

house, where music, parlour croquet, or some of the many amusements which each follows according to his own bent, help for a time to make us forget the cares of business ; how is it with my workmen ? have I or my fellow citizens, ever thought, or cared, how such as they spend their evening hours ?”

True, there are religious meetings of various sorts which men may resort to every evening of the week ; but is it desirable that they should leave their families spending their evening hours from home, and if not, how is the working man to amuse himself ? not in reading aloud to his family certainly, buying a book in his circumstances, is quite out of the question —and such a thing as a public, I mean a Free Library, is unheard of in Canada. There are many such in the cities of the United States, none with us. Not in sitting by his own open door, beholding the sports of his children, in the quiet summer evening ; with his wages such a luxury is impossible ; the pure air of heaven which God gives to all his creatures, is polluted long ere it reaches his dwelling ; and there is pollution of a kind more to be dreaded, for his innocent children, in the language and actions, which characterize the denizens of that low street.

Father of Light ! Father of Love, how blind are they, who rear altars to Thy name sprinkled with the tears of humanity. Would to God, that every Christian in the land would say with firm determination : “Whatsoever others do, as for me and my house we shall serve the Lord.” I shall not defraud the hireling in his wages, but give unto each, as in the sight of God, the value of his labour.

Surely in this country, where in almost every walk of life, men who employ others make fortunes, the merchant or master mechanic of to-day, being the landed proprietor of to-morrow,—every employer is able to pay his men such wages,