

before the Alliance. The opinion as to how the appeal would issue is in bad taste, reflecting as it does on Mr. HarJy's views as expressed in the Legislature where he advocated the course which is now sought to be discredited. These inconsistencies we may leave to be adjusted by the Cabinet itself, but what we cannot afford to do is to rest contented with the situation as it now is. In the words of the famous minister, "Something must be done." That "something" the Alliance is called upon to discuss and we hope it will rise to its responsibilities.

NEEDS TO BE RE-INSTATED.

IN view of the interest taken at the present time in everything bearing on Sabbath observance, we add to what elsewhere appears in this issue the following extract from the latest issue of the *Christian Intelligencer* :—

"The *Pacific*, of San Francisco, Cal., laments the desecration of the Sabbath west of the Rocky Mountains, and enumerates a number of ways in which this is done, which tallies exactly with the ways in which the Sabbath is desecrated east of the Rocky Mountains. This desecration, this converting into a holiday the Lord's holy day, which all God's people deplore, is not sectional, has no dividing lines of mountains or rivers or seas; it is universal, north, south, east, west, all America and all Europe. The Lord's Day needs to be re-instated in the esteem and affection of all the people, and its sanctity restored and respected. What has been said so often on this page must again be said: God reigns; His reign is righteous, and He will surely punish the wicked, punish all who break His commandments, and despise His holy and revealed will. He will vindicate the wisdom and righteousness of His own holy institutions and ordinances. The laws that govern this universe do not make or enforce themselves. Behind all law is an intelligent mind and an executive hand. What men sow they will reap. If they sow the wind they will reap the whirlwind. Men everywhere need first to be persuaded by a knowledge of the terrors of the law, and then won by the entreaties of the Gospel, or by its revelation of the love of God in Christ Jesus. The world's need is a mighty baptism of the Holy Ghost, that man may have a due regard for the things which God has set apart as holy, and to be kept holy.

SUNDAY CAR RESULTS.

THE experience of Torontonians of Sunday street cars is gradually becoming like that of other cities in which there is a Sunday service. The cars run to the parks and are laden with passengers who prefer the works of nature, and the society of their fellows to a quiet hour of public worship in the church. High Park is a popular rendezvous, especially towards evening, and there does not seem to be any restraint on the part of the people to indicate that they desire to make a difference between Sabbath and week days. Occasionally there are scenes disagreeable and discreditable. A fight on Sunday has been reported from one of the adjacent parks catered to by the cars, and on the Sunday following rowdyism was complained of near the same place, indulged in by young men conveyed there by the car. On a recent Sabbath evening the people who went to church were not only disturbed by the rapidly passing cars—that is an experience of weekly occurrence—but in addition, some of the cars were crowded by young people who yelled and shouted at the top of their voice, as if bedlam were let loose. The eastern part of Toronto feels keenly the change from the Sabbath evening quiet, to the rude mirth of young men who travel on the cars.

The evil is aggravated by the fact that the Street Railway Company can control their passengers, but do

not seem to care how much of a nuisance is committed and offence given to the community so long as they get the traffic and its profits. The people of Toronto are certainly having an object lesson in Sabbath desecration.

PRESIDENT ANDREWS' RESIGNATION.

IT goes without saying that the professors of a College are rightly subject to certain control by the authorities of the college, but at the same time should possess every reasonable freedom in the study and teaching of their subjects. Therefore there is much mistaken sympathy with President Andrews whose resignation from Brown University has been announced. President Andrews is an ardent bi-metallist and has given strong expression to his opinions on that subject. In the opinion of some members of the college corporation the vigorous expression of these opinions was detrimental to the financial interests of the college and a committee was appointed to confer with the President. The result of the conference was that the President has resigned. Now, the President owed his first duty to the college in which he was employed, and there is no charge that his liberty as a student in his own department or as a teacher has been interfered with by the committee; learning was not threatened nor endangered. He prefers liberty as a public man to his position as the head of a college and so the matter ought to end.

WASTED MONEY.

SOME of our contemporaries across the line are figuring out the drink bill of the city of Washington per year. The amount is said to average \$5,000,000, a truly large sum. In the same city the expense of maintaining the work of all the churches amounts to \$500,000. The liquor money would according to a much quoted calculation buy the following useful goods:

250,000 barrels of flour at \$6 per barrel	\$1,500,000
100,000 tons of coal at \$7 per ton.....	700,000
200,000 pairs of shoes at \$3 per pair.....	600,000
200,000 pairs of stockings at 50 cents per pair.....	100,000
100,000 pairs of pantaloons at \$5 per pair.....	500,000
100,000 coats at \$5 each.....	500,000
50,000 overcoats at \$10 each.....	500,000
200,000 yards of flannel at 50 cents per yard.....	100,000
200,000 yards for womens' dresses at 50 cents per yard.....	100,000
100,000 books for a library at \$1 each.....	100,000
And pay for building 10 churches at \$30,000 each.....	300,000

Total.....\$5,000,000

This is a striking, yet fair way of putting the question. How far would legitimate trade be benefitted were the amount spent in spiritous liquors spent in such purchases as are here indicated? and how much more comfort would such an expenditure bring to the homes of hundreds of the citizens? How much better would morals be? and how much could be deducted from the crime bill? The drink question has a serious financial side, but it is a side fraught with loss only to those who spend money on liquor.

Dr. David McAllister, Pittsburg, at a recent meeting of young people said: "The Sabbath is not a church institution, but was given for man. 'The Sabbath was made for man,' is Christ's interpretation of it. It was given to God's people for a sign. When one observes God's law he gives a sign that he belongs to God. If the nation requires its employes to cease work on the Sabbath, it gives a sign that it obeys God. If the Church or nation permits those under their authority to violate the Sabbath, the guilt rests on them, as well as on the individual. God's punishment follows. Of old, God required His Sabbaths to be returned in the rest of captivity. Now He requires it of us by the enforced idleness of our mills, and the failure of our crops."