

to that righteousness which can alone exalt our nation ; and do incalculable injury to the minds and morals of of those for whose benefit it is professedly intended.

At the suggestion of your Committee, an extensive supply of *Books and Tracts* on the Sabbath, have been obtained from the American Tract Society. These are to be found at the Depository in this City. From the solidity of their matter, the beauty of their style, and the reasonableness of their prices, they are well worthy of being examined and circulated.

In the present aspect of the times,—the opening prospects of the Province, and the marked progress by which the Sabbath movement has been distinguished, your Committee would recognize fresh incentives to fervent prayer and devoted effort.

It is pleasing to observe that the *Press* has lent its powerful aid to the cause, more during the past, than any previous year. We should specially advert to the notice taken of our proceedings, and the admission given to our circulars, in the *Toronto Globe*, the *Montreal Witness*, the *Quebec Gazette*, the *Cornwall Freeholder*, the *Port Hope Echo*, the *Niagara Mail*, the *Simcoe Standard*, the *Christian Advocate*, the *Christian Guardian*, the *Record*, the *Presbyterian*, and the *Kingston News*. We would earnestly trust that the number of such papers may be increased, and a yet larger portion of their columns be devoted to the advocacy of a cause with which the future weal of our rapidly rising Province is closely wrapt up.

It is encouraging too, that such a favorable hearing has been obtained in Parliament. We shall await with intense interest the report of the Committee, and the fate of the Bill which has been promised.

It is most cheering also, to have the noble precedent of *Nova Scotia* to fall back upon. It gives a practical refutation, the most convincing, to the notion that our movement is utopian, and that the proposed change is impracticable—that if introduced, the entire machinery of Provincial business would be disarranged, and the utmost inconvenience experienced. The stoppage of mails, and the suspension of labor in the Post Office, have been tried in the sister Province for nearly

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