

the company to extend its operation outside of the city bonds that way. The projected Silver Heights, Selkirk and Red's Hill line all point that way.

What the company is after is dividends. Greed actuates it in its operations. The company has no desire to bring people to church only so far as it brings money into their coffers. Let not church goers then be deceived. The traffic is not intended to help them. But they may help the company to break down the Sabbath, by helping it to provide amusements and recreation for the masses and thus draw them away from church.

Heaven and Hell Amalgamation.

In the words of Canon Wake, then of the Church of the Ascension in Hamilton, I would tell church goers to have nothing to do with this heaven and hell amalgamation by voting for the by law and patronizing the cars on Sunday. Let them follow the example of the labor party, the C. B. of R. E. and the brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and walk. It is not the workman that asks for amusements and recreation, but the idler. The majority of workmen are glad enough to get the Sunday for physical rest and a large proportion of them seek that rest in spiritual worship. Idlers and loafers who spend six days in amusing themselves are the real claimants for the seventh and to quote an apt remark on this point, "The amusement market is completely glutted. It is one of the greatest industries of the country. The daily and other newspapers contain column after column devoted to advertising and reporting the recreations of the people on six days in the week. Yet it is said that six days are not enough the seventh must also be swallowed up with amusements."

These are the class of people that use the name of the workmen to get recreation on Sunday. In England leading journals are signaling the danger of amusements among the upper classes on the Lord's day. Dinner parties, tennis parties, boating, driving, are more indulged in on Sunday than on any other day. And this Anglo-manila has reached us here in Winnipeg. But listen to what the St. James Gazette, by no means a Puritan organ said in April, 1899—"Purely selfish amusements which exact the labor of others, are more inexcusable on Sunday than on any other day of the week. The silly and empty headed ostentation in the so-called upper circles cannot be denounced too strongly. . . . The utter absence of right feeling and good taste among

people who might be looked to for refinement is nowhere more apparent than in the Sunday diversions of the rich and the smart." But some will say, perhaps, it is ridiculous to connect all this with the Sunday street car traffic. The small amount of recreation that will be furnished by it cannot be compared with the greater scale of amusement referred to. True, but the principle is the same. Open the flood gates and the tide will run in Arah! say.

Obsta Principiis.

And amusement cannot be had without work. Allow the amusement industry to flourish and then all other trade tries to run on the ground of fair play and justice follows. Sunday street car traffic, amusement, Sunday labor, is a trinity of evil, like intemperance, nudity and impurity.

The Testimony of Experience.

The Sunday street car traffic has been tried and found wanting. As will be seen by the following testimonies. So as to speak from experience and not mere theory, I wrote to leading men in Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton and London, asking their opinion about the effect of Sunday street cars generally, and you have below the answer of a number of them. The letters speak for themselves and require no comment on my part.

Dundas Centre Methodist Church,
London, Ont., Nov. 15, 1902

Rev. J. J. Roy, P. V., Winnipeg.

Dear Brother: We have no Sunday cars in London; we do not need and I mistake the spirit of our workmen if they would not repudiate the suggestion that Sunday cars are "the poor man's carriage." They know well that when soulless corporations get to squeeze the public for their own profit it is usually done under the guise of philanthropy.

No class can be forced to work seven days in the week: the inevitable outcome of Sunday cars without imperilling the rights of every other working man. Sunday is the soul's brooding day. It should be the day for strengthening the family ties. Turning it into a mere pleasure day must in the long run, work disastrously for the nation. My motto is, "Five days for work, one for recreation, and one for God."

Respectfully yours,
C. S. SCOTT.

First Methodist Church,
London, Ont., Nov. 15, 1902

Rev. J. J. Roy,

My Dear Sir and Brother: I am sorry that an unusual pressure of extra work has prevented an earlier reply to your letter received a few days ago, asking