

LAW AGAINST SABBATH PROFANATION.

During the wet weather towards the end of harvest an appeal was made to your Committee by a Minister of the Gospel to the effect that out of door labor was carried on during Sabbath hours in storing grain, &c., wishing for action on our part. Your Committee judged it best after due deliberation to have printed 2,000 copies of an abstract of the Act Victoria cap. XLV., entitled an Act to prevent profanation of the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday, in Upper Canada. This was done accordingly, and several hundreds sent to different clergymen for distribution amongst those whom it might concern. A considerable number found their way also into the hands of persons frequenting the market, the residue being reserved for future use.

Your Committee now proceed to give some account of the progress made in Sabbath observance in other parts of the world, commencing with our fatherland.

GREAT BRITAIN.

THE CRYSTAL PALACE.—The opening of the Crystal Palace and gardens on the Lord's Day has often been matter of complaint. We are happy to say that there is now a prospect of this evil being done away with. Our respected cotemporary, the far famed Society for Promoting the Due Observance of the Lord's Day, says:—"The Palace and gardens have been opened first to shareholders, of whom it is believed the average attendance does not range above fifty, and next to shareholders and their friends, on what are called free Sundays, of which there have been two in the past year, some 6,000 or 7,000 being present on these occasions. * * * A spontaneous local effort has just been made by gentlemen living in the neighborhood of the Crystal Palace, to induce the Directors to stop these admissions to it on the Lord's Day." It is hoped it may be successful, as many holding season tickets, and not a few shareholders, have signed a memorial, addressed to the Directors, which has been courteously received, though no pledge was given that the prayer would be granted.

SUNDAY EXCURSION TRAINS.—Indefatigable efforts continue to be made to stop the running of excursion trains on the Lord's Day, and to run in lieu of these additional cheap trains on Saturday and Monday. The system of running excursion trains on the Lord's Day is a crying evil in England, and we cannot use too strenuous efforts to prevent similar Sabbath desecration in Canada. It appears from the admirable Report of this Society, to which we are indebted for almost all we know respecting Sabbath profanation and reform in other lands, that some 1500 persons are transported by railway cars and steam vessels to Boulogne alone, Sabbath by Sabbath continually, the consequences of which migrations are displays of the most odious features of English dissipation and ruffianism, impressing upon Frenchmen sentiments of contempt towards their insular neighbors. The Rev. GEORGE GASKIN, a resident minister, states that "drunkenness, vulgarity, quarrelling, buying in the shops and at the stalls, cabs with noisy occupants driving through the principal streets, wine shops and cafes filled with boisterous company, are not surprising results when hundreds and thousands of men and women, many of whom glory in