

during past years. Hence, one sense in which the gift of Mr. MacDonald is most timely: we hope the utmost benefit will be gotten from it by the

province. The intention of the donor is obvious and praise-worthy, may the administration of it be equally commendable.

COMMENTS.

GREAT TRAVELLERS.

We are great travellers however fond we are of home. Every twenty-four hours we travel twenty-four thousand miles, without a jolt or jar. The fare is not costly in comparison with our railway fares. And how carefully the Conductor presents us with scenes of loveliness; welcome interchanges of light and dark, dawn, daylight, gloaming, murky midnight. The darkest night is sometimes the most splendid with its star-sown spaces. Our 24,000 miles per day is not our only exploit in the way of travelling. A thousand miles an hour is a brisk pace. It ought to be, it often is, decidedly exhilarating. But we do more than that—a very great deal more. We have to make a long journey through space, among planets, stars, meteors, keeping as closely as we can to the sun—a tremendous journey of more than five hundred millions of miles! That is the race you run, the space you traverse every year of your life. If you are sighing at your stay-at-home lot, just recall the fact that your annual journeying exceeds five hundred millions of miles. What is your pace per hour in order to complete this long race in 365 days? How many miles do

you travel every hour of the day and night? Roughly—(very roughly)—speaking, the number of miles is about 60,000. Think of that—60,000 miles every hour! Your pace of 1,000 miles an hour sinks into insignificance beside the tremendous stride of 60,000 miles an hour.

But there is really more to tell of your travels. The sun, as everybody now knows is a fixed star; but the fixed stars do move—every one of them. Some move at a swift pace—swifter, perhaps, than a meteor, or moon or planet. But what the centre is around which the fixed stars are moving, none can yet tell with certainty, and what the pace is of our sun with its great retinue of planets must be settled by star-gazers of to-day and to-morrow, or some day to come. Of this, however, we are quite sure, we all enjoy these three mighty movements around the earth's axis, around the sun, around the remote unknown centre of the sun's far-reaching orbit---

Ours is a vast world—a wondrous universe—and we travel through it, making our little rounds in our allotted years, feeling all the while that our universe with its complex motions is in the Hand of the Omnipresent God who guides all wisely and well.—Pres. Witness.