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Letters to the Editor.

THE DRINK PROBLEM.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

In an editorial published Nov. 30, I note that after approving of Government control as a solution of the drink problem, you say: "This plan is favored by many prominent clergymen of all denominations, and was sanctioned in a resolution of the Anglican Synod of Toronto. But another class of temperance advocates, represented by the W. C. T. U., are strongly against it," etc.

You would leave the impression by the above that the W. C. T. U. was alone in its opposition to this form of regulating the drink trade. This is by no means the case, as the following will conclusively prove:

The Synod of the Anglican Church for the Dominion, which met in Montreal in October, had Government ownership urged upon it for sanction, but by a large majority approved resolutions that do not include it.

The London Methodist Conference of this past year, with about 300 delegates, ministerial and lay, in attendance, unanimously and with much ardor, carried the following:

"As liquor selling is wrong for the individual it is equally wrong for the state, and as Government control has proven a failure as a temperance measure, leading to increased consumption and increased crime, and as it becomes so buttressed by politics that there is no dislodging it, therefore this conference hereby declares itself wholly and always opposed to any measure of Government control which would include sale for beverage purposes."

The Royal Templars, also, the largest body of male temperance workers in the Province, have repudiated the dispensary.

It looks as though the W. C. T. U. was in good company.

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LONDON AND DISTRICT

—Mr. Johnson, of this city, has accepted the position of cutter for Mr. J. L. Boyes, of Napanee.

—The members of the Duke of York Lodge, L. O. L., No. 303, of London township, have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Benjamin Talbot, W. M.; Fred McGuffin, D. M.; William E. Talbot, chaplain; Wm. M. Talbot, recording secretary; Wesley Shoebottom, financial secretary; James I. Shoebottom, treasurer; Wm. M. Shoebottom, D. of C.; Wm. Shoebottom and Charles Fuller, lecturers; Walter Phillips, Walter Shoebottom, R. T. Shoebottom, John H. Shoebottom, and Fred Gough, committeemen; Alf. Stanley and James H. Shoebottom, auditors.

THE WEATHER A YEAR AGO.

A year ago today, Londoners were treated to their first experience of real cold weather for the season. About 6 o'clock on the evening of Dec. 12, the thermometer began to drop, and inside of 36 hours it had fallen 37.5 degrees. The highest reading on Dec. 12 last year was 39 degrees above zero, and the lowest was 16 above. At 8 o'clock this morning 18 degrees above zero was shown on the thermometer at the observatory in South London.

CAMERA CLUB CONCERT.

The Camera Club concert at the Auditorium on Saturday evening attracted a large audience. Prof. Turner, the hypnotist, aided largely in making the programme interesting. A unique feature was the lantern slides, made from photos taken by members of the club. The programme included the following: "The Brigand" (Spence), Mr. Garthwaite; "Il Papagallo" (Parish Alvars), Angelo Cortese; "Aux Italiens" (Owen Meredith), Miss Anthistle; illustrated songs, Master A. Adair; "Best of All" (Moir), Mr. Garthwaite; lantern slides, members of the club; hypnotic, Prof. Turner.

BUSINESS MAN DEAD.

Mr. Charles Richardson, who died yesterday at his home, "Woodland," Grand avenue, South London, was very prominent in local business circles for many years. He was a native of Brantford, being born in 1840, and when 13 years of age he came to London, later entering the employ of Edward Adams & Co., wholesale grocers. He became a member of the firm eventually, remaining in the partnership until 1884, when he retired. The illness which resulted in his death extended over a period of twenty years. Mr. Richardson took an active interest in Masonic matters, and was a past master of Tuscan Lodge, No. 195. He was also an ex-warden of St. James' Episcopal Church. He is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Alice Birrel, daughter of the late Mr. John Birrel, and one son, Mr. W. D. Richardson, of this city. The funeral will be held tomorrow.

PATTON—LEWIS.

On Wednesday at noon, at the residence of her parents, on the fourth concession of McGillivray township, Miss Vina Lewis became the bride of Mr. Patton, Rev. H. A. Thomas, rector of the Anglican Church at Lucan, performing the ceremony. Palms and chrysanthemums, artistically arranged, made the interior of the drawing-room look lovely. The ceremony took place in front of the window arch, which was banked with flowers and evergreens. The bride looked charming in a lovely gown of white silk. The bridesmaid was Miss Genta Lewis, a cousin of the bride, and Miss Clara Lewis, the bride's sister, was flower girl. Mr. Jas. Patton acted as best man. After the wedding breakfast the happy couple left for a trip to Cleveland, Detroit and other points. Many costly presents attested to the esteem in which the young couple are held.

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NEWS OF THE CITY CHURCHES

Rev. James Livingstone on "Temperance" —Chinese To Be Baptized.

The pastors of the Baptist churches of this city will continue the revival services in the Egerton Street Church every evening this week.

Rev. J. G. Stuart, of Knox Church, South London, yesterday exchanged pulpits with Rev. John Graham, of Avonton. The earnest discourses of the latter were heard with appreciation by large congregations at both services.

The services in the Church of St. John the Evangelist were taken last evening by the new curate of St. Paul's Cathedral, Rev. John Bushell.

At a baptismal service to be held in the First Methodist Church next Sunday, three or four Chinese converts of this city will enter the church. Quite a large number of Chinamen attend a Bible class in the Y. M. C. A. on Sunday afternoons, in connection with the First Methodist congregation, which is conducted by Mr. T. S. Clark.

Rev. James Livingstone, pastor of Wellington Street Methodist Church, gave a very strong sermon upon the temperance question last evening. He based his remarks on Isaiah lv., 2: "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread." There were four great reasons against the use of drink, he said. Firstly, the Bible, which is the great teacher of common sense, was against the use of liquor; secondly, the speaker did not think that the licensing laws were fair, because they gave legal sanction to the traffic which degraded the masses of the people; thirdly, those who engage in the traffic are not made to pass any examinations, no tests of intelligence, before they are let loose on society; finally, returning to the immediate purport of his text, the speaker said that the money spent upon strong drink was wasted money. In conclusion, the speaker said that more moral strength would be shown by abandoning the bar than by banishing it.

There was a large congregation in St. James Church, South London, last evening. Mr. Norman Keene rendered "Hold Thou My Hand" very acceptably.

Mr. George Rickard took the organ at Christ Church yesterday on account of the illness of Mr. Charles Percy.

Rev. A. J. MacGillivray, pastor of the new St. James Church, will exchange pulpits with Rev. A. McWilliams, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, of St. Marys, next Sunday. The latter church will celebrate its anniversary.

HAD PLEASANT EVENING

Model School Students Entertained —Presentation to Mr. Kirk.

The teachers and students of the Model School were entertained by Principal and Mrs. Kirk at their residence, 388 William street, on Friday evening. As each model session recurs, the teachers and students alike look forward to this, their annual gathering, with increasing interest, the games, music and social intercourse being thoroughly enjoyed by all. On the principle that "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," an evening's relaxation brightens and tends to smooth the workings of educational machinery.

As a token of their appreciation, the students presented Mr. Kirk with a beautiful silver fern bowl, filled with maidenhair fern. At the chiming of the midnight bells the company dispersed, pronouncing the fourth Model School social evening the best of the series.

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Anniversary of Church Marked by an Ordination

Impressive Ceremony and an Eloquent Sermon at the Memorial Church.

Yesterday saw the celebration of the 31st anniversary of the opening of the Bishop Cronyn Memorial Church, and at both services the edifice was crowded to its fullest capacity. The feature of the anniversary services was the ordination, by his Lordship Bishop Carmichael, of Montreal, of Rev. Arthur Carlisle, as deacon of the Church of England. The ordination, which took place in the morning, was a most solemn and impressive function. The candidate was presented by Ven. Archdeacon Richardson, assisted by Rev. Dyson Hague, the rector of the church. Rev. Mr. Waller, principal of the Western University, of which Mr. Carlisle is a graduate, preached the ordination sermon.

The regular service for the day was commenced at 10 o'clock to allow ample time for the ordination, which was to follow. The reverend principal, in his address, emphasized the fact that the main requisite for a deacon was a personal knowledge of Jesus Christ. The keynote of the life work of a member of holy orders was contained in the words used in the New Testament in connection with the office of a deacon "for Christ's sake and the Gospel's." Referring to the anniversary celebration, the speaker said that they could all thank God for thirty years of staunch evangelical ministry. In the Memorial Church the Gospel had been preached in all its purity. It was therefore a very suitable occasion for the setting aside to the deaconate of a young man who would be, in the future, closely connected with the life of the congregation. The preacher closed with an exhortation to his hearers to pray for the new minister and for the church.

When Principal Waller had finished his address, the bishop took his seat in the episcopal chair in the chancel. The candidate was then presented to his lordship by Archdeacon Richardson, who answered the necessary questions concerning the fitness of the young man to enter the ministry. The bishop then asked the congregation to pray for the new deacon, and the Litany was gone through with especial fervency. The bishop received the vows of the candidate, and then, by the laying on of hands, conferred upon him the authority to fill the office of a deacon, to read the Gospel in the church, and to preach the same. The Gospel for the day was then read by the newly-ordained deacon, and the partaking of the Holy Communion brought the service to a close.

Every inch of sitting room was occupied in the evening. The character of the music was suited to the occasion, and the pulpit was taken by his Lordship Bishop Carmichael, coadjutor bishop of Montreal, who performed the ordination of Rev. Arthur Carlisle in the morning. From the text, Luke, xvii., 14, "Go, show yourselves to the high priest," his lordship preached a most eloquent and impressive sermon. In this tale of the healing of the ten lepers, the speaker said there was contained a profound truth, one that was easily told, but one that was the hardest of all to follow, namely to do exactly as God tells us. This was the surest way to get the divine blessing. The speaker then went on to tell of the healing of the lepers. They had known that if they could only gain the attention of Jesus, they would, by that strange power that he possessed, be made whole, and enabled to return into the bounds of civilization. With the cup of their sorrow overflowing, they had met him with the cry, "Jesus, master, have mercy upon us." Christ usually accompanied his miracles with some touches of exquisite sympathy, said the speaker, but on this occasion he merely said in a cold voice, "Go, show yourselves to the priest." What was the significance of this? It was to demonstrate the fruits of obedience. It was apparently against all the dictates of reason for the lepers to obey the command and to go and show themselves to the priest, the official health officer, with the disease still on them, but they simply took Christ at his word, without staying to reason. And after they had gone some distance the blessing which was consequent on their obedience forced itself to the surface, and they were healed.

"The lesson is one for you and for me," his lordship went on, "one that will, if we follow it, put joy into our hearts and strength into our spiritual lives." Obedience, he continued, was the test for the Christian. Taking as examples, the teaching of Scripture upon the subjects of prayer and the Lord's Supper, the speaker went on to show what obedience to them meant. Christ had given the beautiful and simple command to "Go into thy closet, shut thy door and pray to the Father in secret, and the Father that is in secret will reward thee openly." Some had said that prayer was for the ministers only. Others had repudiated the supernatural that was implied in the command, and had asked how it was possible for their secret prayers to reach God. Volumes and volumes might be written to answer this question, said the speaker, but there was only one solution, and that was to obey the command and watch for the result. "Prayers are heard," said his lordship, "as sure as there is a God in heaven, as sure as there is a stricken heart upon earth."

The other command about which his lordship spoke was that which Christ gave on the night before he was crucified. The command was simply, "Take, eat, this is my body; drink, this is my blood," and yet what centuries of warfare had followed upon it. Weat great discussions were entered into with regard to the significance of this command. "What are we to do?" asked the preacher. "Shall we enter the warfare about this question? No, for God's sake, let us keep out of it. Let us rather go to that table (pointing to the communion table). How many weary hearts, with nothing else to go upon but Christ's command, have found comfort there! What the dear Lord wills that that bread will be to me, it will be; and what he wills that the wine will be to me, it will be." In the opinion of the speaker the only way to test the truth that was contained in the commands of Christ was to obey them and watch the results. "May God give us the strength to do so," said his lordship. "To obey is indeed better than sacrifice, but it is also much more difficult than sacrifice."

The bishop closed with tender references to the church and the congregation, saying that his words had not been inappropriate to the occasion of their anniversary. "You have been blessed from the very beginning," said his lordship. The church was raised 30 odd years ago in memory of one of the most faithful bishops that ever sat upon the bench. He was true to Christ's teachings. You have been blessed in the ministry of my late brother, whose only thought was to win souls for Christ, to prepare for the second coming of his Lord. You are blessed at the present. May God strengthen my brother's heart," said the bishop, stretching his hand toward the rector, "and may he bless this young man who has just entered the ministry." As for the congregation, no matter how greatly they had been blessed in the past, they would receive a still fuller share of blessing in the future if they would ever keep their hearts and ears open for the commands of Christ.

SURPRISE SPRUNG BY NORMALITES

Students Present Mr. J. W. Westervelt With a Clock—Was Writing Instructor.

On Saturday last, at the close of the series of writing lessons which Mr. J. W. Westervelt has given to the Normal students on Saturday afternoons, he was asked by Mr. Mahon on behalf of the students to remain for a few minutes, when the following address was read to him by Mr. McLeod, and he was presented with a beautiful clock by Miss McChesney:

"To Mr. J. W. Westervelt, Principal F. C. B. C.:

"Dear Sir,—We, the students of the London Normal School, have, throughout the term which is now drawing to a close, greatly appreciated your extreme generosity in voluntarily sacrificing your valuable time in order to improve the penmanship, not only of this class, but of the multitude of pupils, we hope to have under our care.

"Your lessons have not always been attended as they should have been, owing to the pressure of school studies, yet we feel assured that those who were fortunate enough to attend regularly have greatly benefited thereby.

"Out of deepest gratitude we beg of you to accept this intrinsic gift as a very small token of our appreciation of your able instruction on a subject that we well understand has been greatly neglected in our public schools, and we promise you that the interest which you have awakened in us for this subject we will endeavor to arouse in our pupils.

"Signed, on behalf of the students: Annie C. Ritchie, James H. Mahon, Mary McChesney, Alex. McLeod.

"London, Dec. 10, 1904."

Mr. Westervelt made a very suitable reply, expressing his apreciation of this gift from the students.

Mr. Dearness then added his thanks to that of the students, making a few very fitting remarks on the importance of the subject of writing.

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