

who thru selfishness, trickery, cowardice and weakness brought even great nations to dishonor.

It is not enough to have influence. The important thing is that we should have the right kind of influence and use it intelligently. The influence we speak of is deep and lasting, working as the forces of nature work, in darkness or light, often unsuspected, but powerful, potent and unlimited. We think of the mother of Livingstone as an example of the deep, quiet and far reaching influence of a woman. A common-place woman no doubt some people thought her, and she probably thought herself so too, a woman, certainly, whose daily work was humble enough to all appearances. If any of us had seen her in her little Scotch home working at the homely, never-ending tasks, we would hardly have thought of her as a woman of influence. Yet those deft hands of hers were helping to mould all the while the life of the boy who became so great. For the boy, David, growing up under her influence, was to become that man to whom a whole great nation will always render loving homage. And so by using our influence for good it will grow and be a lasting and beautiful thing, blessing ourselves and others.

We would like to make an appeal to the women just here to join their local branch and decide to use your influence to help the good work along. The men have brought the movement along to its present standing. They have been the means of removing many grievances of the farmers, so with help from the women we feel we can go on accomplishing great results.

In joining the Grain Growers we should not forget that we are joining a missionary society. The church has demonstrated the fact that it is impossible to convert a soul on an empty stomach, so it first proceeds to fill the stomach and make the body comfortable and then work for the saving of the soul. The Grain Growers are missionaries endeavoring to bring about conditions whereby each individual will receive a fair compensation for their labor, and where it will be impossible for "special privilege" to exist, thus filling the stomachs of the individuals and enabling them to live in congenial surroundings and in that way going hand in hand with the church in bringing a little of heaven to earth. If we are to become a strong nation we must find a solution of this contest between capital and labor. There must be some system which will enable every man to feel his responsibility and stimulate him to do his best.

WM. ALLISON AT MELITA

Wm. Allison, secretary of the Souris District Association, held an organization meeting in the rural municipal hall at Melita on Monday evening, June 26, with a fair attendance of the leading farmers of the district present. At this point we had an association who rendered valuable services in the day of "small things," but was allowed to lapse, due to indifference or perhaps worse. The branch is now re-organized and has taken on a new lease of life, with every prospect of success for the coming days. The Rev. Thos. Beveridge, editor of New Era, Melita, and R. McKenzie, secretary Central G.O. Association, assisted Mr. Allison by giving addresses. C. O. Potts was elected president, and J. A. Ross, secretary-treasurer. A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 8, to complete organization.

GRAIN GROWERS' PICNICS

The Portage la Prairie Grain Growers are holding their third annual picnic at the Agricultural College, Winnipeg, on Friday, July 7. J. B. Reynolds, president of the college; R. C. Henderson, president of the Central Association, and G. F. Chipman, editor Grain Growers' Guide, will give addresses, commencing at 2 o'clock. Fare and a third for the round trip where ten or more go from one station. Street cars will leave the C.P.R. station every hour. Hot tea and coffee will be provided for those who take their dinner with them. The Elm Creek Association hold their picnic at Elm Creek on Thursday, July 6. Good speakers have been secured and a good time is expected if the weather is favorable.



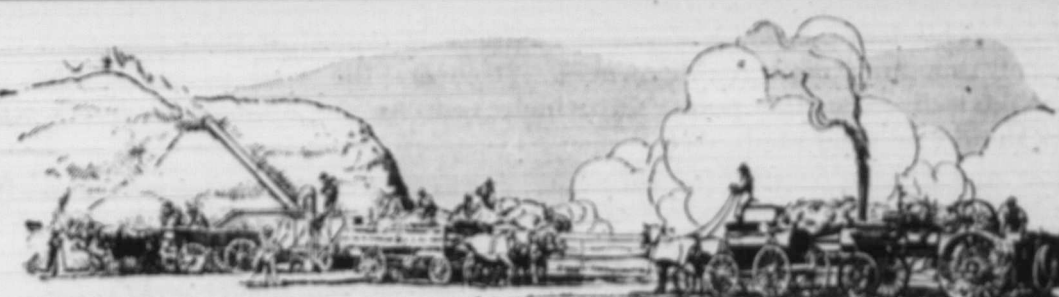
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