

PHENOMENAL PROGRESS.

Standing of the Canadian Methodist Church.

The Present Envisable Position of a Vast Organization.

Address by Rev. William Briggs, D.D., at the Ecumenical Conference.

The following address was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Briggs, at the great Ecumenical Conference at Washington:

Mr. Chairman and Brethren, I appear in your presence as a member of the Ecumenical Conference, and as a member of the Methodist Church.

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AMONG THE PATRONS.

Why Do Police Magistrates Unload Tramps on Farmers?

Powderly Heralds a Brighter Day for Struggling Humanity.

It has become the custom of some police magistrates in cities and towns to get rid of a certain class of offenders by giving them a few hours to leave the place.

They are regarded as the most innocent class of criminals, else their offenses would be dealt with otherwise.

Generally, they are men who have been convicted of some minor offense, and who are sent to the workhouse for a few days.

The justice of the sentences imposed by magistrates, but rather to refer to the effect of their rulings upon a class of the community.

Tossed about from town to town, and from city to city, many who start out, having no aim other than that of securing employment, become outcasts, and are designated "tramps."

The hand of every man is lifted against them, and they would be ungrateful to suppose that they have grace enough to continue to be in the place.

They drift onward from place to place, and while their location is changing their condition also changes, and they become the baser and more dangerous classes of the community.

Banished from the larger towns and cities, the only places where manufacturing is carried on to such an extent that employment is at all likely to be obtained, many of these unfortunate people become reconciled to their lot.

And while many of them do not doubt and never become hardened criminals, all become a burden upon the community.

Farms, food is supplied to all, the civil supplies receiving it generously and kindly, and the gruff and unthankful fellows being served too frequently because no one wishes to incur their displeasure.

They might return and wreak their vengeance by destroying buildings, mutilating property or maiming animals. Perhaps there is not a farmer in the land who has not experienced either annoyance or loss from visits of these traveling gentry.

If a certain locality is seldom free from annoyances of this kind, why should those whose duty it is to dispense justice unload the towns and cities of men who are either offenders against the law or they are not?

If the offenders are charged with crime, let them be met at liberty and permitted to exercise their right to seek employment wherever they can. If they are not, why should they not be set at liberty and permitted to exercise their right to seek employment wherever they can?

The question is one that merits attention. Farmers are taxed to support constables and higher officials of the law, yet the functionaries of the law are so often found to discriminate in favor of townspeople and against the farmers.

If a man is arrested as a tramp in a town or city, why should he be tramped in the country? Why should he also be banished from the towns and cities?

A BRIGHTER DAY IS DAWNING. "As it was in the beginning, so it is today with labor. It is still in the grasp of heartless wealth, that is the cause of the poverty of the masses."

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this description of rheumatism and neuritis? "Put your hand in a vice, turn the vice until you can't bear another turn, and that's rheumatism; give it another turn, and that's neuritis."

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