

TEMPERANCE COLUMN.

By the Women's Christian Temperance Union of St. John.

There will appear in this column next week a review of the temperance question, re the plebiscite, from the standpoint of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

The county W. C. T. U. extend to the merchants who loaned furnishings for their parlors at the exhibition, the committee who took charge, and others who generously gave assistance, their sincere thanks.

The W. C. T. U. held the regular meeting on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Smith explained in detail the recent transactions of the Little Girls' Home and spoke of the immediate need there was of money to carry on this much needed work.

The committee had received a receipt for the same. It was also reported that through the generosity of one of the members another \$10 had been added to the fund, thus making \$25 as the W. C. T. U. contribution to the plebiscite campaign.

The committee which had the W. C. T. U. room at the exhibition in charge, reported that a large number of ladies had visited that room and had expressed their approval and appreciation of such a tasteful and comfortable resting place.

The sum of 13 cents had been placed in the box which had been placed to receive contributions for the Little Girls' Home. Money to assist in paying expenses in connection with the room had been received from five unions, and this would be paid in to the provincial treasurer.

The question of the membership of the union came up and it was resolved that, through the press, all members of the union be asked to be present at the room, Orange hall, Germain street, next Tuesday afternoon.

It is earnestly hoped that this request will meet with a response and that on Tuesday, 10th, there will be present every member of the St. John Union.

TEMPERANCE AT OBERLIN.

By Rev. D. L. Seward.

Temperance principles entered Oberlin with the first colonists, were imbedded in the substance of the covenant, and with a unanimity probably nowhere else ever matched for so long a time, have since borne sway.

No open saloon has ever been able to survive in this town a few days. Whoever has attempted to defy public opinion at this point has come to grief so speedily and so utterly as to be able to find not the least solace for his woes.

At the beginning temperance wore a meaning as sweeping as in the New Testament, being co-extensive with continence, self-mastery. The promise was to "eat only plain and wholesome food, renouncing all bad habits, and especially the smoking and chewing of tobacco, unless it is necessary as a medicine, and deny ourselves all strong and unnecessary drinks, even tea and coffee, as far as practicable, and everything expensive that is simply calculated to gratify the palate."

As to the last two, the good sense of the community present removed the taboo, but alcoholic drinks and tobacco have remained under the ban even to the present.

The students are required to pledge themselves to abstain, and by an overwhelming majority the inhabitants of the village pass their days in blissful ignorance of any need of such stimulants.

In 1837 the colonists pledged themselves not to patronize any merchant or inn-keeper who was a vendor of tobacco, and for years the noxious weed was not to be found on sale. But later the farmers of the surrounding region who chewed and smoked, and for whom Oberlin was the trading place, came so much into contact with the city that they began to keep it in stock, and later some of the grocers. Once or twice a tobacco store has been opened, but soon failed for lack of sufficient patronage.

In 1880 an anti-tobacco crusade was instituted by a mass meeting in the First church under the lead of the pastors, the faculty and the mayor, and marked by stirring addresses, forcible resolutions, and the appointment of a committee. In due season the outcome appeared in a pledge taken by all the tradesmen but one to sell the unpopular article no more.

After sixty-five years, in this day of such general use of cigars and cigarettes, it can be truthfully affirmed that the number of smokers in Oberlin is phenomenally small.

As for intoxicants, they have always been exceedingly conspicuous by their utter absence. At various times strong drink has been dealt out surreptitiously for a season, but discovery, arrest, conviction and condign punishment were so certain to ensue that the offender was content never to repeat the offence.

The open saloon has always been considered absolutely intolerable. Since 1875 several determined attempts have been made to defy public sentiment in this particular, but each case was met with a popular uprising so unanimous, so orderly, but so evidently determined that all hazards liquor must go, that the originators were glad precipitately to retire or make the best terms possible, either by wily wiles, and with enlarged ideas of what good people can do when united and wholly bent upon achieving a definite purpose.

Public gatherings with crowded seats were held in the churches, prayer was offered in the closets, in the saloon or upon the sidewalk, relays of citizens kept watch hard by the door day and night to take note of all who entered, the proprietor was argued with and warned by committees composed of some of the most eminent of the community.

To the present day no vendor of intoxicants has been found who, after a few days of such experience as this, coupled also with evident respect of indefinite continuance of the same, has not been thoroughly satisfied that discretion was the better part of valor.

In 1881-82 an alliance was formed which secured pledges to the amount of \$200,000, to be employed, if need be,

to the last cent in furtherance of the objects determined upon. Twice when buildings were secured and bars were opened, violence was resorted to under cover of darkness, by persons unknown, however, and without the probability of the wretched portion of the community. Once the windows were smashed in and also the heads of the liquor kegs, and once the saloon-to-be was demolished and removed so completely that no sign was left that it had ever existed. But this is not the normal Oberlin way of doing things—Oberlin, O.

Children for CASTORIA.

MR. SMITH EXPLAINS.

To the Editor of The Sun.

Sir—A few days ago I noticed a communication in the St. John Daily Sun signed by my colleague, J. T. Allan Dibbles, referring among other things to the sale of certain road machines, and in the Woodstock Press of the 3rd inst. and the St. John Daily Sun of the 5th inst. a communication signed by William McDonald, in which he states that Mr. Dibbles never purchased but one road machine from him and that was in 1894, and went to the parish of Simonds. He then states as follows: "Early in the summer of 1896, Charles Smith, M. P. F., came to me with Coun. Flemming, who represented the parish of Richmond, and told me that he and Mr. Dibbles wanted to purchase one machine for Mr. Flemming, and one for Mr. Watson, both of these machines were for the parish of Richmond, and that he and Mr. Dibbles would come responsible for the pay. I sold them two Champion machines for \$350 each."

In reply to the above, I have to state that I never had any conversation with Mr. Flemming in connection with road machines for the parish of Richmond until after they were ordered by Messrs. Dibbles and Watson, and knew nothing whatever about them, in proof of which I submit the following letter from John Y. Flemming, at the present time one of the councillors of Richmond, and the warden of the municipality, and also that of Mr. Watson, who was councillor at the time these machines were purchased.

DEBEC, Oct. 6th, 1898.—Mr. Smith, Dear Sir—Before seeing you or talking to you about road machines, I had made arrangements to meet Mr. Watson in Woodstock. On the day appointed I could not go to Woodstock on account of bush fires, and sent a telegram to Mr. Watson to that effect. I learned afterwards that Mr. Watson ordered the machines that day. The first time I remember speaking to you about road machines was after the machines were ordered, and I saw you to make arrangements about paying for them.

(Signed) JOHN Y. FLEMMING.

"RICHMOND, Oct. 6th, 1898.—Mr. G. L. Smith, Dear Sir—Mr. Flemming and I made arrangements to meet in Woodstock to see about getting road machines for parish of Richmond. On my arrival in Woodstock I got a telegram from Mr. Flemming that on account of fire he could not meet me. I went to Mr. Dibbles and told him that I wanted road machines for Richmond. He either went with me or sent me to Mr. McDonald. Mr. McDonald said he had two machines coming, and I ordered them for the parish of Richmond.

(Signed) JAMES WATSON.

Mr. McDonald also states that the price of these road machines was \$250 each, but a few months afterwards Mr. Dibbles received a check from the public works department for \$400 in payment of these two machines, and if Mr. McDonald only received \$500, who has the \$40?

In reference to the payment of the three machines referred to by the Hon. Mr. Emmerson at Hartland, Mr. Dibbles made out the account for them at \$250 each, while the Hon. Mr. Emmerson last winter and presented it to Mr. McCain and myself for recommendation, telling us that the above was the price of the machines. I then asked him how it came that Mr. McDonald was sending him a check for \$400 when he previously held them at \$250. He replied that the agent of this machine in York county was selling them at \$200, and as he was then roasting the government on McAvity's account, it would not do for him to put in a bill at \$250 each, and if he could not settle with Mr. McDonald at \$200, he would smuggle the difference into the account somewhere else.

I am very sorry indeed that Mr. Dibbles has found it necessary to rush into the public press with his own transactions, even if they be of a public character, and somewhat surprised that he should wish to draw me into his boodling transactions, but if he is anxious to confess to the public (or have made public for him) everything which has transpired since he has represented this county in the legislature, I shall be only too happy to assist him in such a laudable ambition, or if he would rather have them discussed in the house of assembly at the coming session, which is always preferable to a newspaper correspondence, I can assure him that it will afford me the greatest pleasure to contribute my quota to such interesting developments.

Thanking you in advance for space, I remain, yours truly,

CHAS. L. SMITH.

Messrs. Adolphe Larocque, John Manion and Willie Lyons of the Chaudiere machinery shops, left yesterday for St. John, N. B., where they have charge to place an apparatus in a match factory of the place—Ottawa Citizen, Oct. 7th.

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PENOBSCOT WEDDING.

List of Valuable Gifts Presented to the Bride.

Saturday's Sun contained an account of the marriage of L. J. Murray and Miss Mamie Robinson, at the home of the bride's father, Daniel Robinson, of Penobscot, Kings county. A correspondent writes:

IN CHARLOTTETOWN.

(Thursday's Enquirer.) Rev. J. A. Gordon, of Miami street Baptist church, St. John, N. B., is expected tonight. He is coming to P. E. Island in the interest of Acadia University. Mr. Gordon will occupy the pulpit of the Baptist church on Sunday, the 16th.

Rev. C. W. Corey, Mrs. Corey and family left this morning for their new home at Middleton, N. S. Last evening the many expressions of regret at the departure from the province of Rev. Mr. Corey received an addition in the shape of an address from the Temperance Alliance.

W. C. Pittford of St. John is among the latest arrivals at the Hotel Davila.

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Children Cry for CASTORIA.

Sch. Ravala goes from Boston to Wallace, N. E. to load stone for New York at 35.

bers, vice president; a vice president; Emma, cor. secretary; secretary; Mrs. E. Mrs. Colin Roscoe, F. Tufts, who has so the president's chair, to relinquish her of ill health, and no appointed to suc-

ve votes were polled own hall on the 29th, in practically a pro- some years ago. Only one man in alley of Gaspareaux the fruit growers are accustomed to surplus apples into recorded only 16

ter arrived home his visit to Clifton and his health is a trouble connected completely removed and that the college on Wednesday next, successful one. Two Cecil Jones, B. A., E. Haycock, M. A., and upon the work, al staff at Acadia giving a most favorable that department, as apartment under Miss of Cooper Institute, to be unusually strong

on of Ottawa, direc- tional Survey of Cana- palaeontologist, is y will together ex- Bluff formation, to be given during con- for two summers, termine its relative biological kingdom.

James Wells (Acad- the Canadian Bap- of a celebrat- together from members of the rd, St. John; W. Alfred H. De- ries F. Hart, the deceased; Edward Andrew P. Jones, deceased; Dr. R. Y. of classics, Wolfville; Halifax; Dr. T. H. ter University, To- skwira. The wife of daughter of the late and sister of Mrs. R.

4.—A sensation will in Halifax business becomes generally wholesale dry goods are about going out s employees of Mur- of Kenny P. No- dice that their scri- required after the Murdoch's nephews- ness with headquar- with branches in has a capital beheld amount only that is firms in Canada.

London died a few the heirs have de- from the field in m has always been influential in the city, needed T. & E. Koor- firm that was estab- years ago, and he by made a great e on its owners. Much e on the withdrawal of firms from the Halifax.

the maritime provi- cana, opened two- hundred and eighty iders in attendance, Rev. J. H. been in feeble health preached. A vote of d to him for his able ing extended to him a faint from exhaus- man was removed to be soon recovered of Sydney was unan- noderator. The ap- Mullin from the pres- is set down for afternoon.

at Enfield, signed ship Tromsø, the ship tomorrow. Tonight a he police to have his ship and restored to Mrs. McDonald, ar to get his spouse, it alleges eloped with

S. Oct. 5.—With the hours or so, the spent all the time morning to near- ing the appeal of of the congregation Stanley, from the esbytery of St. John from the pastoral uroh. Rev. A. Me- ved that the appeal Rev. Dr. Sedgewick ment in effect that presbytery of St. and that in the hist be kept in the y Mr. Mullin. This by a large majority. Mullin's fortunes e altogether. Rev. of Charlottetown whole matter be ds of a commission issue" the case. This votes to spare and on of the synod.

linie, J. S. Suther- Forbes, on behalf of St. John, gave no- This was the signal speeches. Attempts ce the St. John man- if notice of appeal, l. Then the mem- ber or not it was in notice of appeal, ase being placed in mission, was still by the action of ap- and Mr. Mullin and St. John were cited the commission. It nine members, and Moderator Forbes

mission J. K. Mun- who favored Mr. ooked to him as it ere "after blood."