

notice that they will fine him if he publishes a lottery in his paper, and they declare that they will fine or imprison any one who buys a lottery ticket. What more could they do? Yet in the face of the sublime law of God prohibiting covetousness, and the Provincial and Dominion laws prohibiting lotteries, there are men so regardless of both God's and man's laws that they set up a lottery, and trumpet it abroad with as much boldness, as if the scheme had the sanction of God and the approval of Her Majesty's government.

This open and defiant breaking of our laws would not be so damaging to the morals of the people, if it were done by men of the world only. If it were confined to such a set of gamblers as that of the Louisiana, which is engineered by General Beauregard. But when it is done by those who are appointed to teach obedience to all Divine laws, and all right human laws, and when these violations are wrought under the cloak of religion, then such breaches of law are exceedingly injurious to the morals of the people.

When we think of this baneful influence touching our rising boys and girls, whom we are trying to train to obey God's Holy Word, and whom we are teaching to be faithful to the laws of our Country, it is unjust to us to have a man or a church set up a gambling scheme in our midst, that is a violation of both, and such an example is corrupting to our children on every hand. The promoters of this lottery have all the rights of law-abiding citizens of this town, but they have no right to break those laws which our Legislature enacted for the protection of our boys from becoming gamblers. And if the laws which I have read in your hearing this evening mean anything, they mean that lotteries are prohibited because they teach our children to gamble. When the law of God prohibits covetousness, and the law of my Country prohibits lotteries, I, as a citizen and a father most emphatically protest against the conduct of those fellow citizens, who have no regard for my common rights in setting up a gambling scheme, which before my children, is a violation of both laws, and a vicious example hurtful to their moral welfare.

A lottery is the worst form of gambling I know of, because it requires no sleight of hand, no knowledge of trickery, so that a child can participate in it. We all know that our young men learn gambling quite soon enough and easily enough from their ungodly seniors without the aid of a so called church. Gambling is carried on to an alarming extent among the young men of our town, and instead of a church lending its influence to establish them more firmly in gambling habits, heaven surely expects that its pretended representatives would help to save the young from falling into a gambler's grave, and a gambler's hell. Had this been the first grave violation of our law by a so called church, we might have been more inclined to pass it by, but for years this church has pursued this ungodly method of raising money for assumed religious purposes. This is the second Lottery that it has set up in this town during my four years residence in Yarmouth. And all over this Dominion from Halifax to Port Moody it has followed the same gambling course for raising money, almost from time immemorial.

Surely it is time that the law be carried out, and our community saved from the disreputable commotions created every now and then by the launching of a huge lottery.

If the law were executed as it should be, not only would the originator, but also every person who buys a ticket for a lottery would have to pay a fine of \$40 or go to jail for 30 days. If every man, woman, and child who buys a ticket for a lottery, were fined \$40, or in default were each sent to jail for 30 days, as the law directs, the lottery managers would soon find it necessary to adopt some more honorable and honest method for raising money for so-called religious purposes. This proper execution of the law would soon put an end to these disgraceful gambling schemes. I appeal to you Protestants to be true to your God, your Bible, and your conscience, and discountenance this lottery abomination whether Protestant or Catholic. Be willing to lose customers from yours business, be yours a grocery, furniture, dry goods, medicine or any other business, rather than by the purchase of lottery tickets you make it possible for your boy to throw it up into your face, that you encouraged gambling. God save us and our children from the blighting power that teaches that men may do evil that good may come, and that "the end justifies the means." Upon every brick of a church built with money gained by gambling there is written in invisible letters "Anathema Maranatha."