

ed. It might be well for the company to follow example, and in a true light represent these special inducements, that the travelling public may be enlightened. By so doing the patronage of those to whom such inducements are pleasing, would doubtless be secured; but since up to this time no *official* announcement has been made, philanthropy and patriotism prompt an enumeration of a few of these for the good of those yet in lamentable ignorance of the facts.

Only a few days ago a man was heard to remark that this Railway is an insult and an outrage to the counties through which it passes, and that it is a wonder the people do not rise in indignation and take measures to rid themselves of the abuse. That's the way! The most praise-worthy exertions are not unfrequently met by depreciation, and we leave outsiders to judge from what follows, whether or not the charge is well-founded.

To give prominence to certain points let comparison be made with the Intercolonial, bearing in mind that it is called a first-class road. Time-tables are of course issued by each, but from the punctiliousness on the Intercolonial disappointments of travellers are frequent. Perhaps a bridal party has driven twenty miles, and found to its chagrin that the train passed some time before; or perhaps a person near by has overslept himself a few minutes, to learn on waking that the *next* train will not be along for two hours. Although similar blasted expectations may occasionally be experienced in connection with the W. & A. Railway, yet they are of *rare* occurrence. It is no small matter that those on urgent business should be left behind, and that for the trifling cause of slavish conformity to a time-table. On the other hand the advantages which arise from "hours of grace" are too obvious to need recension.

Then look at the friendly converse afforded to travellers on this line. Where first and second class cars are in *one*, passengers are in closer proximity to each other, rendering it more festive by breaking down social

distinctions. Who can estimate the value of moral reform wrought in this way? Moral elevation far transcends any merely physical good!

And trains on the Intercolonial move with a rapidity which prohibits obtaining much acquaintance with the country, and stoppages at stations are not long enough to form any knowledge of the towns and villages passed through. On *our* road the rate of motion usually permits one to gain considerable information respecting thinly-settled districts, while delays at stations give ample time to observe the principal objects of interest in the more populous parts. Nor is travel in quick-moving and recklessly-drawn carriages safe! How often are we pained at reading accounts of disasters in which scores of lives are lost almost instantaneously. No one need ever fear such a calamity on the W. & A. Railway, under its present ownership. The managers have evidently pondered over the fable of "The Hare and the Tortoise" preparatory to instructing their employes. This speaks volumes in commendation! Lives are too precious to be exposed to the hazard of wholesale slaughter.

But another says: "The charges are higher for both passengers and freight." What a selfish and ungrateful mortal man is! Will you see extra effort put forth and reap the benefit of it, and still remain unwilling to give adequate remuneration?

Another thing must not be forgotten, viz., that for agricultural exhibitions, horse races, and circuses a reduction in the fare is made, notwithstanding on such occasions the aforementioned accommodations are intensified. True, the applications of religious conventions, associations, and conferences for the same reduction are ignored, but if all these were regarded after a while like favors would be sought by every insignificant society, until single individuals would have the audacity to send in similar requests.

Friends in this region, see to it that your complaints are just, or check your fault-finding! Friends at a distance, patronize the road, for the above is reliable, although the company does not "sound a trumpet as the hypocrites do"!