

WORK OF THE ALLIANCE

Interesting Address Delivered in Methodist Church by Rev. W. G. Hanna, Associate Secretary of Lord's Day Alliance.

Rev. W. G. Hanna, Associate Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, delivered an interesting and inspiring address in the Methodist Church on Thursday evening, Sept. 1st, in which he also explained the value and necessity of the Lord's Day Alliance and set forth Mr. Hanna's views on the subject. He also dealt with the Lord's Day Act, which he characterized as a fair law to be observed by all.

He explained that the Lord's Day Alliance was not in any sense a denominational organization, but all churches and many labor unions had united in the great work of preserving the sanctity of the day of rest. This was the great aim of the alliance, to set forth before the people the rights and privileges of rest upon the Lord's Day and then the church is in a position to do its duty. When the Lord's Day Alliance began its work there was no law upon the statute books of Canada that could adequately safeguard the civil rights of rest. The Lord's Day Act was finally adopted by our Canadian Parliament, and now Canada has without doubt the best law of any country in the world.

It has been the aim of the Lord's Day Alliance to seek the enforcement of this law, and to educate the people as to its contents. The Lord's Day Act has been in force in Canada three years and six months. Previous to this there were 150,000 men employed in different manufacturing and other concerns throughout the country who were working seven days in the week. The Alliance has been instrumental in this short space of time in freeing 100,000 men and providing them with a day of rest—an achievement well worthy of encouragement.

The speaker recited instances of where changes had been wrought as a result of the active workings of the Lord's Day Alliance. A few years ago in Dawson City there was absolutely no Sabbath work carried on on that day the same as any other day in the week. Saloons, gambling dens, dance halls were wide open; now the Sabbath in Dawson City is as well observed as it is in Winnipeg. At one time, in three prairie provinces, from the hilltops a dozen threshing machines and as many binders could be seen working on the Sabbath; now, this is a very rare occurrence, indeed. The Lord's Day Alliance was informed that from Kenora to the Western Coast postmasters and their helpers were working seven days in the week. A special representative from the Alliance was sent west to investigate these conditions. He found them as stated, made report to the Alliance, with the ultimate result

that post offices in the west have been closed on the Sabbath except perhaps in the northern and sparsely settled districts; but when these become more settled, then they will also be closed there. In Cobalt a year ago last February he paid a personal visit to that town and found things in a terrible state of affairs. Every drinking place, pool room, and other dens of vice were wide open on the Sabbath, and the day was given over to drinking and brawling. On returning home he laid the matter before the Attorney-General through whose instrumentality great changes have been wrought in Cobalt. No liquor is now allowed in the mining town, and the Sabbath in Cobalt is almost as well observed as in Toronto. Toronto policemen formerly had no day of rest. The Lord's Day Alliance has recently secured for these men two days in each month in which they are free from their arduous duties. At Sydney, Cape Breton, in the great coal mines there, 14,000 men laboured every day in the week, Sunday included. The Lord's Day Alliance was instrumental in securing for half of these men one day of rest every week, and the loading of boats or trains there on the Lord's Day is now entirely prohibited.

When a complaint is lodged against a party or corporation for violation of the Lord's Day Act, correspondence is opened with the one complained against, in which a warning is issued. If this has deterrent effects, the Attorney-General remonstrates with the parties; after which if no heed has been taken, prosecution follows. 98 per cent of all cases brought before the Lord's Day Alliance have been settled by correspondence—only two per cent being prosecutions, the latter in almost every case being corporations. The Alliance seeks to secure the observance of the law, not prosecution, their policy being conciliation, rather than coercion, and this attitude has been appreciated throughout the country.

The American Sabbath is fast passing away. A prominent speaker, Rev. Dr. Wilson, at a recent International Convention in Atlantic City, was responsible for the statement that during the last quarter of a century 10,000 churches had closed in that country, and 10,000 others may as well be, which is an appalling state of affairs. Reasons might be given such as fluctuations in the populations, economic conditions, etc., but the great reason was the passing away of the American Sabbath.

There is coming into Canada a vast army of emigrants every year, many from foreign countries, and the question is what shall we do with them, or what shall they do with us. The incoming thousands must be taught that Canada's Sabbath is sacred and must bow down to our laws that make for a day of rest.

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PERSONAL

Mr. Sam Leslie, of Thornloe, Ont., is on a visit with Markdale friends.

Miss Margaret Black, London, is visiting her uncle, Mr. R. H. Black, Euphrasia.

Miss B. M. Wilson visited Toronto friends and took in the exhibition for a few days.

Mr. John Shields left Tuesday evening for Orangeville and other points on a visit.

Mrs. John McEwen, Owen Sound, visited last week with Mrs. J. B. and Mrs. Peter Thibaudau.

Mrs. M. Dolan returned home on Monday after spending a week with her aunt, Mrs. R. W. Ennis.

Mrs. W. J. Rowe left Thursday for her home in Rochester after a pleasant visit here and at Owen Sound.

Mr. W. A. Roadhouse attended the Canadian Embalmers' Association Convention in Toronto last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Knott, of Thornbury, Ont., are visiting with the former's brother, J. W. near Wainwright, Alta.

Mr. and Mrs. Petch and family, of Griersville, visited at the home of Mr. William Myres, sr., last week.

Mrs. J. B. and Mrs. P. V. Thibaudau with Mrs. W. W. Kinney, are visiting O. S. friends and taking in the fair this week.

Miss Alice Comfort returned to her home on Monday at 19 Henry St., St. Catharines, having spent a month with her aunt, Mrs. R. W. Ennis.

Mr. Geo. M. McClurg returned to the city on Monday after a three weeks' holiday in town. Mrs. McClurg and two children will return later.

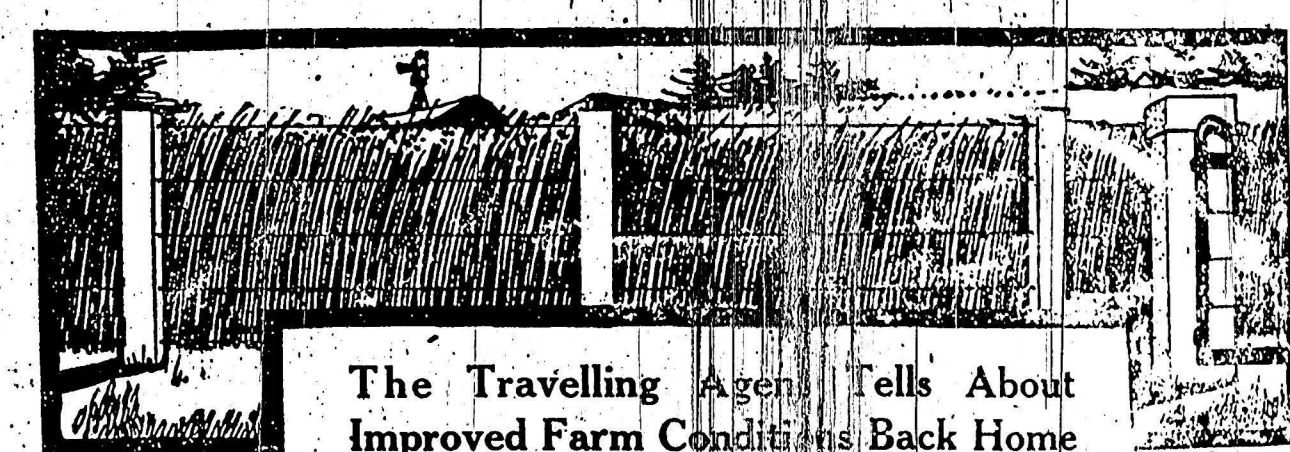
Mr. James Parkinson, of Toronto, and his sister Miss Sarah, of County Antrim, Ireland, paid Mr. Alex. Hall a short visit in town recently.

Mrs. C. G. Kearns and child leave this Wednesday for Toronto, there to join Mr. K., who has a situation with P. W. Ellis & Co., wholesale jewellers.

Mr. Loren Taylor, of Forestville, N. Y., visited last week with his cousins, Messrs. Will, Geo. Frank and Alf Taylor, and Mrs. R. W. Douglas, of Euphrasia.

Mr. Edgar Bellamy, of Saskatoon, Sask., who had spent Sunday with his parents at Flesherton called on Markdale friends Monday. Mrs. L. Bellamy, of Flesherton, and Miss Perkins, of Toronto, accompanied. Mr. Bellamy left again for the west on Tuesday.

How the Concrete Fence Post Came



The Travelling Agent Tells About Improved Farm Conditions Back Home

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"I remember how, years ago, it took my father and all three of us boys one whole day to harvest a certain field. The present owner of the place says that his young son now does that work in a single day, and so far as he can see he never ever has to mop his brow."

"Talking with some of the farmers in that section, regarding the methods of the present day, as compared with the past, I find that a very great saving has been effected by the introduction of the use of cement. The price of this article, when I was a boy, was almost prohibitive. In fact, we had hardly ever heard of cement at all, and when we did, it was more as a luxury—an article to mend the dishes in mother's kitchen—rather than as an article to be used out on the farm. Now, days, most of the boys have been learning how to use it, and no matter where you go you are sure to see something made of it."

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