

expansive brotherly kindness, shewn in counselling the perplexed, feeding the hungry, visiting the fatherless and widows in their affliction, as well as instructing the ignorant and pointing out the better way to those that err, will commend the Sabbath more powerfully than mere outcry and denunciation. Still, you have the privileges and responsibilities of citizens in a free country. You have a share of influence in the making of laws and the administration of government. You are called upon from time to time to exercise your franchise; and you can petition the Legislature. Amid the strife of contending parties let not the Sabbath cause be forgotten. You are entitled as citizens of a christian land to claim protection from disturbance in your enjoyment of the day of rest. And you are entitled to protest against any class of the community, and especially any class in the public service, being required to labour on Sabbath as on other days. The attention of the Synod, at its last meeting, was directed to the increasing disregard of the Lord's day, especially in the running of Special and Freight trains on the Government Railways; and the Synod resolved to memorialize the public authorities on the subject. We appeal to you for sympathy and aid in this matter, in the hope that the evil complained of may be at least considerably diminished, if not entirely suppressed.

ALEXANDER MCKNIGHT, *Moderator.*  
PETER M. MORRISON, *Clerk.*

[To be read from the pulpit on the first Sabbath of March, or as soon thereafter as convenient.]

PETITION TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMONS OF CANADA IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED, THE HUMBLE PETITION OF THE INHABITANTS OF—SHEWETH:

That your petitioners believe that the Creator of Heaven and earth, the Governor and Judge of the world, has blessed and hallowed the Sabbath day, and has commanded all men to whom his word comes to keep a holy rest from all secular employments on that day.

That the running of railway trains on the Lord's day in various parts of the Dominion is viewed by your Petitioners as a public grievance and wrong doing, of which they cannot too strongly complain, seeing it is depriving the men who work the trains of their Sabbath, and is destroying their moral and religious nature; disquieting the Sabbath rest all along the lines; showing to the general public a continuous example of daring Sabbath profanation; and finally exposing

the country which permits it to the Judgment of Him who claims the day as His own.

That we are informed that the law as it now stands provides no adequate protection to the Lord's Day as against the running of trains. Moreover, that the penalties provided by the Railway Act against all who may in any way interfere with the running of trains, are deterring Magistrates from acting in the matter when appealed to.

May it therefore please your Honorable House to adopt such measures as you may deem fit and adequate to put an end to this public grievance and wrongdoing, and secure to our Land the quiet enjoyment of an Institution blessed and hallowed of the most High, and ordained by Him to be both a main fountain and safeguard of morality, order and national prosperity.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

## THE TRINIDAD MISSION.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT BY REV. JOHN MORTON, 1882.

The work of the year has been conducted much on the lines indicated in last report. The year has been a prosperous one for estates in this district. Labour has been in steady demand. Quiet and health have prevailed among the labourers. And there are indications of steady though not rapid progress in our work. With thankfulness to God for the mercies of the year, I submit the following details:—

*The Caroni.*—Services, Hindi, 8 a. m., English, 9.15 a. m., Sunday-school 2 p. m. Teacher, John Dharm. Number enrolled in eight months eighty-one. Average daily, twenty-five. The attendance at the Hindu service has been pretty regular but as there are on the estate a large proportion of new immigrants we have here to deal for the most part with men whose minds are still strongly under Indian influences. The attendance at the school has been singularly irregular, the number enrolled being out of proportion to the average daily attendance. The cause of this has been removals at the close of the crop season, the state of the roads in heavy weather and sickness, largely sore, among the children. But there has been a good evening class for men and larger boys who are at work during the day. This is an exceedingly desirable arrangement as tending to promote industry and intelligence. If to