

scribing the most orderly and best conducted of Sunday excursions, says : " There is more fancy than fact in the popular plea for Sunday excursions, namely, that they afford the wearied workingmen and their wives and children an opportunity to commune with nature, and look up through nature to nature's God. . . . The clerks and working girls who do not go to Coney Island on Sunday will come back Monday to their toil more refreshed and better fitted for it than those who do. As to the spiritual results of such a day, there can hardly be two opinions about it."

The evils of dense city populations exist, although to a small extent, in Canada ; they are most deplorable ; but they are not removable by any such partial and superficial method as the advocates of Sunday trolleys propose. We ought to set ourselves vigorously to obtain justice, not favour, for the dwellers in our overcrowded quarters, by the provision of better houses for artisans and labourers, instruction in domestic economy and cooking for their wives, shorter hours of labour, and the Saturday half-holiday. And we look to the trolley and the bicycle to help this reform by furnishing cheap and rapid transit from the centres of labour to the suburban districts, where the workingman will have abundance of air and room.

Another remedy proposed looks professedly to the mental recreation of the toiler. It is proposed to open picture galleries, libraries, and reading rooms on the Lord's day. Here it will be most difficult to draw a line between the higher and purer forms of intellectual provision and that which is lower and debasing, in concert halls, and various entertainments distinctly vulgar and degrading in their character. All experience proves that the tendency amongst the uncultured is towards the latter. The general effect of