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THE SABBATH AND THE LABORING MAN.

Whilst the Sabbath is a blessing to all classes it is an especial boon to the laboring man. One of the great hardships of the laborer is found in the fact that from Monday morning until Saturday night he has little if any opportunity for reading and study or any culture of his higher nature. The demands of labor exhaust most of his time and all his energies, and when the week closes he finds himself intellectually and spiritually at a standstill. The man of wealth can shorten his hours of labor, take an occasional holiday and thus make a Sabbath for himself if he chooses. The laborer, under present conditions, must be content to give his days to toil and his nights to rest, trusting very largely to the Sunday for the enlargement of his store of knowledge and the culture of his moral powers. Sunday is the only day of the week that gives the laborer his freedom, lifts him out of the realm of matter into the world of mind and places him on the same vantage ground as his employer.

Dr. Blaikie truly says: "The Sabbath is God's special present to the workingman; and one of its chief objects is to prolong his life and preserve efficient his working tone. In the vital system it acts like a compensation "pond;" it replenishes the spirits, the elasticity and vigor, which the last six days have drained away, and supplies the force which is to fill the six days succeeding; and, in the economy of existence it answers the same purpose as in the economy of income is answered by a savings bank."

Sabbath keeping prolongs the life, increases the intelligence and exalts the manhood of the laboring man. Every effort made in behalf of a continental Sabbath, every successful attempt in breaking down the sanctity of the Lord's day is a virtual war upon all the higher interests of the laborer. If the Sabbath is opened for industry and commerce, such is the competition of to-day, the poor man must forego the only favorable period of mental and moral growth. Nor is the mere opening of the Sunday to what some esteem harmless diversion, such as picnics, excursions and other public recreations, without its real danger to the laborer. In nations where it has been tried—Germany, for example—it has been found impossible to make the Sunday a holiday without making it to a great extent a day of labor. For the working classes in Germany Sunday is only a half holiday at best, often not that, and the religious element in it is like Gratiano's "two grains of wheat hid in a bushel of chaff." In fact, we cannot introduce the diversions of the continental Sabbath without its accompanying labor and corresponding enslavement of the poor. As a noted writer has well said: "Once take away the sacredness of the Sunday and you only open another day to the avarice and cupidity of man."

Accordingly we find that in all parts of Germany workingmen and employes are petitioning for their right to a day of rest. Petitions have been addressed to the Imperial Parliament asking for the suppression of Sunday work in factories and shops. In 1883 a petition signed by over 6,000 persons was presented to the German Reichstag asking for a law closing all commercial and industrial establishments on Sunday. Among the evidences of growing discontent in Germany among all classes—especially the laborers—with the continental Sunday is the "German Society of the Friends of the Workingmen and their Sunday," one of whose objects is thus stated: "To recover and conserve for the German people one day of rest after six days of labor; to promote the observance of this rest day as a day of worship and religious training, as well as a day of refreshment and of pure and lawful enjoyment."

It is quite evident, therefore, that whilst a few might profit financially by having our Sunday turned into a holiday, or in part into a day of commerce, the masses would lose in all that pertains to intelligence and morality, and that the laboring man has nothing to gain and much to fear from any public desecration of the Sabbath.

MR. GOLDWIN SMITH'S SPEECH.

Elsewhere we give a part of Mr. Goldwin Smith's speech at the recent Niagara meeting, including the portion omitted by the Toronto reporters, who were obliged to leave before its close. Looking with the eye of an impartial historian at the play of forces on this continent, he believes that the time will come when the inhabitants of its two great English-speaking countries will be again one people. It is not the expression of a wish, but of a conviction—the prophecy of a thoughtful student and observer as to the direction in which we and our neighbors are historically tending.

The ADVERTISER believes Canada's ultimate destiny is to become a great independent nation. Imperial Federation is scarcely more than a fad; the permanent continuance of our present subordinate colonial position is no longer by anyone considered possible.

Meantime, Mr. Goldwin Smith deserves the credit due to a man who has always the courage of his convictions.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

—The Trades and Labor Congress at Ottawa has passed a resolution affirming that the people of Canada should not be called upon to pay the salary of a Governor-General, in whose selection they have no voice.

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—There are over 170 cases of typhoid fever in Toronto, and the Mail asserts that the block pavement is more or less to blame. How so? London has plenty of block paving, but almost total immunity from typhoid fever.

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—The latest Dominion general election straw: Conservative Organizer Birmingham has been addressing secret meetings of the party in Elma and Wallace, Perth county. "The meetings," it is pointed out by the Listowel Banner, "are sounds of war in times of peace." Without a doubt of it.

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—There is something in a name. Compulsory Voting does not exactly express the full or true idea. Can any reader suggest the right term? The idea is that a chief avenue of evil would be closed if the duty of getting out his or her vote were laid upon each individual voter. What phrase will best express that idea?

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—Arizona miners are appealing to Canadian mayors to send them out wives. They say they cannot get helpmeets in that far-away territory, and they have a fund of $5,000 to pledge that they will be good husbands. Then let them take their money and come east for wives. A matrimonial "blind pool," as the saying goes, is scarcely to be relied on by either party to the transaction.

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—If electricity as a motor power keeps on developing every man will soon be enabled to be his own horse; or, in other words, by taking a small electric motor in a carriage the average citizen can go careering through the country entirely independent of horseflesh. The motor will go right along without either drink or feed, a fact which will be learned with regret by the wayside Bonifaces who now manage to eke out a living by supplying "refreshments for man and beast."

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—At a workingmen's meeting in Toronto last night, a report was adopted in which it was stated that the wages of workingmen in England had increased 50 per cent. in the last twenty years. Not bad for a country "cursed" with free trade! By the way, wages are higher in Great Britain than in any of the nations of Europe that enjoy the blessings of "protection." Assuredly it is not true that a high taxation policy keeps up the rate of wages.

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—It has been calculated that in the twenty years from 1856 to 1876, Africa supplied Europe on an average with 1,500,000 pounds of ivory annually, besides 250,000 pounds imported to India, and 150,000 pounds to America, representing altogether at least 51,000 elephants. This enormous destruction of elephants is made to supply the civilized world with such things as billiard balls, umbrella handles and piano keys.

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—Dr. Ferguson, M. P. for Welland, addressing a meeting of his constituents, the other day, scoffed at the public men who are professing Christians. This Tory M.P. is a type of the men who do so much to bring life in the public service into disrepute. He would have the people believe that men who take an interest in politics, no matter what their professions, are scoundrels in disguise—unless, indeed, they adopt his views, sit on his platform, and pat him on the back. It was significant that on the platform beside this traducer of his betters sat the notorious Charles Rykert, who was driven out of the House of Commons, and who is reported to have vigorously applauded the sentiment that a politician who takes the Scriptures as his guide and quotes from them in support of his contention is certain to be in the wrong, and is merely a wolf in sheep's clothing. It was very kind of the Doctor to let the disgraced M.P. for Lincoln down so easily.

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—By the death of Rev. Dr. Williams, the Methodist Church of Canada was left with but one superintendent, and it is now proposed that at the ensuing General Conference the law of the Church shall be so changed as to do away with the dual superintendency. It is unfortunate that, for reasons which are well known, there has been a good deal of discontent with Rev. Dr. Carman, the present superintendent. Some of the causes are voiced by a contemporary which, referring to the addresses which Dr. Carman has been pleased to call "political sermons," sets him out in this rugged style:

> He (Dr. Carman) has never, so far as we have observed, said one word publicly against the protective tariff, which he well knows to be a crying sin of the age and country, but he could howl lustily, at a moment's notice, about the separate schools, which neither party has power to abolish; and from the Belleville paper we learn that, by private canvass, Dr. Carman succeeded in defeating the Reform candidate for East Hastings, Mr. Vermilyea. Surely the Methodist Conference can find a level-headed man—not an egotist nor a bigot—to elect to the General Superintendency. With his constitutional tendency to strain at gnats and swallow camels, Dr. Carman only requires time and opportunity to bring the Church into disgrace.

This seems to us a pretty severe indictment, but we happen to know that many Methodists in Western Ontario long since reached the conclusion that Dr. Carman, though an able man in many respects, has done the Church injury rather than good by his bitter tirades against politicians who failed to agree with him. It is reasonable to suppose, however, that he has begun to see the error of his ways, as it is known other gentlemen of the cloth who figured so recently as "party managers" have done.

The rise in the Elbe has flooded the royal castle at Pillnitz and the court has been transferred to Strehlen.

THE ANNEXATION CRY.

What Goldwin Smith Said at the Recent Niagara Meeting.

The reporters of the Toronto newspapers, being obliged to leave before the close of Mr. Goldwin Smith's speech, did not get the latter portion of his remarks, in which he referred to the disloyalty cry. An ADVERTISER representative, however, is able to supply the omission. This portion of Mr. Goldwin Smith's remarks has not, therefore, been hitherto published:

"Attempts are made (to which Mr. Longley has referred) to browbeat and gag us on the question of commercial union by asserting that commercial union carries with it annexation, and by branding its advocates with disloyalty and treason. I am not a statesman nor bound by the necessities of statecraft which may sometimes compel the politician to be silent or to temporize, and therefore I never shrink from stating as an honest citizen to other honest citizens my real convictions on any subject. It is my belief that the time will come when the English-speaking inhabitants of this continent will be again one people. One people they were in former days till an unhappy quarrel divided them, and one people, as I believe, in course of time they will be again. All the great forces, social and economical, have appeared to me during the twenty years which I have spent in this country, to be operating in that direction. That I frankly avow this conviction is the surest pledge that I am not engaged in endeavoring to bring about the result which as an observer I think I foresee by any indirect or clandestine means. But why should commercial intercourse with our neighbors, however unrestricted and profitable, necessarily bring about political union? Cannot you buy of a woman without marrying her? Did the large measure of reciprocity which we once enjoyed bring about annexation or show any tendency in that direction? Did it not rather act the other way by satisfying our people with the existing political institutions? Why, then, should a still larger measure or even unrestricted reciprocity bring about that dreaded result? What sort of a nationality would that be which depended for its existence on a customs line? Suppose we were enabled to do without customs duties, would that be the death of our nationality? Why should commercial intercourse with the Americans be more fatal to our political independence than social intercourse and intellectual intercourse or financial intercourse or railway intercourse, each of which is every day increasing? You are actually mingling your blood with that of people from whom commercial restrictionists would have you so jealously keep apart. There are believed now to be not less than 1,000,000 of Canadians on the other side of the line. 'Bombard New York,' said a citizen of Toronto to me the other day, when one of our fire-eaters had been brandishing that threat, 'why, my four sons live there!' Look at the Canadian Pacific Railway. It was to have been purely and exclusively Canadian. Not an American was to be suffered to profane the great national and separatist enterprise by having anything to do with it. Behold: an American is its president; an American was its vice-president; an American has just been elected one of its directors; an American firm was in its syndicate; it is connecting us at all points with the American system; and at this moment it is an anxious applicant for bonding privileges through the State of Maine. Protectionism, whatever it may be as a fiscal system, is a policy of political corruption and of international hatred. They want to hoist the flag of international hatred over our very schools under pretense of honoring our historical anniversaries and to bring up our children in enmity to their neighbors. They appeal to the heroic memories of those who fought and bled for Canada here at Queenston Heights and Lundy's Lane. I appeal to those memories too. Those men did their duty to their country on the field of battle; were they alive they would be doing their duty to her now by furthering her best interests and setting her commerce and industry free. Those who did not share their heroic deeds have no right in their name to perpetuate the feud."

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