

Sabbath school in which your children receive all or nearly all the training they get in Bible truth are as important as municipal affairs? Are sidewalks and street improvements and gaslight and such things more important than the morals and souls of your children?

Mr. B.—Certainly not.

Mr. A.—And do you think that the business of the Church in which you and your family worship God, and the business of the Sabbath school in which your children are being trained, can take care of itself if no one pays any attention to it?

Mr. B.—Certainly not. A Church cannot run itself. Nor can a Sabbath school. Somebody must attend to such things.

Mr. A.—Now, Mr. B., just look at your own case. You have just acknowledged that you have been electioneering for over a month. You have taken an active interest in the political and municipal elections. You have spent both time and money in helping your friends. How much money you spent no one knows but yourself, but I venture to guess that you have spent more money on politics during the last month than you have given for Church purposes during the last year, and more time than you have spent in Church work all your life.

Mr. B.—Wouldn't like to say.

Mr. A.—Now, Mr. B., I ask you is this right? I have no quarrel with a man for taking an interest in political and municipal affairs. That is right. We want this Province and all its municipalities well governed. But do you think it is right for a man to give all his time and spare cash to politics, and neglect his Church? How long would the Local Parliament and the Town Council keep the country from going to destruction if there were no Churches in it? Do members of Parliament and councillors help you when you and your family are in trouble? Do they pray with your dying, and bury your dead? Honestly, now, are there not many things which the Church of God and the Church alone can do for you and yours, and yet you confess that though you have spent a month of time and much money electioneering, you don't even know that your own congregational meeting will soon be held!

Mr. B.—I am ashamed of myself, and will try to take more interest in Church affairs in future.—*Knoxonian, in The Canada Presbyterian.*

In prosecuting the work in the Province of Quebec the Salvation Army encountered the opposition of the mob. This was effectually checked by the strict application of law. Now they have to encounter another form of opposition. Cardinal Taschereau issued a letter which was read in the Roman Catholic Churches, forbidding all Catholics, under pain of committing mortal sin, to attend the Salvation Army services, and enjoining upon them to purchase or accept no more of the Army's devotional publications, and to commit to the flames all such publications as they may already have in their possession.

## Correspondence.

### MR. HALL'S LETTER.

(FROM ENGLAND)—NO. 4.

DEAR EDITOR,—Before this communication reaches your readers we will have landed on the shores of a new year; let us devoutly pray that we may find rest and blessing in all the journey through the unknown land. Every bit of news that reaches me from your side of the water is interesting, though some of it has been very sad. What changes have even three months brought about! Friends from whom we parted have since been called up higher, and we shall meet them no more in this changing sphere. Others have crossed the old ocean to give their services to God and humanity under different conditions. These we will greatly miss in private and in public, in the days that are to come. But

God buries His workmen  
And carries on His work.

It is our duty to toil on in faith. We are not responsible for results—only for work. The longer I am engaged in hard service for the Master, the more I love it. It is surely an honour to be called to the post of danger and of difficulty in His service. The rest and the reward will come by and by to each of us, as it has come to our revered Dr. Wilkes.

I am still in the North of England, but I expect to finish here next Sunday. Since I wrote you last I have been in

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a suburb of Bradford. Here there is a very fine Congregational Church, built by the late Sir Titus Salt, after whom the place is named. The style of architecture is Italian, massive and grand, both exterior and within, having a charming peal of bells—the first Nonconformist place of worship I have visited having the music in the tower. The service is as elaborate as the building, a ritual, which is principally chanted or sung. The acoustic properties of the building are not good. I had to talk at about half my usual speed to be heard. The Rev. J. A. Hamilton is pastor—a small man with a big brain, and, I think, a large heart. Last year was the first time this church put the Colonial Society among the objects of its support. I was rejoiced to find so much interest manifested in our work. I was the first deputation, and from what several of the friends said to me, I think a more liberal support will be given in future. One lady told me she had not heard of the society before. I find in many places the contributors to missions do not distinguish between London, Continental and Colonial missions. The Colonial is the least known, and the last thought of, in almost every place. The same Sunday I visited