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### PUBLISHERS' NOTES.

We hope most of our readers will help at this very favorable season for such work in rolling up a large list for the *Weekly Messenger* to start with at the beginning of its third year now approaching. They can, we feel assured, conscientiously recommend it as being more than value for the price asked for it. Its comprehensive budget of each week's news, its markets, its choice tales, its excellent family reading, its illustrated and descriptive articles—all comprise one of the best cent's worths in periodical literature in existence. Price fifty cents a year, or forty cents to clubs of five. Address JOHN DOUGALL & SON, Montreal, Canada.

### ALLIANCE NEWS.

The Prohibitory Alliance of New Brunswick has undertaken the task of organizing a county branch in every county of the Province.

The Nova Scotia Branch of the Dominion Alliance met in Halifax this week, the Hon. Samuel Creelman presiding. An encouraging report was read and adopted, and a discussion on temperance legislation ended in the following resolutions being adopted:—*Resolved*, That it is desirable for the Executive Committee of this Alliance to seek to unify the various temperance organizations in all the counties of this province in regard to united efforts to secure the best enforcement possible of the recent laws "The Canada Temperance Act of 1878" and the "License Act of 1883." *Resolved further*, That our officers for the ensuing year make special efforts, by correspondence and otherwise, to accomplish the result.

### GOOD TEMPLARS.

Mr. P. J. Chisholm, G. W. C. T. of the Loyal Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, has been working in Cumberland county with good results. He organized "Lorne" Lodge with twenty-six charter members at Williamsdale—Mr. Marshall Bigney, W. C. T., and Mr. James Ripley, L. D.; "Pleasant Valley" Lodge with thirty-four charter members at West Branch, River Philip—Mr. Joseph Linkletter, W. C. T., and Mr. Frederick Colburn, L. D.; "River-side" Lodge with twenty-seven charter members at Hastings—Mr. T. W. Porter, W. C. T., and Mr. James Baird, L. D.

Mr. B. D. Rogers, one of the leading workers in the seceded Order in Nova Scotia, lately organized "Guiding Star" Lodge at Island, East River, Pictou county, with twenty-four charter members—Mr. D. G. Delaney, W. C. T., and Mr. Daniel McKay, L. D.

Mr. Firman McClure, of Truro, and Mr. Edward Fulton, of Londonderry, lately went to the Stewiacke district in Colchester county, N. S., to promote union between lodges existing there under different Grand Lodges.

## WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

### THE ONTARIO CONVENTION.

The Provincial Woman's Christian Temperance Union met at Ottawa on the 16th Oct., and continued in session for three days.

The President's address dealt fully with the aspect and prospects of temperance work by woman, and was worthy of full report if space would allow. The Corresponding Secretary reported that efforts were being made to secure the introduction of a temperance text book into the public schools, and that there was reason to hope that this desirable end would shortly be accomplished, as a number of Teachers' Conventions had declared themselves in favor of the plan, and the Minister of Education in Ontario was favorably disposed toward it.

The question as to the use of unfermented wine for sacramental purposes has been urged by the Union upon the consideration of the churches, and many clergymen are in favor of such wine only being used.

Forty-five newspapers in Ontario regularly published temperance items furnished by the Union.

The Unions in the Province now number twenty-five with a membership of eight hundred. There are also two Young Women's Unions, one of which at Hamilton has sixty members.

Mrs. Youmans recommended that space should be secured in some widely circulated paper, such as the *Montreal Witness*, for the publishing of information in regard to the Union and its work, in order that the temperance question might be continually kept before the minds of the public. Mrs. Youmans also recommended that steps should at once be taken to get up a general petition to be presented to Parliament praying for the complete suppression of the liquor traffic. Mrs. Youmans is of opinion that a free liquor trade would be less injurious than the present licensed trade, inasmuch as a license is a direct sanction and authority to carry on this traffic, and it thus receives a certain stamp of propriety and legitimacy which it would not otherwise possess.

Greeting was read from the Montreal Union and reference made to Phil. 4: 8. The President sent a reply directing attention to Psalm 84: 7.

The Convention was much gratified to learn the great success of the Montreal Union, which started with only thirty-seven members, and now numbers four hundred.

A vote of sympathy was conveyed to the Rev. Thomas Gales, whose illness was much regretted by the Convention.

An address of greeting was presented by the Grand Division of Sons of Temperance of Ontario, and was suitably replied to by the President.

The majority of the medical men who replied to circulars issued by the Provincial Union have declared themselves opposed to the use of liquor as a beverage, and have expressed the opinion that as a medicine it should be used with the greatest caution.

Miss Willard addressed the Union on its

work. She was much pleased to find an effort had been made in regard to the use of unfermented wine and that so much good work had been done by the Union. It has been said that it takes twenty-five years to establish a new idea, but in this age we ought to get much done in a shorter time. It is nearly ten years since the successful Ohio temperance movement started and her belief was that ten years from this we will be free from the licensed liquor law and have a prohibitory liquor law in every town in Canada and in nearly every one in the States.

Before the close of the Convention it was decided to take steps toward petitioning the Legislature for total prohibition.

Public lectures were delivered to large audiences on Wednesday and Thursday evenings by Mrs. Youmans and Miss Willard.

### THE QUEBEC CONVENTION.

The Woman's Christian Union, had an interesting meeting during the Convention in Montreal, at the house of Mrs. M. H. Gault, whose guest Mrs. McLaughlin was, and who opened her home for a parlor entertainment.

About one hundred ladies were present, and at the request of Mrs. J. D. Dougall, President of the Montreal Union, Mrs. J. H. Middleton, of Quebec, introduced Mrs. McLaughlin, of Boston, who expressed her appreciation of the kindness extended to her by Montreal ladies. It was said by those who studied aerial phenomena that a certain distance above the earth all sounds blend in one, and that is set to the key of C. She has seen something that reminded her of that in philanthropic work. She had seen earnest women drawn by the magnetism of the cross to an altitude of thought and feeling where for the time being all differences of creed and social position and nationality were beneath their feet, and heart spoke to heart, while the harmony was set to the keynote of the angels' song, "Peace on earth, good will to men." Mrs. McLaughlin then spoke of the wonderful opportunities for women to work to-day, and said that possibilities of extended usefulness always go hand in hand with duty and responsibility. She dwelt for a time upon the origin and the design of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Its objective points are, the home and the social circle, its work largely along gospel and educational lines.

She then touched upon the influence of society women in this work. The beneficial results of Mrs. President Hayes's, example never could be estimated. Said one wholesale dealer, I don't sell one case of fancy wines this winter where I used to sell ten. That noble woman stood calmly by her principle in an exalted position under the steady fire of criticism and never flinched. To-day her name is a household word with temperance women. Lady Thornton said at the close of the first banquet, "Mrs. Hayes, I honor you; this is the essence of true refinement," and this last year many of the most superb entertainments of Washington have been furnished without wine. Mrs. McLaughlin closed with an earnest appeal to the ladies

to throw the influence of their social position upon the side of this great reform. Mrs. J. D. Dougall then, in a few graceful remarks, moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Gault for kindly opening her beautiful home, and to Mrs. McLaughlin for her powerful and convincing words. After this a brief session was spent in conversation and introductions, during which groups of ladies repaired to the spacious dining-room and partook of refreshments in a delightfully informal way. The afternoon will long be remembered as one of special interest and pleasure.

## TEMPERANCE IN CHARLOTTE CO., N. B.

The New Brunswick Branch of the Dominion Alliance has organized an Alliance in this county with the following officers:—President, E. H. Balkam, Milltown; Secretary, C. W. Vroom, St. Stephen; Treasurer, W. W. Graham, Milltown. Vice-Presidents were appointed for each parish and town. A programme of work was drawn up, which includes the holding of a public meeting in each parish half-yearly, distribution of temperance literature and the enforcement and upholding of the Scott Act. A public temperance meeting was held in the evening, which was addressed by Prof. Foster.

It is the intention of the New Brunswick Alliance to organize every county in the Province. Besides Charlotte, Queen's and Westmoreland are already organized.

Petitions for the repeal of the Scott Act in this county have been circulated by the rum-sellers and their part and are now deposited in St. Andrews for examination, before being forwarded to Ottawa.

The temperance party are sanguine as to the result of an election, and have not the least doubt that the Scott Act will be sustained.

The people of Charlotte have had experience under a license law, and they are not now going to return to it, after three years' experience of prohibition.

It is said that the rum-sellers have subscribed \$8,000 to defeat the Scott Act, and that the liquor dealers in St. John have also raised a subscription to assist them. It would be interesting to know how this money is to be used.

### SCOTT ACT NOTES.

A temperance convention in the town of Yarmouth N. S., on the 26th October decided to proceed at once with the necessary steps to adopt the Canada Temperance Act. Mr. Foster, M. P., of King's county, N. B., was present and gave valuable counsel, and was one of the speakers at a crowded public meeting in the evening.

An election took place in Cumberland county, N. S., on Thursday of last week, under the Scott Act, which resulted in the adoption of that measure.

A GIRL at Winchester, Tennessee, was handling an old pistol, when it went off, killing her six-year old brother.