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O DREARY days and rugged ways
 And bitter winds so fiercely blowing,
 O fallen leaves and shiv'ring trees
 And bare, brown fields with nothing growing!
 O empty plains and sweeping rains,
 O lonely wood, a requiem sighing
 O'er summer dead and songsters fled
 And flowers in their dark graves lying!
 O early night and laggard light,
 O glittering frost with fairy fingers,
 O glad surprise of sunset skies
 Where heaven's brightest glory lingers!
 O changeful time of gloom and shine,
 Thy charm my heart will long remember;
 In all the year I hold most dear
 The cold and colorless November!
Woodstock, Ont.

Editorial Talk.

THE returns of the prohibition plebiscite are now almost completed, and the leaders on both sides are giving their opinions as to the probable results. Nothing can be done, however, until the government makes its pronouncement. It is altogether unlikely that any radical measures will be attempted on the strength of the vote that has been cast. The English-speaking provinces have declared for prohibition by a majority of over one hundred thousand, but this is offset by Quebec's anti-prohibition majority of over eighty thousand. The decisive majorities in the Maritime provinces, and in Manitoba, make it plainly evident that the people will not be satisfied with the continuance of the legalized liquor traffic. Various explanations have been given for the decrease in the majority for prohibition in Ontario since the previous provincial plebiscite, but whatever the reasons, there is great cause for gratitude that the people of the banner province of the Dominion have pronounced themselves against the merchandise in intoxicants by over thirty-nine thousand. It means that public sentiment, rapidly growing as it is in favor of temperance, will soon sound the doom of this great evil. What seems feasible in the meantime would be such Dominion legislation as would enable provinces to give to the people the relief which they

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crave. If this were done, not many years would pass before the drink traffic would be outlawed in every province of our land.

THE practice in vogue in many counties of combining the conventions of the Christian Endeavor Union and the Sabbath School Association

Union Conventions.

is worthy of careful consideration. Many of the workers are active in both spheres, and such a union means a saving of time, money, and effort. Many of the themes that come up for discussion are also of equal value to both organizations. But, from a recent experience, we would be inclined to put the workers on guard against the tendency of so mingling the work and the discussions that the identity of the organizations is destroyed. The conventions should be held consecutively rather than together. In this way the best interests of each society are conserved, while the benefits of bringing together the workers in these two allied departments of the Lord's work are also secured.

It has frequently been noticed that in our pledge the obligation is made to rest, not upon the society, but upon the individual. "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would like to have me do."

The Society of One.

Nothing is of greater importance than the emphasis of the idea of personal responsibility thus inculcated. The strength of a regiment is the aggregate strength of the individual soldiers, and in God's army quality counts as well as quantity. Gideon's three hundred are mightier than Midian's multitude. The society is dependent for its influence upon the character of its individual members. To develop the power of the society you must develop the power of each person connected with it. Train the individuals for aggressive work and the society will become a mighty power in the church and in the community. Have a consecration service for a society of one, and you be that one. Determine that so far as your individual service can go you will not fail in your duty. Christ wants to do great things for your society, your church, your community, but He waits for consecrated lives through whom He may fulfil His will. He needs lips through which He may utter His messages of mercy and