

Then we think we are justified in inserting the following clipping from the *Montreal Witness*, as relating to Influential Bodies: "What has been noteworthy since the last Dominion elections, is the greatly increased attention and consideration paid by politicians and party papers to the prohibition question. This question has, ever since the new parliament replaced the old, been treated with marked respect. One example of this change is the fact that the late Finance Minister, once the ceaseless and most eloquent advocate of prohibition, has departed from the reticence and inaction which, since he became a Minister of the Crown, has marked his course. It is possible that not only the fact of a new parliament, but that of a new administration may have had something to do in setting him free to utter again his well-known views.

We will end this report by another quotation:—"The task of all who desire the legal wiping out of the drink traffic, is now to get the country to realize that the choice is actually in its hands, and that prohibition is actually within its grasp." For half a century the world has been moving along toward the abolition of the liquor traffic and now the time is at hand. We have Mr. Laurier's promise that if the people declare themselves in favor of total prohibition of the liquor traffic, he will totally prohibit it. Surely this is very satisfactory coming from such an influential body as the Dominion government.

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE I. O. O. F.,
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY,
BALTIMORE, MD., January 2d, 1896.

Mrs. Mary Wiley, Secretary Ontario W. C. T. U., Richmond Hill, Ontario,
Canada:

MADAM—I have yours of 30th ult., conveying resolutions adopted by "The Ontario Provincial Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union," and will present the same to the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its session, September 1896.

Very respectfully,
THEO. A. ROSS,
Grand Secretary.

Mrs. Mary Wiley, Richmond Hill, Ont.:

MY DEAR MADAM—I have your favor of December 30th, and acknowledge with thanks and with high appreciation, the resolution passed by the last Convention of the Ontario W. C. T. U. I can conceive of no greater honor than to be held by that body as worthy of the endorsement the resolution gives.

I am confined here at the house of my brother in North Tonawanda, N. Y., to my bed, the result of a railway accident sustained December 5th. My progress towards recovery has been slow, but I am making more satisfactory improvement in that direction for the last few days. I am now able to sit up two or three hours a day, but my injured limb compels me to be lifted from the bed to the chair. I have hopes of being able to reach my home toward the last of this month, and to resume my duties at Ottawa in early February. This, however, is a mere matter of conjecture. This accident will prevent my introducing the Lord's Day Observance bill this session. However, this is not a matter of special importance, as the session is called for one purpose only, and very little, if any, general legislation will go through more than the preliminary