

receipts of the aforesaid places of amusement. This would conserve some of the resources of the people and lighten some of their burdens.

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The subject of proportional representation is to the fore for discussion, and discussion always clarifies subjects. In theory under the present system the men who are elected to office are supposed to represent the whole people, but in reality they seem to consider themselves as representing the particular section that voted for them. So that the people who voted against them are not adequately represented at all. The proposed proportional system is intended to regulate this anomaly and accomplish other reforms. It deserves a respectful hearing at any rate.

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The question of throwing out the Prohibition vote on technicalities is mooted in some directions. If that could be done the result would simply be another vote which would bury the liquor business beyond the possibility of recognition. The people have their eyes wide open now.

Notes from the Interior

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Live Issues: Some Movements in Cranbrook

The result of the Prohibition vote is a wonderful demonstration of the growth of the moral consciousness in a people. A reform has been effected in the face of the most unscrupulous opposition, without resort to political jerrymandering or other intrigue. Had anyone prophesied this six years ago he would have been counted an impractical idealist, or worse. So we will take courage and go on dreaming daring dreams.

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Our next big dream is prohibition of prostitution. A great wave of popular indignation against this devilment will soon arise in the modern nations and sweep it away: but it is up to us to get the wave moving!

In the city of Cranbrook there is a rapidly developing public opinion against the business. The ministers of the various churches obtained from both candidates before the election definite pledges to abolish the local R. L. district. These pledges were read in the churches the Sunday before the election. In the English as well as in the other churches some very straight talking has been done by the parsons. People were shocked at first: that was natural enough. But it was inevitable. "It needs must be that offences come." What could be more un-Christlike than to live, year in and year out, under the very lights of the segregated district, as the Church has done, and never to lift a word of protest—because the subject is unpleasant, forsooth! "I am my brother's keeper," says the Christian; "the responsibility is mine for this state of things."

We have now a clear promise from the Liberal party to abolish this evil. Our own immediate duty is to keep public opinion alive in the matter and to give a fearless lead.

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The ministers are making a complete visitation of the City of Cranbrook to obtain a church census. Their visits are made together, and by this means a large number of the lapsed and unchurched are being brought back into touch with the churches. If such an undertaking could be made an annual event in every district, we believe the effects would be excellent.

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