

Selections.

The Tone of Voice.

It is not so much what you say,
As the manner in which you say it;
It is not so much the language you use,
As the tones in which you convey it.

"Come here!" I sharply said,
And the baby cowered and wept;
"Come here!" I cooed, and he looked
and smiled,
And straight to my lap he crept.

The words may be mild and fair,
And the tones may pierce like a
dart;

The words may be soft as the summer
air,
And the tones may break the heart.

For words but come from the mind,
And grow by study and art;
But the tones leap forth from the inner
self,

And reveal the state of the heart.

Whether you know it or not—
Whether you mean or care—
Gentleness, kindness, love and hate,
Envy and anger are there.

Then would you quarrels avoid
And in peace and love rejoice;
Keep anger not only out of your words,
But keep it out of your voice.

—*Youth's Companion.*

Baptists and Congregationalists.

In recent years there have been occasional intimations of a union between English Baptists and Congregationalists. Their form of church government and belief are very similar. The only serious hindrance to union is in the Baptist views respecting the subjects and mode of baptism. There is no immediate prospect of such a union; but the fact of its being deemed at all possible shows that the Baptists in England cannot be as strongly close communion as those of this country. The *London Christian World* recently gave a report of a discussion of this question of union at the London Baptist Social Union. A Mr. Watson, contended for union on the ground, first, that the profession of faith by baptism was not necessary to the recognition of Christian character; and, second, that all whom we recognize as Christians have a right to church-membership. He answered objections and maintained that there might be liberty of opinion on the question of baptism. A lawyer named Willis replied, and argued strongly against fellowship with those who violated Christ's command. He could favor no union that recognized infant baptism. The majority of the meeting was against union. Yet Mr. Myers, a Baptist, is pastor of a Congregational Church in London.—*Christian Guardian.*

How to Win.

We have quoted the EVANGELIST'S "plan" at length, because it so fairly states the position of many men who have not yet waked to realize the practical operation of party. It goes with the saying that Canada never had a more astute politician than the late Sir John A. Macdonald, and he frankly advised Prohibitionists that the way to secure Prohibition is to elect men on that issue; return Prohibitionists and I will give you Prohibition. This advice has been repeated by Hon. Mr. Haggart, Minister of Railways, Hon. Mr. Foster, Minister of Finance, and, in effect, by Mr. Laurier, the Liberal leader. Elect men to "demand" Prohibition and you can have it.

The EVANGELIST proposes to secure, through the party caucus, the election of clean men, and sympathetic with Prohibition, and when a majority of such men are in the House we will secure the desired boon. Does not the EVANGELIST know that Parliament has already declared, by a vote of 122 to 40, that, notwithstanding the decades of license laws, the evils of the liquor traffic continue unabated; that the remedy of the evil lies in the enactment and enforcement of a law prohibiting the manufacture, importation and sale of alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes, and pledged itself to pass such a law "so soon as public sentiment will sufficiently sustain stringent legislation." Ten years have passed since then, and the Finance Minister, speaking at Kings, N. S., less than a fortnight ago, said: "It will be years before the Temperance question can be settled and the evil abolished." But a few days before, speaking at Galt, Ont., he said: "As soon as the people place representatives in Parliament demanding Prohibition, so soon would Prohibition be granted." And in 1875, the Hon. Geo. W. Ross, now Minister of Education for Ontario, then in the Ottawa House, moved that the House go into committee on resolution declaring the expediency of the total prohibition of the importation, manufacture and sale of spirituous liquors. Mr. Bowell (now Sir Mackenzie and Premier of Canada) declared that he was tired of these declarations, which amounted to nothing, and would test the feeling of the House on a resolution that meant business. "And that it is the duty of the Government to propose a measure at as early date as possible to carry the principle of Prohibition into effect."

With a majority of the Commons favoring Prohibition, and with the

Ministry led by Prohibitionist Sir Mackenzie, and containing such veteran Prohibitionists as Foster, Dickey, Ferguson, etc., what is wanting to attain Prohibition on the EVANGELIST'S plan, and why should the Finance Minister say: "It will be years before the Temperance question can be settled and the evil abolished"? Our contemporary will freely admit that it could not hope according to its plan to secure the return of more promising Prohibitionists than the gentlemen above named, yet they all favored the Royal Commission trick.

The stream never rises higher than its fountain. Elected by the party, they had to serve the party, and personal convictions have been subordinated to the exigencies of the party. The dominant influence in the party council is the voting power—the vote that will as readily destroy, as nourish, the party if it do not grant its demands. This vote, thus far, has been the selfish one—the liquor, railway and manufacturers—who for the riches to be legislated into their pockets have been willing not only to give their own votes, but the proxies bought with their dollars, to elect and sustain in the House those who will serve their ends and disregard the moral well-being of the nation.

There is one way by which Prohibition can be secured within five years, and only one way. We may pray all we please; we may seek to purify the caucus and beseech it to regard the cries and tears of wives and the groanings of the children; and we may preach sermons and write editorials for generations, but the evil will not down till Prohibitionists accept the Finance Minister's sage counsel and send men to Parliament "to demand Prohibition." This can not be done through the party caucus. The Montreal National Convention proposed the remedy: Demand of all candidates a "public pledge" to support Prohibition "regardless of fealty to political party," and give it to be distinctly understood that any other candidate will have our "active opposition." If one in ten of the thousands who voted for Prohibition in the plebiscit would adopt this policy as the working rule in the approaching election, the country would be ripe, and the politicians, including Sir Mackenzie, Hons. Foster, Dickey, Ferguson, etc., would all be "rotten ripe" for Prohibition. Let the south winds of Prohibition votes begin to blow and spring will be quickly followed by the summer and autumn of reform.

The matter is in our own hands,

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and the responsibility for the delay to secure redemption for the nation from the liquor curse rests, and will continue to rest, upon the electors who have the votes, yet persistently cast them for the old party without regard to this "supreme issue," after being so plainly told by the men most skilled in statecraft that it will not come in that way.

Try the National Convention plan.

—*The Templar.*

On Giving.

Give as you would, if angels waited at your door;
Give as you would, if the morrow found you where giving all is o'er;
Give as you would to the Master, if you met his searching look;
Give as you would of your substance if His hand your offering took.

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