

3. *The Magistrates and Justices of Glasgow.* Having thus settled the Vigilance Association, the licence-holders ascended to a yet greater height of daring, and proceeded to terrorise the Magistrates themselves. In April, 1911, the Licensing Bench in Glasgow adopted a policy of restriction in certain congested areas, with the result that altogether there was a reduction of 50 licences in the Court of first instance, and a net reduction of 43 when the Appeal Court had given its decisions. Under the plea that the Licensing Bench heard general arguments regarding congested areas instead of specific objections against individual houses, the dispossessed licence-holders have now served summonses on all the members of the Licensing Court and of the Appeal Court, on the clerks, and on the objectors, craving for reduction of the adverse judgments and the granting of their certificates. The Town Council of Glasgow unanimously agreed to bear the whole expenses of defending the actions thus raised, and on the 17th March, 1912, in the Outer House, Lord Skerrington dismissed all these actions, fifteen in number, on the ground that they were irrelevant, as the Licensing Court were within their rights in the procedure followed and the decisions taken. The licence holders then re-claimed to the Inner House, but while some adverse comment was made by the Judges on the procedure followed, particularly in regard to the Vigilance Association's part in the Licensing Court, yet Lord Skerrington's judgment was affirmed in the Higher House and the action of the licence holders finally dismissed with additional costs on 7th February last.

4. *The Airdrie Magistrates.*... On 17th September, 1901, a new Good Templar Lodge was founded in the town of Airdrie. At the end of the first month they had 264 members. At the end of the following April they had 1,221. By 1911 they had 3,300 and could boast the largest Good Templar Lodge in the world. Good Templars were in a majority in the town council, and the chief Templar was Provost of the town. During the ten years 49 licences had been cancelled. From being one of the most drunken towns in all Scotland, Airdrie had become one of the most sober. In 1900 at the local police court there were 582 cases of breach of the peace; in 1910 there were 261 cases. In 1900 there were 354 cases of drunkenness; in 1910 there were 106, of whom only 47 were resident in the Burgh. In 1900 the depositors in Airdrie savings bank numbered 6,769, with £330,394 to their credit; after ten years they numbered 10,400 and had at their credit £750,000. In April, 1911,