

(8) Legislation *re* Kinetoscope.

LONDON, June 1st, 1897.

To the Hon. Sir Oliver Mowat, Ottawa, Ont.:

DEAR SIR,—The Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec, acting on information received to the effect that you are bringing forward amendments to the Criminal Code dealing with the Kinetoscope exhibitions of prize fights, etc., has instructed me to forward to you the following petition, which was unanimously and heartily endorsed at its recent sessions in London.

PETITION RE THE KINETOSCOPE.

To the Honorable the Parliament of Canada:

May it please your honorable body: The petition of the "Woman's Christian Temperance Union" and the undersigned residents of

Whereas, The sentiment and laws of this land would make public pugilistic encounters impossible, and would arrest and punish the vendor of impure literature or immoral pictures; and

Whereas, By means of the Kinetoscope, or kindred device, a living moving representation of the recent Nevada prize fight has been produced, and other debasing pictures, such as immoral dances, etc., are exhibited,

Therefore Your petitioners humbly pray your honorable body to enact a law that shall prohibit any person, persons, or corporation, from exhibiting such pictures within the Dominion of Canada. And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Signed on behalf of the Convention,

REV. IRA SMITH, *President*.REV. D. M. MIELL, M.A., B.Th., *Secretary*.

OBITUARIES.

Moved by Bro. J. P. McEwen, seconded by ———

The name of L. G. Carter stands prominently identified with the industrial and religious activities of the Niagara peninsula for the past quarter of a century. For many years he was a trusted deacon and leader of the Port Colborne Church. More recently he filled a large place in our denominational work and councils. He was the originator, and only Chairman of the Niagara Association Church Extension Committee, a member of the local and general Home Mission Boards, and a generous supporter of every movement whose aim was the glory of Christ in the salvation of men. He was emphatically a good and true man, unassuming, gentle, sympathetic and peace-loving; but inflexible of purpose when opinion ripened into definite conviction. He was a brother much beloved. His praise is in all the churches and we wish to place on record our appreciation of his worth and work, and to assure our sister Carter, who so happily and sympathetically co-operated with her late husband in all his plans and movements, that our earnest desire and prayer to God are that the peace of Christ may rule in her heart, and that she may never fail to enjoy the blessed companionship of the Lord Jesus, whom she and her husband delighted to honor and serve.

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