

NOT WANTED.

At a meeting recently a clergyman told how he had become a total abstainer. He had previously been connected with a Moderation Society, and having one evening presided at one of its meetings, he was accosted while walking along the street next morning by one of his parishioners, who, endeavoring to put his arms round his neck, hiccuped out: "I do so love you, good Mr. Vicar; I goos with you for moderation." The good Vicar became a total abstainer the following day. He wanted better company.

For Young Men.

The most unfortunate day in the career of any young man is the day on which he fancies there is some better way to make money than to earn it; for from that feeling springs the many extravagant and visionary plans which are indulged in for the purpose of gaining a livelihood without labor. When a young man becomes thoroughly infected with this feeling, he is ready to adopt any means for the accomplishment of his object, and if he is failed in his efforts, upon the crest of the wave which he has already mounted, and in full view, is the temptation of crimes to shield him from the disgrace which he thinks must inevitably follow in the wake of defeat. To those he yields, and the first he realizes he finds himself the violator of the law, and a criminal in the eyes of the community, and the inmate of a prison, waiting trial, all brought about for the want of a little manly firmness in the outset of life to prompt him to choose a vocation where the penny earned could bring with it its sure reward.

The Sunbeam, published by the Literary Society of Ontario Ladies College, and always welcome among our exchanges; in its last number commends our enterprise in issuing *The Methodist Monthly*, but affects to be enveloped in mystery that we "Brantford people" are able to do this thing, and then sets itself to guessing as to how we do it.

"Worst of Guessers Guess Again. No, although we are simply a literary society outside of college walls and number only about one hundred members, we have not as yet, nor do we intend to borrow from our neighbors, to carry on our work; neither are we disposed to measure literary ability by the "page," although we furnish our readers fully one fourth more reading matter than the *Sunbeam* offers its patrons. We would remind the *Sunbeams* of the words of Cicero "These things are not judged of by their number but by their weight."

Surely the editors of the *Sunbeam*, whom we observe have had their last issue delayed "by illness" have not as the students of a certain college "been troubled with 'mumps'?" If so we "sincerely hope that the ravages of that fell disease" may be speedily checked.

FLORAL FESTIVAL.—Seldom have we seen a finer effect produced than that seen in the decorating of the Lecture Hall by the L. A. S. at their floral festival. All who attended were simply surprised and delighted. The receipts were about \$100. "I wish I had known it was going to be so fine," was the remark of the disappointed ones, who stayed away.

Wit, Humor, Wisdom.

"Character is the criterion of destiny." If you don't want to get angry never argue with a blockhead.

Much of the charity that begins at home is too feeble to get out of doors.

Girls who bang their hair seem to be trying to wear chin whiskers on their foreheads.

Love without esteem cannot reach far, nor rise very high; it is an angel with but one wing.—A. Damas, nls.

A woman should never accept a husband without the consent of her heart, nor a lover without the consent of her judgment.—Nimon de l'Enclus.

If a newspaper should contain all the things that all its readers want it to print, it would have to be bigger than a bedspread. If it should leave out all that each of its readers does not wish to read, it would be blank paper.

I think 'twas in September, if I rightly now remember, that I heard a knocking, knocking at my door; yes, I know 'twas in September, for quite well I now remember he had been there about fifty times before; had been there knocking at my door. But I opened not, nor wondered, as upon the door he thundered; for he yelled: "Say, now, will you settle this ere bill I bring you?" as he battered on the door, and I answered, calmly answered: "Nevermore."

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