

they assailed the foe within his own citadel. Often the onset was irresistible. There was much that was erratic fanatical in the dashing attempt to eradicate the greatest bane of many lands. But no doubt some good was accomplished. Many admired the determination, zeal and vigour of the fair ones engaged in the assault, although skeptical as to their discretion.

They showed by active exertion, unremitting toil, patience under many trials, and perseverance amid such opposition that they were in earnest. Contending for humanity sake they were humane kindly—Christian in their method. They tenderly entreated the liquor vendor—prayed fervently for him—sought not his ruin, but the suppression of a traffic hurtful to the seller as well as the buyer. The bar-shop was converted into a room of prayer.

In the method of suppression recently inaugurated—prayer is said to be the agency—the very same means which a heroic army of women used but a short time ago.

In a sequestered retreat in the vicinity of one of our famed rivers—there was reason to suspect an illicit traffic in strong drink. The truly good resolved to assemble and pray for the extinction of the evil. The manner in which they attempted the work was original—time and labour saving—although somewhat curt and stern. They did not lose time in going to the haunt of the offender, nor give themselves any unnecessary exertion, but met at a convenient place. One of their number is said to have plainly stated the object of their solemn

convocation—"to pray for the removal of a gross offender from their midst—one who if not spiritual or a spiritualist—had anyhow, too much to do with spirits." The president of the praying gang was not particular where the notorious sinner would find an abode; above, below, or in purgatory; so long as he was borne with rapid flight into a region where his influence for evil would be *nil*.

It was an extreme attempt to get rid in a summary way of a troublesome evil. Those who desire the total abolition of the liquor traffic anxiously await the issue of the latest method by which that end is sought to be gained.—COW.

WEST BRANCH TO THE FRONT.

A surprise of the pleasantest kind was the event of the week at Duferin Cottage Bridgeville, E. R. A select company representing the Hopewell section of the W. B. Congregation "bearing presents" put in an appearance on Monday evening the 7th inst.

Mr. A. W. McBean in the name, and on behalf of the ladies of the Hopewell Section of the St. Columba Congregation presented the Rev. W. McMillan with a very complimentary address, and at the same time Mr. Alex. Urquhart in their name presented him with a very handsome and valuable easy chair, in token of their appreciation of the interest shown by him in their welfare since they had been without a settled pastor, and their regard and esteem for him, which pleasing ceremony was crowned by a bountiful supper provided and prepared by the ladies. The evening passed pleasantly and quickly, and soon brought the parting hour. Good byes were exchanged, and the surprise party was homeward bound, leaving behind "pleasant memories," as well as substantial gifts, and carrying with them the heartiest thanks, and best wishes of a household, whose hearts they made glad, West Branch congregation has