to by Christians throughout Canada.

"The committee of the Lord's Day Society, knowing the value of united prayer, affectionately request that all their friends will make special supplication, at some time between eight and twelve o'clock on Saturday night in each week, for a blessing on all efforts made to advance the Glory of God, by promoting Lord's Day observance, for the conversion to the truth of those who neglect or oppose the fourth commandment, and for the maintenance in the Christian Church of correct views and holy practice with regard to the Sabbath."