

Facts and Opinions.

GOOD IN ITS PLACE.—Whiskey is good in its own place. There is nothing like whiskey in this world for preserving a man when he is dead. But it is one of the worst things in the world for preserving a man when he is living. If you want to keep a dead man, put him into whiskey; if you want to kill a living man, put whiskey into him. It was a capital thing for preserving the dead admiral, when they put him in a rum puncheon: but it was a bad thing for the sailors when they tapped the cask, and drank the liquor till they left the admiral as he never left the ship—high and dry.—*Rev. Dr. Guthrie.*

THE VOTE IN HALTON.—We take the vote in Halton to mean:—That the majority of the people in that county are in favor of the continuation of the Scott Act.

That adjoining and other counties, not only in Ontario but throughout the Dominion, will now adopt the Act and thereby increase the chances of proving the experiment a success.

That the liquor interest put their best and strongest forces forward in a compact territory and were defeated.

That the people are in favor of still further regulation of the liquor business—of regulating it out of existence wherever that is possible.—*Toronto World.*

LESS CRIME UNDER SCOTT ACT.—The last four months of Scott Act compared with the last four months of License.—From May 1st 1881, to August 30, 1881: last four months of License, there was a total of 15 committals to jail. Of these there were for vagrancy 2, insanity 2, leaving 11 for all other offences.

From May 1, 1884, to August 1, 1884, last four months of Scott Act, there was a total committals for all offences of 7. Of these there were for vagrancy 2, insanity 2, leaving 3 for all other offences. A difference between License and Scott Act of 8.

Who says the Scott Act does not lessen crime?—*Acton Free Press.*

ALL TOGETHER.—In the Scott Act agitation the nation knows no difference of creed or nationality. Alcohol is recognized as an enemy of morality, and therefore an enemy of every religion that teaches morality. Catholic and Protestant in this campaign are marching shoulder to shoulder, just as they would unite to repel an invading army or to crush out a pestilence. In England, Cardinal Manning appears on the same temperance platform with dignitaries of the English Church and pastors of all Protestant denominations. From Father Matthew in Ireland, to Bishop Lafleche and his devoted clergy in Arthabaska, the Catholic Church can boast of no small list of great workers in this good cause. The Scott Act itself was introduced by a Catholic, Senator Scott.—*Orillia Packet.*

WHAT TEMPERANCE DOES.—The *Anti-Scott Act Advocate*, published in Seaford, Ont., says that total abstinence makes men "lazy, vicious, sensual, and, as a consequence, fosters every species of secret immorality." It also "destroys the peace and quietness of neighbors." It promotes "forgeries, seductions, divorces, stealing, embezzlement, child-murder, extravagance, pride, lust, impiety, cant, and hypocrisy." As moreover it "is contrary to the teaching of the Bible, it will have a tendency to make young people infidels and unbelievers, and thereby injure their immortal souls." The *Anti-Scott Act Advocate* is not wanting in audacity.—*Charlottetown Examiner.*

SOME QUER NOTIONS.—"Temperance is a mere secular theme." Paul was very indiscreet when he mixed up this subject with righteousness and judgment to come."

"Woe unto him that giveth drink to his neighbor and maketh him drunken." In the next edition of the Bible there should be added to the above, in italics, *unless he has a license from human government.*

"Prohibition is a failure, because the law is violated." The Ten Commandments are violated daily, and are, therefore, a failure, and better never have been enacted.

A judicious license system, furnishing a revenue from iniquity, would have been better.

"Wine is a mocker." This declaration of Holy Writ is now ascertained to be a mistake. Its universal use will arrest drunkenness and introduce the millennium.

"When wine is in, wit is out." True, when there is not wit enough in to keep the wine out.—*Lever.*

DUPED.—There is probably no class of persons so thoroughly duped as the consumers of spirituous liquors. They will smack their lips over a glass of brandy, or a bottle of champagne, and talk of the charming qualities of these beverages, when in reality neither ever crossed the ocean. Chemical analyses prove that both are made of some compound deleterious to health, and a comparison of our imports with our internal revenue returns, show that there is not so much of either imported as is consumed. There is scarcely any liquor sold in a prime state at the present day. Nearly all is manufactured or greatly adulterated, or both, and when the consumer is indulging in what he supposes to be a prime article of liquor, he is in reality taking a vile compound, manufactured in accordance with certain recipes, which can be bought for a few dollars each.—*Exchange.*

ANOTHER VICTIM.—The man Shea, who was badly burned in his house on Metcalf street, while drunk, on Sunday night, the 6th inst. died in the St. Catharines hospital on Saturday last. Some of our town people have been heard to say that the "Trades Benevolent Association" should defray the expense of the funeral and also provide the helpless family with the means of support, as his death was caused by a too liberal patronage of their "trade." Will this association, which reports a benevolent fund of several thousand dollars, come forward and use some of their cash in this way? As it is, there is every probability that the public treasury, into which the liquor dealer paid his license fee, will be called upon to bring forth the amount necessary to defray these expenses. The helpless children are to be pitied, and are as deserving as they are needy of the public sympathy and help.—*Thorold Post.*

LOOK AT HALTON.—"Look at Halton," cried King Dodds; "Halton has tried the Scott Act, and Halton is going to announce on polling day the result of the trial. The Scott Act increases the consumption of my dear employers' liquor by ever-so-much. Don't you believe me? Then look at Halton, and see her voters drive out the pernicious stuff by voting licensed saloons in! The Scott Act increases drunkenness. Do you doubt my figures, my patent double-faced unfathomable figures? Then look at Halton, and behold her valiant sons give their decision on this point!" And Bell, and Lee, and McGannon, and all the other great orators employed by the "benevolent traders," echoed in enthusiastic chorus, "Look at Halton!" And all the very disinterested newspapers that are—from a pure spirit of public duty—filling column upon column with second-hand "facts" and figures from the repository of Mr. King Dodds, and painting temperance men as black as printers' ink can make them,—swelled with their husky voices and triumphant chant, "Look at Halton!"

And we, seeing that all these very able singers have unaccountably become silent and absent, venture to come forward and, delighted for once to agree with Messrs. King Dodds and Company, to repeat the refrain of their favorite song—"LOOK AT HALTON!"—*War Notes.*

PROHIBITION.—Prohibition is now becoming the watchword everywhere. The whole United States are ablaze with the fire of Prohibition, not only in every single State, but in the halls of our national Congress. There are thirty-two States and Territories thoroughly organized, and have dozens of able and influential speakers in the field who are going from state to state and from town to town advocating prohibition. Surely the liquor curse has roots and branches without number, and the drinking saloon is one of the chief Synagogues of Satan, not only that drunkenness is bred there, but it is also the beginning of the greatest evil wrought. It is there the young man first learns to use profanity, his vilest and basest passions are harbored there. It is there he first learns to break the Sabbath; crime in all its forms seek inspirations there, and oaths and curses are continually heard. Prohibition has taken such a hold upon the people of our community, that we are sure our voters will not fail us, and in the near future we will have prohibition in this little town of ours.

Our men will surely vote as they pray, and the prayers that have for years been going up for husbands and sons and brothers will surely not go unanswered.—*The Women's Temperance Advocate.*