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### PUBLISHERS' NOTES.

Our "December Competition" is now open to all willing workers.

A prize of \$10 to the one sending in the most money for subscriptions by December 31st; \$5 to the second, \$3 to the third, \$2 to the fourth, \$1 to the fifth, and to all sending \$2 a pair of fine engravings.

A commission of fifty cents on every five subscriptions is to be kept by the workers, and the balance sent to us by P.O.O. or registered letter.

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### DOES PROHIBITION PROHIBIT ?

A few months ago, the Rev. George Gladstone, of Scotland, while on this side of the Atlantic to attend the R. W. G. Lodge of Good Templars in Halifax, paid a visit to Portland, Maine. He has since returning home given his impressions of how prohibition prohibits in a letter to the *Good Templar*. On reaching that city he did not report himself to any prominent temperance man who might prejudice him by his notions. Instead, he set himself to discover the common sale of strong drinks as beverages. How he succeeded may be judged by the following observations:—"In most other places we had unhappily no difficulty in discovering public-houses. But though our quest in Portland was long and earnest, it was fruitless. Beyond all dispute, there is no such thing as the common sale of strong liquor as beverages in Portland. There are no flaring gin-palaces as with us—no licensed groggeries reeking with fumes of alcohol—no well-stored bar behind which Boniface and his assistants are seen to stand, and from which intoxicated men and women stagger to the street. Instead, there are quiet and orderliness everywhere. The town is a busy one, whose people are not snared by licensed temptations to intemperance, and who are rarely if ever offended by the sight of the drunkard, or the sound of his gibbering blasphemies. It is a city into which many have gone for safety, and in which now there are not a few who are there simply because public-houses are not." Mr. Gladstone goes on to admit that there is an illicit traffic in strong drink, but, from all he could learn from those qualified to judge, it was of very small dimensions. A man has to stoop pretty low to procure in Portland the drunkard's drink. While in England it seeks the man, in Maine the man must seek it. In reference to the

common query if the law is not a failure inasmuch as it does not prevent the illicit traffic, this observer classes as fools those who proclaim the law to be so. "With equal wisdom," he says truly, "these foolish ones might point to the fact of theft in our land as proof that our laws against stealing have failed." He puts the case in a nutshell thus, "The Maine Law has not put an end to the drinking, but it has put an end to the common sale of strong drink as beverages, and in so doing, has put an end to the chief temptations alike to drinking and drunkenness that are found in our licensed public-houses." After a description of the summary manner in which offenders against the prohibitory law are dealt with, Mr. Gladstone closes his letter with an appeal to his countrymen to strive for a similar triumph over the enemy to that achieved in Maine.

### CAMPAIGN NOTES.

THE petition for a poll under the Scott Act in Oxford County, Ontario, was signed by 3,044 electors—a larger proportion of the electorate of the constituency than the law requires for the purpose. This petition is now in the hands of the Dominion Government, and it is expected the voting will shortly take place. There is a strong organization directing the campaign, but funds are required. The tavern-keepers of the county, backed by the strength of the Licensed Victuallers' Association of Ontario, are said to be spending large sums to defeat the Act. The *Toronto Citizen* says "the prospect is bright and the temperance men are confident of a glorious victory."

A COUNTY PROHIBITORY ALLIANCE has been formed in Carleton, N. B., auxiliary to the New Brunswick Branch of the Dominion Alliance. Its objects, in brief, are:—1. To hold half-yearly temperance mass meetings in every parish; to distribute temperance literature, and to secure temperance instruction in the public schools;—2. To secure the execution of whatever prohibitive laws may be in force in the county, to maintain every present restriction upon the traffic and to agitate for the total prohibition of alcoholic liquors in the Dominion of Canada. The following were elected officers for the current year:—President, James Waite; Secretary, J. T. Fletcher; Treasurer, G. F. Atherton; Vice-Presidents, David Irvine, M. P., Wicklow, S. A. McKenzie, Wilmot; C. H. Ferguson, Wakefield; Thos. Brooks, Simonds; R. M. Bailey, Town Woodstock; Rev. Thos. Todd, Parish Woodstock; A. Herron, Richmond; G. W. Hovey, Northampton; C. B. Snow, Brighton; Wm. Simpson, Aberdeen; Dr. Atkinson, Kent; A. D. Hartley, Peel. Delegates to the Provincial Alliance—Revs. T. O. Dewitt, G. N. Ballentine, K. McKay, Thos. Todd, G. M. Campbell, and G. W. Boyer, and D. Irvine, M. P. The Alliance pledged itself by resolution to raise \$50 for Provincial work, to be called for only when a majority of the other counties were similarly organized and had pledged an equal amount. It was resolved to request the Vice-Presidents to convene

the temperance workers of their respective parishes at their earliest convenience, and by public meetings and otherwise stimulate a public sentiment in favor of the principles of the Alliance. The next convention of the Alliance was ordered to meet at Centreville. Fifty representative residents of the county enrolled their names as members during the day, and in the evening a rousing public meeting was held, at which stirring addresses were delivered by the Revs. K. McKay, T. O. Dewitt and Jos McLeod (President of the Provincial Alliance), and Mr. David Irvine, M. P.

### GOOD TEMPLARS.

The Grand Lodge of Sweden, of the seceded Order, consisting of 420 representatives of 700 existing Lodges in that kingdom, at its recent session in Stockholm telegraphed its greetings to the King, with thanks for all the good-will shown by him to the Order, and His Majesty caused a reply to be sent, expressing his joy at receipt of the telegram and thanks for the greetings it contained.

Mr. W. H. Rodden, special organizer for the Grand Lodge of Canada, has instituted "Derry Star" Lodge with twenty-one charter members at Derry West, Peel county, Ontario. The following are the charter officers: Wm. Tilt, W. C. T.; Agnes Moore, W. V. T.; Francis Brown, W. S.; Mrs. Geo. Wilson, W. F. S.; Geo. Wilson, W. T.; Joseph Moore, W. C.; Josiah Wedgewood, W. M.; Lizzie Loughheed, W. I. G.; Frank Russell, W. O. G.; F. J. Manning, W. D. M.; Jas. Tilt, W. A. S.; Emily Chisholm, W. R. S.; Nellie Moore, W. L. S.; Robert Elliott, P. W. C. T.; Joseph Moore, L. D.

"Excelsior" Lodge, North Toronto, holds Sunday afternoon temperance meetings, addressed by good speakers and well attended.

Mr J. C. Underhay, G. W. C., has just added two new Lodges in his Province of Prince Edward Island. "Dawn of Day" is situated at Murray River, and has the following officers:—Thos. Law, W. C.; Adelia Horton, W. V.; J. H. Macleod, W. S.; T. Cook, W. F. S.; Lelia A. Cook, W. T.; J. Saunders, W. Chap.; H. A. Bears, P. W. C.; R. White, I. G.; E. Giddings, O. G.; M. E. Lowe, R. H. S.; Isabella Bears, L. H. S.; Annie Bears, D. M.; Clara Cuddy, A. S.; D. A. Horton, Lodge Deputy. "Prince Albert" is located at Murray Harbor South, and has the following officers:—J. R. Prowse, W. C.; Katie A. Hugh, W. V.; D. D. Hugh, W. S.; W. S. Hugh, W. F. S.; A. D. Macdonald, W. T.; Rev. E. Bell, W. Chap.; D. Brooks, W. M.; A. Macdonald, I. G.; H. F. Dantford, O. G.; Mrs. J. Roberts, R. H. S.; H. E. Norton, L. H. S.; W. H. Robin, A. S.; M. I. Creighton, D. M.; Josiah Roberts, P. W. C.; J. E. Prowse, Lodge Deputy.

Pictou County Lodge, seceded Order, was lately reconstituted at New Glasgow, N. S., with the following officers:—Duncan Ross

N. Glasgow, W. C. C. T.; Miss Matilda L. Reed, L. Har., W. C. V. T.; Finlay Grant, N. Glasgow, W. C. Sec'y.; Walter Sylvester, N. G., W. C. Treas.; Thomas Fraser, Island E. R., W. C. Chap.; Evan McPherson, Vale Col., W. C. M.; Miss Millicent Fraser, Pictou, W. C. G.; Duncan McQueen, L. Har., W. C. S.; Peter Anderson, Westville, W. C. L.; J. A. Campbell, Vale Colliery, W. C. Com.; B. D. Rogers, Stellarton, W. C. Depy. The W. C. Deputy reported 14 Lodges in active operation in the county, with a total membership of 751, an increase in three months of 11 Lodges and 526 members.

### SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

Last Tuesday evening the first of a series of temperance meetings was held under the auspices of the Sons of Temperance in our hall here. The meeting was a success in every way. The chairman, Mr. Coutts, spoke of the organizing of the "Sons" forty-one years ago and of the immense number who had joined the order during that time. Who can tell what an amount of suffering had been prevented by enrolling the young, who had never formed the appetite; and what an amount had been dispelled by reclaiming the fallen! But that is not all the work the "Sons" have done. They have taken a large share in educating public opinion to its present state on this question, and where the temperance sentiment is strongest there you will find the "Sons" in the lead. For example: there are more counties in Nova Scotia under the "Scott Act" than in any of the other provinces, and in it we find that of the population one in every twenty-four is a Son of Temperance.

The address by the Rev. J. K. Smith was able and interesting. He noticed amongst other things the great change in public sentiment during the last thirty years. Even in high places temperance had become popular. Lately our Queen had given out that no intemperance would be tolerated in her household, and expressed her thorough sympathy with the cause of total abstinence. Mr. Gladstone, the English Premier, had also given expression to the same sentiment; and lately the Rev. Mr. Spurgeon had taken the lead in organizing a temperance society in connection with his own congregation, which society now numbers over seventeen thousand. In closing Mr. Smith made a strong appeal to all who had taken the pledge, as he had done, to be faithful. The rest of the programme consisted of excellent readings, recitations and music, mostly by the members.

Galt, Nov. 19th, 1883.

CARRIAGES IN LONDON now carry the electric light, the necessary machinery for generating and storing the electricity being attached to the axles. Some carriages so lighted were in attendance at the Lord Mayor's banquet.

THE COTTON WEAVERS of Manchester, England, are in favor of striking rather than submitting to a reduction of wages, and a great strike is therefore probable.