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THE ONTARIO ALLIANCE.

The annual convention of the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance will be held in Toronto, commencing on the 25th inst. Preparations are being made to make the convention one of the most interesting ever held in Ontario. It will certainly be one of the most important, as the present position of the cause is of peculiar interest. Arrangements have been made by which those attending the meeting, can get return fares from all points on the different railways, at a fare and a third. A large attendance is strongly urged. Full information, circulars, programmes, &c., can be obtained from the secretary, F. S. Spence, 8 King Street East, Toronto.

PROHIBITION.

"That, the object of good Governments is to promote the general welfare of the people by a careful encouragement and protection of whatever makes for the public good, and by an equally careful discouragement and suppression of whatever tends to the public disadvantage. That the traffic in alcoholic liquors as beverages is productive of serious injury to the moral, social and industrial welfare of the people of Canada. That despite the legislation preceding the evils of intemperance remain so vast in magnitude, so wide in extent and so destructive in effect, as to constitute a serious evil and a national disgrace. That this House is of the opinion, for the reasons hereinbefore set forth, that the right and most effectual legislative remedy for these evils is to be found in the enactment and enforcement of a law prohibiting the importation, manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes."

This is the resolution that Prof. Foster, on behalf of the Temperance men of Canada, asks the House of Commons to adopt. It is clear and unhesitating in its assertion, and, at the same time, plain, temperate and truthful in every clause. Prof. Foster has supported it in a speech to which the same remarks apply—a speech free from anything in the line of exaggeration or rant, but an arraignment of the terrible liquor traffic that ought to carry conviction to the mind of anyone whose prejudices do not utterly preclude conviction.

The fact that the mover and seconder of this resolution respectively belong to different political parties is a very pleasing and encouraging feature of the case. We may now hope to have the question discussed apart from the entangling and perverting influences of partizanship, and we confidently await an earnest and hearty response to this straight-forward and patriotic appeal. The time is opportune. The country is thoroughly roused to the awful evils that the liquor traffic produces. The air is thick with schemes and plans for limiting and regulating the traffic. Statesmen are perplexed over the problems of licensing systems and licensing jurisdiction. Time, and money, and energy, are being expended in fruitless attempts to improve laws that are unsound in principle, and ineffective in operation, and whose authority is questioned or denied. Prof. Foster's resolution offers a tried and successful remedy for the evil, a sound principle upon which to act, and a simple releasement from the uncertainty and harassment of conflicting and undecided authority.

It is not going too far to state that this is the most important question upon which the House of Commons is this session called upon to express itself, and we hope for a full vote, a vote in accordance with the magnitude of the question, the vast interests at stake, the great principles involved, and the overwhelming demand of a strong and rapidly growing public sentiment.

Selected Articles.

"TAKE THE SAFEST PATH, FOR I AM FOLLOWING YOU."

BY THE REV. CHARLES GARRETT, LIVERPOOL, EX-PRESIDENT OF THE WESLEYAN CONFERENCE.

During one of my holidays in North Wales, I was staying with my family near a range of hills to which I was strongly attracted. Some of them were slanting and easy to climb, and my children rejoiced to accompany me to their summit. One, however, was higher than the others, and its sides were steep and rugged. I often looked at it with a longing desire to reach the top. The constant companionship of my children, however, was a difficulty. Several of them were very young, and I knew it would be full of peril for them to attempt the ascent. One bright morning, when I thought they were all busy with their games, I started on my expedition. I quietly made my way up the face of the hill till I came to a point where the path forked, one path striking directly upwards, and the other ascending in a slanting direction. I hesitated for a moment as to which of the two paths I would