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Country And City Life.

The tendency to flock from the country into the cities is very general. It is one of the important social phenomena of the age. There is an inflow into London, as well as into Toronto. Agricultural machinery, which discharges farm hands, is partly the cause. Railroads have been superseding country inns, and all the staff which used to be employed by the old modes of locomotion. But, apart from these and other industrial or commercial causes, there is evidently a growing preference for city life. Railroads have brought the country people to the city, where they, and the women especially, have imbibed a love of the finer stores and the gay life. Of the many who have come to the Toronto Exhibition, not a few on returning to the farm, will find it dull. Not that life in the city is more social than life in the country. The dweller in the country always knows his neighbors, the dweller in the city does not always know the man in the next house. But if there is not more society, there is more crowd and excitement. House accommodation must be dearer, and the atmosphere, both moral and physical, for children must be less healthy. But the tendency prevails, and to reason against it is vain.

A result in part of the same tendency is the over-stocking of professions. There can be no doubt that in our own case both law and medicine are overstocked. There are about four hundred medical practitioners in Toronto, a number excessive for such a city, even when there is no trunk sewer. There are three hundred and twenty-nine lawyers, some of whom must be sorely tempted to encourage the taste for litigation. The figures in the directory, both in the case of law and medicine, are probably below the real mark. But overstocked also are the clerkships and the more intellectual callings of all kinds. The demand for employment in these lines, and the difficulty of finding it are always on the increase. And now, women are crowding into the employments hitherto monopolized by men. The growth of an educated class of unemployed, with the sensitiveness that education gives, would be the source of much unhappiness, and might be the source of danger to the state. But the rush goes on, and those who have the best opportunities of knowing the tendencies of farmers' sons, and daughters, tell us that it is almost invariably away from the farm and towards the city. The question arises how far our educational institutions, and especially our High schools are responsible for this tendency, and for any peril which it may involve. Some think they are largely responsible, and would be, if possible, for overhauling the system. They say that you find the old father still working at the farm, but the sons and daughters who have been at the college, "to college," giving themselves superior airs, idling and letting the farm run down. On the other hand, there are those who maintain that high education is available on the farm, and does not spoil the taste for farming. The question is very important, and invites discussion. It may, at all events, be safely said that there is danger, if not too high, of too ambitious an education. To this a department, practically autocratic and uncontrolled by the sense of the community, is pretty sure to tend. In the old Council of Public Instruction the sense of the community had an independent organ, which was disposed to keep a tight hand on the curriculum, and when Sir Oliver Mowat allowed the department to destroy the council, he rendered a doubtful service to public education.

The very able and vigorous paper of Mr. Waldron, on the subject, seems to prove, what is his main point, that the High school system or our general system of education, is not responsible for the exodus. But it appears to leave open to discussion the question as to the responsibility of the system for the crowding into the cities, and the overstocking of the professions.—Bystander.

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Italy has 48 per cent. illiterate people; France and Belgium about 15 per cent. In Hungary the illiterates number 43 per cent.; in Austria, 39 per cent., and in Ireland 21 per cent. In India only 11,000,000 out of 250,000,000 read and write.

SENSATIONAL BLACKMAIL.

Attempt of a Swindler to Secure Money From the Widow of Sir Augustus Harris.

LONDON, Oct. 10.—At Bow-street Court before Mr. Lushington, Alex. Morgues, clerk, of Bateman-street, Soho, was charged with sending Mr. Walter Hill letters threatening to kill him and accusing him of a criminal offence, with intent to extort money, and further with sending to Lady Harris a letter threatening to burn her house with intent to extort money. Mr. Wallis, who prosecuted, said that he proposed first of all to go into the case affecting Mr. Hill. On Sept. 8 Mr. Hill received the following letter:

I am in possession of certain knowledge establishing without a doubt that you are an accomplice of a certain criminal offence which took place 2 (sic) weeks back. Am willing to be silent about this on one condition only, that is you must place a £10 note in an envelope and address (sic) it to Walter Harvey, Poste Restante, Charing Cross, when I will call for it on Friday morning. If you do not do this I will expose you by postcards until you are a ruined man. I will then denounce you as the base seducer of Miss—

This letter Mr. Hill only noticed by handing it to the Scotland Yard authorities. On Sept. 9 he received the following letters, enclosed in one envelope:

"If you value your life as well as your property you will do well to send me the money I demand from you on Friday morning. Address (sic) the envelope to Walter Harvey, Poste Restante, Charing Cross. Do not try to put the d's on me, as I can spot them all from previous experience. What can a paltry £10 note be to a man of your position? If you don't send the money I will burn down your place next week.—Walter Harvey.—Don't forget to send that money on Friday morning, or you will find out to your cost what I shall do. Don't try to put the d's on me as I am quite (sic) wide awake. Address your letter to Walter Harvey, Poste Restante, Charing Cross."

Acting on instructions received from Scotland Yard, Mr. Hill sent a blank sheet of paper in a registered envelope addressed to the prisoner. But the prisoner seemed to have found out that the detectives were watching for him, for on Sept. 12 he wrote a card which contained expressions not fit to be read out in court. This was followed by another note:

Beware of the 4th of October for on that day we strike you a blow.—Harvey.

They did not however, wait until Oct. 4, for the prisoner was arrested by Detective Inspector Leach.

Mr. Walter Hill, chairman and managing director of Messrs. Walter Hill & Co., Limited, advertising agents, said that about Sept. 8 he received the first letter produced. He took it to Scotland Yard, and in consequence of what was said to him, he addressed a registered letter to the Poste Restante, Charing Cross, enclosing a blank sheet of paper. That was the day after he received the first letter. On the same day he received a second letter, which he also placed in the hands of the police. On Sept. 12 he received a card enclosed in an envelope. Next he received a card "Beware of the 4th of October," which was sent to Mr. Benison, care of Messrs. Hill & Co. He parted with no money. He did not know the prisoner at all.

The next case, said Mr. Wallis, was one of a peculiarly cruel character, for the prisoner had threatened Lady Harris in such a way as to cause her great alarm. On Sept. 16 or 17 Lady Harris received at her private house the following letter:

"Madam—We are in possession of certain letters, etc., relating to the private and intimate life of the late Sir Augustus Harris, which, if published to the world, would place you in an unenviable position (the living having to suffer for the dead.) Therefore, if you wish to avoid any unpleasantness which would do you much harm, our terms are for remitting to you the letters, documents, etc., \$40 in bank notes. If you accede to our request kindly put a paragraph in Friday's (September 18) Telegraph, in the agony column, thus: 'Wallace & Co.—Will give £40. Write to Harris.' We will then write you appointing a place where we can receive the money and hand you the incriminating letters.—Yours, etc.

September 16, 1896. Walter Wallace."

Lady Harris handed the letter to her brother, Mr. Rendle. No advertisement was inserted in the Telegraph, but the next letter, bearing date September 19, was:

"Madam,—In reply to your paragraph in The Telegraph (18th September), agony column, we beg to say that one of us will meet you on Monday evening September 21st), 8.30 p. m., corner of Whitcomb-street and Pall Mall, outside Hampton's. Bring

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the money. We, on our side, will bring the letters. Please wear a white flower in jacket. Come yourself.—Yours, etc.

"18,9,96. "Walter Wallace." This letter, too, was handed to Mr. Rendle. On the evening of the same day a third letter was received and Lady Harris was much alarmed by the contents.

Madam,—As you have not seen fit to answer our last letter in any way, we will have our revenge on you by burning your house down unless you send on or before October 1, £40 in bank notes to the undermentioned address:

"Alex. E. Morgues, 10 Bateman-street, Soho, W."

"Fail in this and we will burn your house and property down." Walter Wallace."

"The proofs you will get on rec. (sic) of your cash."

These letters were all written on ruled paper torn out of an exercise book. On the prisoner's arrest, three exercise books with pages torn were found in his room. On this occasion, said Mr. Wallis, he could only call Lady Harris and offer evidence of arrest, but there was a further charge against the prisoner which would be investigated on the next occasion.

Florence Edgecombe, Lady Harris widow of the late Sir Augustus Harris said that she lived at The Elms, Avenue-road St. John's Wood, with her little girl and some women servants. On Sept. 16 she received the first letter produced, and on Sept. 19 another letter, and yet a third letter on the same date. This third letter alarmed her rather. All three letters she handed, as they were received, to Mr. Rendle, her brother. She did not part with any money, and she had never seen the prisoner until arrested. She did not insert, nor authorise the insertion of any advertisement in The Daily Telegraph.

Evidence of arrest having been given, the prisoner was remanded.

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