

circumstances, a large one." He stated that the question was too important to be trifled with, and that the Government would carefully consider what was to be done under the circumstances. We are now waiting the action of Government and Parliament in relation to the vote that has been taken.

The Situation.

It will readily be seen that the situation imposes upon friends of the temperance cause new duties and heavy responsibilities. The battle over the principle of prohibition has been fought. The people of Canada have declared themselves against the continuance of the legalized liquor traffic. This fact must influence and to some extent determine our future action. Henceforth we have to deal with the practical problem of working out in effective legislation the principle that has been endorsed. That work must be done in Parliament by the people's representatives, and by the people in the election of representatives in accord with public opinion upon this question.

The character and details of legislation, the penalties for violation of law, the methods of enforcement, must be settled by Parliament. It is more than ever necessary that our members of Parliament shall be men who will fairly represent public opinion upon the question of prohibition.

Friends of the liquor traffic will also recognize this fact. They will be active and anxious to prevent the election of representatives who will accept and work out the mandate of the people. We must meet them with earnestness, wisdom, energy and determination. A constituency that has declared itself in favor of prohibition, can only be fairly represented in Parliament by a member who holds the same views.

Prohibition will be an issue in every general election and every bye-election to be held for many years to come.

The Duty of the Hour.

Government and Parliament can take no action that will alter this aspect of the situation. It is our imperative duty to stand by those representatives who honestly and honorably insist upon the carrying out of the mandate of the people, and to oppose those who will suggest or endorse any rejection or disregard of that mandate.

The victory of September 29th was but the beginning of the battle. The enactment of prohibitory law will be another step in advance. The conflict will still go on. In it we must spend years and energies. It is well to fully understand the position we have won and all that it involves.

Our immediate duty is to perfect our organization. We cannot afford to disband a single company of the prohibition army. Every Provincial organization must be strengthened and made permanent. Every county association must hold itself ready for the next phase of the conflict, whatever it may be, or whenever it may come. Every local committee must do the same. Churches, young people's societies and temperance organizations must wisely plan and carefully carry out even more effective educating and inspiring work than what has already been done.

We Must Go On.

We deem it our duty also to call upon every friend of prohibition to aid us in securing speedy and effective legislation in accordance with the vote of the people and the pledges given before the Plebiscite was taken. We must insist upon our right to the ground we have gained. If it were simply a fight for personal advantage we might talk of a truce, or of leniency toward our foe. We are fighting, however, for interests too sacred to be compromised in the smallest degree. We are fighting for the moral, physical and social rights of those who are not able to fight for themselves. Any yielding to our enemies would be a betrayal of our cause. We dare do nothing but push on the battle with every energy that we can command.

By order of the Dominion Alliance Executive Committee.

JOHN J. MACLAREN,
Chairman.

F. S. SPENCE,
Secretary.

Information about methods of organization, or any matter connected with prohibition work, will be cheerfully furnished by the Secretaries of the different Provincial organizations. Their addresses are as follows:—

Nova Scotia, W. S. SANDERS, Halifax.
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Ontario, F. S. SPENCE, Toronto.
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A Group of Little Patients at The Hospital for Sick Children.

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A GREAT CHARITY'S APPEAL

The Grand Work of Ontario's Sweetest Charity.
The Hospital for Sick Children — Hampered by a Mortgage of \$50,000.

To love abundantly is to live abundantly. The Biblical story of the Good Samaritan is a delineation of the greatest thing in the world—love.

The Hospital for Sick Children was built by those who were large in enterprise for the alleviation of the pain and suffering of helpless little children. The building is one of the best equipped hospitals in the world. It is capable of accommodating 175 sick children. To-day there are over 100 little patients in the Hospital all being nursed and treated by skillful physicians and trained nurses.

The work has been carried on during the past year without stint. Over 5000 children were helped back to health. Of these 633 patients were cared for in the cots. One-third of the patients came from places outside of Toronto.

The Hospital is a provincial institution. Its services are free to the children of parents who cannot afford to pay the small fees charged. Some of the most difficult surgical operations known have been skillfully and successfully performed at the Hospital. Many a parent has had cause to bless the great charity, not only for saving their child's life, but for making happy what had otherwise been a sorrowful life. Children who had been cripples for life but for the ministrations of the Hospital will grow up strong and straight, and in the years to come they, too, will bless the work of the Hospital and return thanks in some tangible manner.

In twenty-two years the Hospital for Sick Children has been the means of helping 30,000 sick children.

This is a grand institution — one worthy of the sympathy and help of everyone.

Though for 22 years the Hospital has been doing this work, the workers in the institution have always been harassed by debt—and hampered for need of funds.

This year the mortgage of \$50,000 falls due, and half the amount of the mortgage must be paid off. The increase of patients during the past year precluded any possibility of saving a single dollar towards this object. The trustees of the Hospital, in this critical emergency, make a strong appeal to the people of Ontario.

They ask the aid of everyone who can spare a single dollar.

They have asked the editor of this paper to tell the story of the Hospital to its readers, to tell the story simply, to state the urgency of their need, and to appeal to them for financial aid. They need money—not alone for the mortgage indebtedness, but to meet a debt due the bank for money advanced to meet expenses incurred for medicine and food.

Last year the scholars of Ontario's Public Schools contributed \$1,153 towards the permanent endowment of a cot. They will complete their generous gift this year. Toronto school children gathered \$1,397, and they say they will do more this year. The Sabbath school children gave nearly an equal amount.

They are doing their best to relieve the pain of their comrades in distress. And it is upon this staunch little friends of the work that the Hospital relies for maintenance.

There are 400 papers published in the province. If the readers of this paper could contribute \$100 amongst them, that sum would maintain a cot for a year—and perhaps save the life of somebody's darling.

You will find as you look back on life that the moments of joy, the moments that you recollect often, the moments when you have really lived, are those moments when you have done things in a spirit of love and charity.

The Hospital for Sick Children, "the sweetest of all charities," appeals to you on behalf of the little ones who languish on beds of sickness. They ask only for the dollars you can easily spare.

As memory scans the past, beyond all the transitory pleasures of life, there stand forward the hours when you have done some act of kindness to those round about you, perhaps little acts too trifling to speak of, yet actions which have broadened the joy in your life.

From 136 places outside of Toronto the little patients came to the Hospital this year. Perhaps it may be your neighbour's child who will need the mother arm of the institution this year.

The future of the Hospital is in the hands of its friends.

\$25,000 is needed at once. To give abundantly is to get abundantly.

Readers of this paper may forward contributions to J. Ross Robertson, chairman of the Hospital Trust, Toronto. Their gifts will be promptly acknowledged by the Treasurer, and in the columns of the Toronto Evening Telegram.

In your Christmas Joy Remember the Suffering Little Ones.