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"Uneasy lies the head," etc. Within little more than a year there have been four attempts to kill royal people, not because they were oppressors or wrong doers but simply because of their position. Two of these attempts were successful, two failed.

The Empress of Austria was in Switzerland. She was walking with a lady in waiting. Few were near. A young man stepped up behind and stabbed her fatally. There is no capital punishment in Switzerland. He was simply imprisoned for life, and there gloats over his deed and over other similar attempts that are making. Some three months ago the Prince of Wales was travelling through Belgium. He had just stepped into a railway carriage. A young man stepped to the car window and fired but missed. After the mockery of a trial by Belgian authorities, it was announced that the would-be murderer had escaped. King Humbert of Italy a few weeks ago was returning from a fete where he had been distributing some prizes amid the huzzas of a loyal people, when he was shot by an assassin. More recently, as the Shah of Persia was driving in Paris, a man sprang to the carriage steps and attempted to shoot him.

Investigation reveals three things:—

(1) That these are not merely the acts of hair-brained fanatics or fools, but the result of widespread plotting in secret societies and a determination to rid the world of

rulers. It aims not merely at crowned heads but at law and order. It is fraught with peril to the social fabric and to individual safety and life, for these depend upon the enforcement of law.

(2) That the would-be murderers are mostly young men, some of them very young, with abundance of misguided rashness and but little experience or judgment.

(3) That they fear God as little as they regard man. Men are atheists before they are anarchists. They throw off the laws of God (if indeed they ever knew them) and then the laws of man.

For this craze of king-killing, this rebellion against authority, as for all other of the world's ills the cure is the wider knowledge of the Word of God, that "Law from heaven for life on earth." Let it be distributed among the people, taught in the schools, and anarchy will die out.

Canada has practically never known such ills. The way to keep it obedient to the laws of man with its incoming throngs from various lands, is to keep it obedient to the law of God, and this can only be done by a vigorous and earnest prosecution of the various lines of work that extend the knowledge of God's word, our Sabbath School work, our Home Mission work. Where these flourish anarchy will hide its head, and in the extension of these every one may have a part.