

# Gospel and Song Service,

SABBATH EVENING, 8.30.

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## SABBATH DESECRATION.

At a special meeting of the Toronto Ministerial Association held in the parlour of Shaftesbury Hall, the following resolutions relating to the Island services were unanimously adopted:—

“That whereas it has been brought to the notice of this Association that the Island ferry boats are running on the Lord’s day, contrary, as we understand, to an ordinance of the city, if not in defiance of the law of the land; and whereas, we fear this is only part of a concerted effort on the part of certain parties to degrade the Lord’s day from its proper position as a day of sacred rest and religious observance, into a season of amusement and dissipation; and, whereas, we believe this to be not only contrary to the teaching of the Word of God, and inimical to the interests of religion, but also fraught with danger to the men employed in running the boats, and of society in general; and, whereas, it has come to our knowledge that the religious services which have been recently conducted by certain of our number on the Sabbath afternoons at the Island have been urged as a justification of the running of these ferry-boats, therefore,

*Resolved.*—1. That while we should heartily rejoice in any legitimate and proper means that could be devised for supplying the people on the Island with religious services, and would cheerfully lend our aid to any scheme of this kind, we should most seriously deprecate anything which would even have the appearance of giving countenance to the running of ferry boats on the Lord’s day, or any other form of Sabbath desecration.

2. That while we fully recognize the right of every Minister of Christ to preach the gospel wherever and whenever he can, by proper means, get a congregation disposed to hear him; and while we have no reason to doubt that the esteemed brethren who have conducted religious services at Hanlan’s

Hotel on the Island on certain Sunday afternoons recently have acted from the purest and best of motives, yet, in view of the effect that it would be almost sure to have on the general question of Sabbath observance, and especially on the question of the running of ferry boats on the Lord’s Day, which we can only regard as an iniquity and calamity, we are decidedly of opinion that the continuance of the Sabbath afternoon services on the Island, by the ministers of the city, would be unwise and mischievous so long as these services are made a pretext and excuse for Sabbath desecration.

## A PENNY TESTAMENT.

Mr. Elliott Stock, Paternoster-row, is about to issue a pocket English Testament, with copious notes, references and introductions, three maps, and twenty-four illustrations, for one penny. The object of the issue at this exceptionally low price is to give Christian people the opportunity of circulating the Word of God throughout the length and breadth of the land at the slightest possible cost.—*Watchman.*

## WHOSOEVER.

Thou art inexcusable, O man, **WHOSOEVER** thou art that judgest; for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.

But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.

And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God.—Rom.

ii. 1-3.

# Young Men’s Meeting,

SATURDAY EVENING, 8 O’CLOCK.

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