

thoughtful petitions, showing that they are in right earnest in their determination to have the Lord's Day decorously observed according to His commandment and the law of the land—thus to obtain His blessing and promote the highest interests of His people; and that they will avail themselves of every legitimate means within their reach, such as the pulpit, the press, public meetings, etc., to form and call forth the expression of public sentiment, till they succeed in securing for all the servants of government their rightful rest of the Sabbath.

CLOSING OF PUBLIC HOUSES ON THE SABBATH.

Before the passing of the law prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors from Saturday at 7 P.M. till Monday at 6 A.M., much evil and crime resulted from unrestrained access to dens of iniquity on the Lord's Day, and the peace of the inhabitants of this and other cities, towns and villages, was liable to be, and frequently was disturbed, and their moral sensibilities wounded, when going to or returning from places of worship. Since that time the Sabbath has been more decorously observed.

BAKERS.

Your Committee rejoice to say, that at length the right of day instead of night work has been yielded to the journeymen bakers of this city. It may be remembered, that efforts were made by the Committee in 1867, as referred to in the report of that year, to obtain this boon so long withheld from them. We believe that both masters and men derive benefit from the salutary change which has been effected this year, and would not now revert to their former custom of turning night into day and day into night contrary to nature's law and their own happiness. Thus a barrier is presented to intemperance and Sabbath breaking; and men having sleep in due season, it is probable will be more disposed to attend to divine things on the Lord's Day, and better fitted to receive "the engrafted word which is able to save their souls."

We hope that in other parts of Canada, day instead of night work may become the rule in all bakehouses.

REGIMENTAL BANDS NOT ALLOWED TO PLAY MARCHING TO AND FROM CHURCH ON THE LORD'S DAY.

Your Committee owe a large debt of gratitude to Major General Russell, C.B., for having in 1867 put a stop to the playing of regimental bands of music on the streets of this city, when marching with their regiments to and from church on the Lord's Day. The same boon was, it is believed, extended to other cities of his military district in Canada.

II. EVILS TO BE DEPRECATED AND STRIVEN AGAINST IN REGARD TO SABBATH DESECRATION.

There is still a host of these evils, and it is a formidable one. What are we to do? The psalmist and the evangelical prophet answer the question. Let us listen to their words, for they are the words inspired by the Holy Spirit for our instruction and guidance. "Wait on the Lord; be of good courage and He shall strengthen thine heart, wait I say on the Lord." "Thus saith the Lord, Keep ye judgment, and do justice; for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed. Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil." It is evident from this passage, and others which

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