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## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Vanguard for 1893-4, in neat cloth binding, is now for sale. It is the most important Canadian contribution yet made to the literature of the temperance and prohibition reform, containing over 650 pages full of invaluable arguments, facts and statistics, all reliable, fresh and good, fully and carefully indexed. No worker can afford to be without it. The price is only ONE DOLLAR. The number of copies is limited. Send your order at once to the Editor.

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## ENCOURAGEMENT.

One of the encouraging signs of the times is the aggressive attitude that is being taken against the liquor traffic by the Roman Catholic Church.

The Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America reports an addition of 6278 to its membership since the beginning of the year.

The New Jersey Union which met on May 30th, passed a resolution to use its best efforts to elect men to office, who can be relied upon to stand by the temperance cause.

The Annual Meeting of the Union of the Archdiocese of Boston, recommended members to refuse to support Catholic papers whose columns contain liquor dealers' advertisements. It also approved the action of Archbishop Williams who recently stipulated that no intoxicating liquors should be used at his jubilee banquet, and the action of Catholic societies generally which refuse to have liquor present on their festive occasions.

There is in Danbury, Conn. a ladies' temperance society in connection with St. Peter's Church, under the patronage and approval of Rev. Father Lynch, with a membership of over 100 young women who have agreed to refuse to marry any man who drinks intoxicating liquor. The ladies of the Rosary Society, another Catholic organization, have approved the action of the young ladies and determined to support them in the position they have taken.

Many such items as these might be gathered up from the columns of the different papers that come to us from the other side of the line. They all show what was strongly evidenced in the action taken recently by Bishop Watterson and upheld by Cardinal Satolfi, the growing hostility of the

great Catholic church to the drink evil. It is as we said, one of the most encouraging features of the temperance situation of to-day.

## THE CHURCHES.

The church courts are holding their annual sessions and almost without exception are declaring in strong terms their hostility to the ruin working liquor traffic and their earnest desire for the enactment of total prohibition.

We have a right to be thankful for this important sign of the times. Not very many years ago temperance deliverances by church gatherings were the exception, now they are the rule. This fact demonstrates the growing strength of public opinion in the right direction. It shows also a laudable earnestness on the part of churches for practical work against the terrible drink curse.

The thought however, presents itself forcibly, that the members of the churches making these emphatic deliverances, are also the members of the community that licenses the liquor traffic. Every one will admit that the churches which so strongly oppose the liquor traffic could, by united action, make prohibition a dominant issue and insist upon the overthrow of that traffic.

We are working in this direction. Every year sees more and more of independent political action. This independent action is generally taken on lines of social reform. Somehow or other men are more ready to talk than act, but action as well as talk is advancing. The churches that are denouncing the liquor traffic will yet overthrow it.

## THE DEMOREST MEDALS.

As has already been announced in the CAMP FIRE, provision has been made for the carrying on of the educative work of the Demorest Medal Contests. The generous founder of this laudable enterprise did not allow the work to cease with the end of his earthly life. Those to whom he has entrusted it will do their best to make it even more useful and effective than before.

From every part of the province there come to us expressions of appreciation of this line of action. Many meetings have been held, interest has been roused and good has been done that would not otherwise have been accomplished. Contests ought to be held by every church, Sunday-school, young people's society and temperance organization in the land. This is a campaign plan of campaign that costs little and results in a great deal. It will gather audiences and do them good in cases where otherwise no temperance effort would be made. We strongly commend it to all our workers. Full particulars will be found in another part of this paper.

## THE JURISDICTION QUESTION.

The settlement of the question of jurisdiction seems to be at hand. The appeal taken by the Ontario Government against the decision of the Supreme Court of Canada, has been set down for hearing by the Privy Council in the beginning of July. The Dominion Government, and the Province of Ontario will be represented. The liquor dealers expect also to be in the case. Dr. J. J. McLaren, Q. C. will take charge of the case for the Ontario Government.

A great deal will depend upon this decision. It will settle the nature of the campaign to be carried on in this province during the coming fall and

winter. If Ontario has a right to prohibit the retail traffic our legislature will be expected to pass a prohibitory law. To this action they must be urged, and in it they must be supported cordially by friends of the cause. The liquor party will undoubtedly use every effort to make the law as defective and unworkable as possible. It will need all our vigilance and energy to prevent their doing the mischief at which they will aim.

If on the other hand it is settled that a province has not the right to prohibit the sale of liquor there will be an emphatic demand for an immediate revision of our imperfect and inconsistent license legislation. The present law is full of defects and loopholes. It may be made a vastly more powerful weapon than it is, against the evil working liquor traffic. Temperance people will need to organize, and work to secure the enactment of a measure as restrictive as our legislation can give.

## PATRONAGE SOLICITED.

Wishing to get a living without working hard, I have secured commodious rooms in Lovemoney's Block, corner of Balm Street and Perdilion Avenue, next door to the undertaker's, where I shall manufacture drunkards, paupers and lunatics, beggars, criminals and dead beats, for sober and industrious men to support.

Backed up by the law or not, I shall add to the number of accidents, painful injuries, disgraceful quarrels, drunken riots and cold-blooded murders. My liquors are warranted to rob some of life, many of reason, more of property, and all of true peace; to make fathers bonds, wives widows, and children orphans. It shall cause mothers to forget their infants, children to grow up in ignorance, young women to lose their priceless purity, bright young men to become loafers, gamblers, skeptics, and lewd fellows of the basest sort.

Lady customers supplied with a very pleasant drink which will not intoxicate them, but will only make them stupid, slack, lazy, coarse and quarrelsome. Sunday customers will please enter the back door. Boys and girls are the raw material of which I make drunkards—parents may help in this work by sending their children for their beer, brandy, rum, etc.

At two hours' notice, I am able to put husbands in a condition to reel home, break the furniture, beat their wives, and kick their children out of doors. I shall also fit mechanics to spoil their work, be discharged and become tramps.

If one of my regular customers should reform, I will, for a few cents, with pleasure, induce him to take just one glass more, or by offering free drinks, tempt him to start again on the road to hell; the money he should spend in bread and butter for his family will buy luxuries for mine, and when his money is gone I will persuade him to run in debt, for I can collect the debt by attaching his wages.

Orders promptly filled for sickness or delirium tremens. In short, I will do my best to help bring upon my regular customers, debt, disgrace, distress, despair and death in this world, and a place in the next where the worm never dieth and the fire is never quenched.

Having closed my ears to God's warning voice—having made a league with hell and the devil, whom I serve, to work iniquity, I claim the right to bring all the above evils on my friends and neighbors for the sake of gain.

Some have suggested that I display outside the door assorted specimens of my art, but that would blockade the street. Excellent samples of my manufactured wrecks may be seen inside the magistrates' offices almost at any time, and often in the street gutters, always in the poor-houses, asylums and prisons, and very frequently on the gallows.

RUM SELLER.

## SAVE THE JEWELS.

While in one of our large cities, down one of its great thoroughfares, I noticed a lady suddenly stop. She had dropped a diamond, and it rolled into the filth and dirt at the walk. She did

not ask anyone to try to find it for her; but stooping down herself, sought with her parasol to bring to light the lost treasure, but in vain.

Quite a number of persons gathered around, and she, fearing to lose the prize if others united in the search, hastily drew off the light kid glove from her delicate hand, and baring her arm, thrust it down into the filth and brought up a handful of dirt, slimy mud; but the ring was not there. Again she dipped into the filth, and again, but with the same result.

The fair, white hand was now covered with the refuse of the street, but what did she care? She was not ashamed; a treasure was there, and if it could be found she would find it.

Again she tries, and this time sees gleaming in the handful of filth, the sparkling gem.

Is she not repaid?

Something is lying on the ground, at the side of the walk, seemingly a mass of filth and rags—a man beastly drunk—but in the midst of it all, there is a gem worth far more than gold or diamonds. That man has a soul; an immortal, never-lying soul. Who will stand the staring gaze and sneer of the lookers-on to save that treasure—to lift the man, seemingly below the level of the beast, to the high and glorious privilege of a child of God?—John D. Gough.

## DEMOREST MEDAL CONTEST BUREAU.

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