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## 100,000 VOTERS.

### A GREAT CAMPAIGN.

Last month we laid before our readers full details of the great plan of campaign that has been inaugurated to secure the enrolment of one hundred thousand voters pledged to vote, at next general election, only for men who will support the cause of prohibition in the Dominion Parliament.

The enthusiastic reception that this movement is receiving is very encouraging. Lists of pledged men are already coming in. Letters of approval have reached us from every part of the Dominion. County conventions are already planned to push the work, and unite the pledged workers for further action.

Now is the time for action. Political leaders are making preparations for an election that cannot be very far away. The recent speeches of party advocates only make more clear the determination to evade if possible the prohibition issue. Canada is full of earnest, loyal devoted citizens who have lost all patience with the indifference, or hostility of those who ought to be foremost in effort for the public welfare. Our only resource is the practical protest of definite political action.

By a great majority the voting electorate of the Dominion have declared their desire to have the liquor traffic prohibited. That traffic rallied to the polls all the support that it could coax or buy, yet it was beaten beyond doubt or cavil. The Government that invited the vote decides that the patriotic majority is to be ignored, and that the self-seeking minority must have its way. All right-minded electors should refuse to support any man who will accept this shamefully unjust decision.

It is not practicable to make a hard and fast rule to govern the matter of our protest in every locality. In some places we may secure the nomination by one of the political parties, of a man who will oppose the Government policy of ignoring the majority, and who will do all he can if elected to secure the enactment of a prohibitory law. In some cases it may be necessary to nominate independent candidates, because neither party will give us a man we can trust. We must be ready for any emergency.

We can however prepare for the fight. We can enrol our recruits. We can hoist our flag. We can make it

clear that there are thousands of earnest men, who will oppose any candidate that will not oppose the Government's do nothing policy.

We dare do no less than this. We have fairly won a victory that entitles us to effective legislation against the greatest evil that afflicts our land—against the greatest peril that menaces our individual and national welfare. No right-loving citizen should support any man who will join in delaying the popular will in the interests of this fearful curse.

Let us unite in the simple and solemn pledge that has been carefully framed. Then the pledged men of every locality can meet to consider their special position and its possibilities, and to take such action as will give fullest effect to their earnest determination to resist the wrong that the Government and Parliament are now forcing upon them.

To every friend of right we earnestly appeal. If you have not yet moved in the matter of the 100,000 voters league do it now. If you want circulars or pledge forms write the Alliance Secretary and what you want will be sent you by the first mail that can be caught. Do not lose a moment. The saloon-power must be destroyed. "For God and Home and Canada." Work NOW.

## SOME NOTES OF NEWS

### ABOUT OUR CAUSE.

Many temperance rallies are taking place during the present month. At its opening the Ontario W.C.T.U. is meeting in Guelph. The Dominion W.C.T.U. meets at Halifax from November 10th to November 14th.

As the result of an active campaign the number of licenses in St. Louis, one of the suburbs of the City of Montreal, has been cut down from 27 to 12. The license fee has also been increased.

A press despatch of October 30th states that Allan McIvor, a man of about 40 years of age, was carried while intoxicated, into an outbuilding attached to one of the hotels at Iroquois, Ont., and a few minutes afterwards was found dead.

In the general election for the Swedish Parliament which recently took place, forty-four teetotalers were elected, fifteen of them being members of the Good Templar Order. Forty other members of the Parliament are favorable to temperance legislation.

The London News has recently been renewing the charges made some time ago about open sale of liquor in camps of militia instruction. It asserts that in the camp of the London District the law was openly and glaringly violated in the presence of the Commander in Chief, and practically challenges the Government to investigate the charge.

The liquor dealers of Toronto have been making themselves a laughingstock for the public and showing how little

influence they really possess, through their secretary, who has already dragged them into many another predicament. Mr. Dickie made up his mind that he could secure the use of a room in the new City Hall for the Association's Annual Meeting. He simply learned that there was not an alderman who would move in the Council to grant the impertinent request.

The Forty-first Annual Meeting of the Scottish Permissive Bill and Temperance Association was held in Glasgow, last month. A large attendance of members was present. The Secretary's report testified to the growth of temperance sentiment in church, school, parliament, press and the country, also referring to the various political events affecting the temperance question during the year. Officers were elected. The report showed receipts and expenditures of about \$20,000, with a substantial balance on hand.

The National W.C.T.U. of the United States, closed its Twenty-sixth Annual Convention on October 25th. During its sessions about forty persons were enrolled as life members. The State of Indiana carried off the banner for largest increase in membership during the year. The retiring officers were re-elected. Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens of Portland, Me., remaining President, Mrs. Susanna M. D. Fry, of Chicago, Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. C. Hoffman, Kansas City, Mo., Recording Secretary, and Mrs. Helen M. Barker, Chicago, Treasurer.

There are few annual meetings of greater interest than that of the United Kingdom Alliance and few meetings of that body have been of more importance than that held on Tuesday, October 17th. The report of the Royal Commission which has recently concluded its labors, was one of the most important matters under consideration. The annual report also reviewed at much length the history of the Plebiscite movement in Canada. Sir Wilfrid Lawson, the veteran President took charge of the proceedings. The feeling of the members, expressed in strong resolutions, was practically unanimously in favor of standing by the Alliance position of accepting no compromise short of the granting to the people of power to prohibit the liquor traffic in their own neighborhood, and standing firmly by total prohibition as the only effective remedy for intemperance. The meeting was attended by a large number of prominent and influential men famous for their stalwart adherence to the temperance cause.

### STARTLING FACTS.

An eminent specialist in diseases of child: en has noted the progress of twelve families with parents who were habitual drinkers of alcoholic drinks, and of twelve families with total abstaining parents. During the twelve years these families were under his observation, in the twelve first named there were born 57 children, of whom 25 died in the first week after birth, 5 were idiots, 5 were dwarfs, 5 later became epileptics and later 1 had chorea ending in idiocy, and 5 others were more or less deformed and unhealthy, leaving only 11 of the 57 children to arrive at maturity in a healthy condition of body and mind. The twelve families with temperate parents, during the same period of time were blessed with 61 children, of whom only 6 died during the first week after birth, later 2 showed inherited defects of the nervous system, leaving 53 of the 61 healthy in body and mind. My own observations during a continued period of sixty-two years of medical practice, fully corroborate the inferences to be drawn from the foregoing statements.—Dr. N. S. Davis of Chicago.

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### READ CAREFULLY.

You need this paper. You will need it more and more as the prohibition light gets hotter, and the 100,000 voters begin to get in their work. Read carefully what is said about it in column headed "Important" on page 4.

Although the price of the CAMP FIRE—Twenty-five cents per year—is very low, we have decided to make a special offer of premiums for subscriptions received during the months of November and December of the present year.

Subjoined is a list of premiums, one of which will be mailed FREE, postage prepaid, to any one sending us before January 1st, 1900, the sum of Twenty-five Cents for a new or renewal subscription. The subscriber may select any of the three he chooses.

Any one sending One Dollar for four subscriptions with four names, may order one of the premiums to be sent to each of the subscribers, and may also order an extra premium sent to himself which will also go FREE.

Any one sending Two Dollars with eight names for eight subscriptions may order for himself Two extra premiums, which will also be sent him FREE, besides the premium to which the subscribers are entitled.

Any one who will take the trouble of getting seven friends to join him in taking the CAMP FIRE, may thus secure one of the premiums for each of his friends, and all three for himself.

There is no time to lose. This offer will be withdrawn at the end of December. New subscribers beginning with the December number, will be counted as paid for the whole of the year 1900. They will thus get the Camp Fire thirteen months, and premium selected, for twenty-five cents.

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