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The Supreme Court of Massachusetts has decided that Jews who keep Saturday as the Sabbath must also observe Sunday without working, even though the shop is closed to the public.

We direct attention to the annual report of the Sun Life of Canada. It conveys to the policyholders a story of continued and ever increasing prosperity; and is a record of which the management may well be proud. In this connection it is but right to note that the Sun Life came out of the searching investigation by the Royal Commission unscathed; indeed, as the report correctly mentions, "the honesty and cleanliness in all its business methods have been brought out into the light as never before." It will be noted that the assurance in force has gone away beyond the million dollars mark. To this grand result we have no doubt the managers for Eastern Ontario, Messrs. J. R. Reid and Son, contributed their fair quota.

Referring to the death of Rev. P. McF McLeod, the Vancouver World notes the following statement regarding a prominent member of St. Andrew's church, under Mr. McLeod's ministry: "Mr. McLeod was pastor of St. Andrew's church, Victoria, from 1888 to 1898. He was an eloquent pulpit orator and drew large congregations. Under his pastorate the present St. Andrew's church was built at a cost of \$60,000. All or nearly all of this sum was subscribed by the late Hon. John Robson, then premier of the province. Mr. Robson later died in London while there on official business. As he entered a cab his thumb was caught between the door of the cab and the casing. The injury was supposed to be slight, but Mr. Robson died six days later from blood poisoning."

### A MISSIONARY'S DEATH.

On the 1st of March Mrs. Mackay, relict of the late Rev. John Mackay, the noted Indian missionary, died at Mistawasis, near Prince Albert, Sask. She was a daughter of the Hon. Robert MacBeth, of Kildonan, and she and her husband accompanied the Rev. James Nisbet and Mrs. Nisbet when they went to found the work of Indian Missions at Prince Albert. Mrs. Nisbet and Mrs. Mackay were sisters, one of the brothers is the Rev. R. G. MacBeth, of Paris, who is the youngest of a family of twelve. When the work at Prince Albert became settled, John Mackay and his wife went out with the Indians to the Mistawasis Reserve, where they did splendid work. The rebellion of 1885 broke out near the Mission at Duck Lake and the Indians of Mistawasis were called to join the then victorious rebels, but such was the influence of Mr. and Mrs. Mackay that the powerful chief and his braves remained loyal. Had they risen in rebellion they might have wiped out the settlements all over the district. Mrs. Mackay, who survived her husband, continued to live at Mistawasis, and up till her death, which was somewhat sudden, took great interest in the work.

In this day of the great progress of the West we should honor those who did so much to hold the country at peace in the critical early times.

### THE GREAT TROUBLE.

At the Paris Presbytery the subject, "Why does not the Church appeal more to men," was discussed in a vigorous fashion by Mr. W. B. Wood, an elder from Brantford. His main points were that the trouble was more acute in the towns and cities than in the country, because social distinctions were more marked. Wealth, unless consecrated, weakened rather than strengthened the church, because it made her proud and indifferent, blind to her true mission and fond of material display, and this made a chilly atmosphere for the poor man, and he cut loose. The chief trouble was, however, traceable to three great roots, viz., the neglected home, the defective Sunday school, and the unfaithful church. The elders and ministers did not come into close and frequent contact with the homes and the schools of the church, and, as a rule, their visits were lacking in spiritual tone. The church was starving its own children and crippling its spiritual energies by its failure to teach the truth to the young people. Its work never appealed to the man, because it had not appealed to the boy. The boy had no evidence that church people were better than others, and men did not believe that the church cared anything about them. The church was half dead, and would never get rid of its appalling indifference until it had the vision splendor of Jesus Christ laying down His life for all men. If the church wanted to appeal to men it must go after them, letting them feel the warmth of its hand and the glow of genuine love in its face, and tell them over and over again the old, old story of God's wondrous love to man, and the preaching of the truth must be backed up by concrete examples of its power in the lives of men and women.

### GENERAL BOOTH IN ONTARIO.

The visit last week to Canada of General Booth, the noted chief of the Salvation Army, created general interest. His address at Toronto, Ottawa and elsewhere were widely circulated through the newspapers, and he received many deserved marks of personal respect from the Governor-General, Premier Whitney, Hon. Geo. P. Graham, and other leading men.

It is perfectly true that the Salvation Army has done and is doing a work more or less neglected by the churches. Its work includes much self-sacrifice. While the ministers of some churches are splitting hairs over higher criticism, and lower, unsettling the faith of some, and doing no particular good to any, the Salvation Army is actively searching for the submerged and lost, striving to bring them new hope through the simple Gospel of Jesus Christ. They go after the lost sheep.

At Toronto General Booth said the Army chose the masses of misery for its field, and, if they had no other recommendation, they formed the majority of mankind.

"If a man has fallen on the slippery pathway of life," he said, "and he does not want to get up, let us show him what a fool he is; and if he wants to get up for heaven's sake help him up. That is what the Army seeks to do. That is what you would do with a horse that slipped on your streets. The cries of men and women and children fall on my ears day and night, and I cannot sleep for thinking of them, and I should not sleep were it not for the little that I have been able to do. If you can convert a professor, or a chairman of a Canadian Club, as the Salvation Army seems to have done, I think there is hope for these poor wretches. Oh, sirs, what stories I could tell you, if I had time and you had the patience to listen, of the marvellous conversions that have been effected, of grey-headed sinners and young desperate sinners, marvellous things wrought by the power of God and human kindness."

### CHURCH UNION IN AUSTRALIA.

If the Presbyterian and Anglican churches of Australia find some method of union acceptable to each communion as it is indicated they are likely to do, the clergy and ecclesiastics of that region must be awarded the palm for practical Christian fraternity. They constitute the two most powerful denominations of that commonwealth, and their leaders have recently been in conference over a proposed combination of forces. It would be difficult to imagine two polities more diverse than those which place authority respectively in the people and in the bishops, but members of the conference have given out that their task is by no means hopeless. So far, the best of feeling prevails among all the conferees, and while a sub-committee is in session over certain details, the other members appear to be upon most delightful terms with one another. In a few weeks at the furthest we will know the probable result of the negotiations.

The assurance that God will wipe away all tears from our eyes should stimulate us to wipe away the tears of others.