

has influenced us during the past twelve months, nor how she influences us at this moment.

" Sweet souls around us watch us still,
Press nearer to our side ;
Into our thoughts, into our prayers,
With gentle helping glide."

We are all solid temperance women here, anxious for the prohibition of the Liquor traffic, eager to do all on *our* part to make this traffic a thing of the past, no one would impugn our right to the title of *temperance* women. Are we just as anxious, do we put forth our utmost efforts to be *Christ-like* women as well? Do we imitate our leader in her sweetness of spirit as well as in her total abstinence principles? During the year which is past, I have felt more than ever before, the need of cultivating the christian part of our name, have felt the need of more love for God, more love for our fellow creature.

Members of the W. C. T. U. need to be women of prayer. The movement was born in prayer, cradled in prayer, and can not be divorced from it. We must

Take time to be holy, Speak oft with our Lord,
Abide in Him always, and feed on His word.

This year is unexampled in the history of our Dominion. Twelve months ago we were looking forward to the Plebiscite vote, we were in a sea of uncertainty regarding it, not knowing when the vote would be taken, nor how, not knowing indeed, but that through some political influence it might be side tracked altogether. Now instead of being a thing of the future, it has become a fact of history that on the 29th of September, 1898, the question "Are you in favor of the passing of an act prohibiting the importation, manufacture, or sale of wine, ale, beer, cider and all alcoholic liquors for use as beverage? was submitted to the electors of Canada, and thousands of people voted "Yes." Each of the seven provinces has given a majority in favor of prohibition, in only one province is there a majority who say "No." Mr. Spence ably reviews the situation "The German and French elements of our population were found to be hostile to prohibition, the English, Irish and Scotch strongly in its favor, every constituency in the Dominion that has not a large French or German vote declared in favor of prohibition. This is the most striking, and probably the most important detail of the vote."

The idea that the majority against in Quebec was given from an anxiety to relieve the Government from the necessity of promoting legislation against the liquor traffic is probably correct. The French Journals are glorifying themselves over the issue; one says, "it is the name of Quebec, which is to day in all mouths, not only in America, but in Europe. The enormous vote of all the other Provinces is held in check by the Province of Quebec alone. The prohibitionist

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