

We do not need, of course, to go to the *West*, to find the enemy that is warring against the Kingdom of Christ, of which we profess to be subjects. We find his ravages everywhere, and valiant battle must be done against him on all sides, if we are to gain the victory. In the East, the church has, to a large extent, overcome opposition, and mission work is pretty well overtaken; while in the West great dangers threaten our land, our church and the common cause of Christ. There is likely to be a large population in that "Great Lone Land," and unless the churches of Eastern Canada send the gospel to them, they must inevitably remain without it, for no other Christian country feels any immediate responsibility in the matter.

Statistics given by Dr. Robertson show that in some of the Western States, only one in 600 belong to any evangelical denomination. In California one in 400, while in the others it ranges from one in 300 to one in 11. He also showed from the evidence of competent witnesses, that the Western and Pacific States and to a large extent British Columbia, are practically without a Sabbath. In San Francisco only 25000 in a population of 400,000 are found in the house of God on a Sabbath day. Senator McDonald says of a Sabbath spent in Chicago "soon the busy day's work began" and then speaks of all kinds of waggons going to and fro on all kinds of business, through the entire day. Shops, theatres, and saloons were open, and there was every sign of business and pleasure. He thus concludes—"And this alas, is Sunday, and in a Christian land! This open desecration of the Sabbath is only an evidence of a general moral degradation. Where the Sabbath is not observed we find all forms of sin flourishing.

This state of matters is chiefly due to the fact that the churches, in the Eastern States, did not, in the right time, plant the standard of the cross in the West till now, humanly speaking, it would seem impossible to regain what is lost.

Our North-West will follow in the same path, unless the churches make great efforts to keep pace with settlement. In the "frontier" parts it is nothing unusual to see men working on the Sabbath. Village merchants, in some parts, do quite a Sunday trade. Wherever churches have been planted, this is not the case, showing what an influence the missionary has. Our West is new;