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FORMING HASTY CONCLUSIONS.

For some unaccountable reason there is us-

This is entirely unnecessary. In fact it is tionists. just such a question as should be determined gation

The administration of the liquor traffic is tries, the intemperate use of intoxicating drink an intelligent reason why we cast our vote one the diaries of German prisoners or dead on the results in more serious evils than spring from any other single cause. To reduce and minimise those evils is the aim of every good citizen.

of plausibility, wide open sale, with no more restrictions than are placed on the sale of grocermatter of liquors as in the use of foods.

The favorite method in English-speaking of the boys and the young men. countries, is to restrict the sale of alcoholic lifor this exclusive privilege.

South Carolina system, a modified form of which erages are exchanged for the more concentra- lages and towns. It is accompanied also by conhas been introduced into the province of Sas- ted Scotch. Bottles are carried to barns and al- tinual manifestoes of terrorism implicitly obeykatchewan. Here the sale is conducted exclu- ley-ways and in this way hundreds of boys are ed. Firing has been proceeding from that town sively by government officials who receive a initiated who would never be served in a li- -it must be burned to the ground. Resistance stated salary, but have no pecuniary interest in censed bar. Bottles are taken to the homes that has arisen in another village from which hostpromoting the business. The liquor is not allow- would never otherwise know such a sight. The ages have been taken-those hostages must be ed to be consumed on the premises, and is not crime of perjury becomes epidemic. Business immediately shot. There is rumor of shot in sold in smaller quantities than flasks of regu- is driven away from the local option centre. this hamlet-let all within it, the store of loot, lation size.

Then comes local option, or prohibition In short, well regulated system is succeeded by en up to the tender mercies of the soldiery. over a small area as the result of a favorable disorder and generally chaotic conditions. vote. There are many who regard this as preferable to total prohibition because it becomes tions are difficult to reconcile, and it is extremely which is reviewed by the London Nation. law only where public opinion is favorable, and hard for the average citizen to form an intelliis therefore more likely to be enforced. There are still others who would prohibit is offered.

entirely the sale of ardent spirits such as whiskey, rum and brandy, but grant licenses for the sale of beers, ales and wines containing a low urban municipality in Ontario. Peterborough

The Weekly Ontario Sity of opinion and so much bitterness of feel- The merchant can inform us whether his far-That is why there is so much intolerant diver- ness for the cup that both cheers and inebriates. ing in almost every place where a local option mer customers have been driven away to some other town where they can obtain the licensed contest looms into view.

We can see no more necessity for becoming goods without let or hindrance, and whether his ill-natured or nasty over a temperance election town customers are paying their accounts betis published every Thursday morning at \$1.00 a year, than over a contest for the mayoralty or a vote ter, as is frequently claimed by the "Fors." to spend money on a new bridge.

The evidence we shall present will be first-If there is one form of liberty that should hand information from the men who have seen be more carefully safe-guarded than another it and know the thing itself.

is liberty to form our own opinions and to ex- The Ontario is not undertaking this work press them at the appropriate time if we so de- at the suggestion of any individual or organisasire.

If the advocates of the license system would responsibility as a matter of journalistic enter- who planned and carried out this seemingly suc but remember that the license itself is a special prise and of service to our readers who may not cessful outrage, believing Him dead or as privilege they have been granted from year to have opportunity to travel or to pursue inde- or a German. "And amid the noise of Geryear by organized society, and that the special pendent inquiry.

privilege that society has granted, society has Local option will thus be seen from the in- en from the dust, and have vindican equal right to take away, there would be less side, from sources of information that are not law which declares that inter

and the injustice of majorities. On the other hand temperance promoters are too prone to forget that all the adherents of the license system are not booze-fighters or the

ever there is a contest on the subject of local op- earnest and sincere in their temperance opinions attested to by many witnesses of the atrocities. as the most ardent and extreme of total prohibi- practised by the Huns, in the invasion of France

hastily or as the result of prejudice. We should istry of Foreign Affairs, entitled "Germany's per said the

way or the other.

There are some who favor, with a good deal sumption of alcoholic liquors in any community this book provides a further supply.

Hotel accommodation gets to be a horrible joke. the honor of women, and even children, be giv-

gent opinion from the variety of testimony that

Our best guide is the experience of others. Local option has never been carried by an

acrimonious and foolish talk about vested rights available to the ordinary traveller, but which ments solemnly ratified shall will be given in detail by our reporter.

"TERRORISM" OF THE HUNS. The story of Germany's brutality and its ruin to any State t'

maily a great amount of passion displayed wher- proprietors of boozariums, many are quite as violation of the laws of God and man has been action.'

A wire rece and Belgium, but the seal of official authority Berlin paper V This decision between local option and li- has been placed upon this dreadful chapter of many is read by the coolest of judgment after careful investi- cense is not one therefore that should be made the war in a volume issued by the French Min- must ask for

preserve an open and inquiring mind, study all Violation of the Laws of War, 1914-15." The statement one of the biggest problems with which civilized available data on both sides of the subject and most important part of this work is the issue in ted to say society has to deal. In all Anglo-Saxon coun- then when we go to the polls be able to give facsimile and translation on opposite pages, of ment re-

> field of battle whose authenticity it is imposible Those in favor of local option assert that it to question. Some such testimonies have already othe greatly reduces drinking and the general con- been published, in pamphlets and otherwise;

that adopts it. Crime is lessened. Prosperity in business results from the money being spent in sane officers and men were regarding this orgy Q tes. Temperance they tell us should be a matter the channels of productive industry instead of of bloodshed and infamy. The troops are unof education and moral suasion, the same in the the waste of drink. The treating habit is abol- disciplined. Desire for blood and lust and booty on

and swinging onward through Belgium in those The devotees of the license system contend hot August days, pushed forward by the multi- dian leaders of both parties, who have been makquors to those who receive and pay for a license that local option actually results in greater and tudes behind, accompanied in its march by a ing stirring addresses to urge the utmost Canamore numerous exhibitions of drunkenness. pillar of cloud by day and by a pillar of fire by dian vigor in this war." Others again advocate the Gothenburg or Drinking increases, beers and the lighter bev- night, the light and the smoke of burning vil-

> The complete aimlessness of so much of, These conflicting statements and conten- these murders becomes evident in the evidence

"We were ordered to shoot the women," says one Westphalia prisoner. "When the mother was dead, the Major gave the order ized at the looting, others at the drunken- right well, are worthy of it all. ness; others-more religious-believe that all these things will bring down upon them the wrath of God. "At Leffe nineteen civilians were shot. Women begging for mercy as we marched towards the Meuse. At Di-"We arrive at the village of Batten. The pier in his history of the war: whole village is in flames. Women, children and old men stand at the end of the village weeping and holding up their hands. A dreadful moment for me, and my eyes fill up with tears." "In a general way," is the verdict of one conscience-stricken officer, "it was necessary to order many punishments that were disastrous to the population, sometimes, indeed unjustly, and it is unhappily true that the evil elements felt authorized to commit nearly every kind of misdeed." "The Belgians at 3rd Company of the 100th Regiment of Grenadiers. "All those who showed themselves or who were thrown out of the houses were

picture will summarize it all-in its sum-SCHOOL. plicity and its surprise. "I remember," wrote Private Gerhold, "and see the moment (of the entry into Belgium) always before me. The whole village was in flames, doors and THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES. windows shattered, every thing lying on the ground in the street, save one little house; Lesson IX .- Fourth Quarter, For before the door stood a poor woman with six children, holding up her hands to implore Nov. 28, 1915. mercy. And day after day it is the same thing." Text of the Lesson, Amos v, 1-15. Memory Verses, 14, 15-Golden Text.

The mills of God, the Nation believes, will tion, but entirely upon our own initiative and grind "exceedingly small" the race or nation Jer. xxiii, 28-Commentary Prepared

retribution, we shall not only see a Br

Above all, we shall have r doctrine that 'Terror

more humane.' is a

giving with leaven, * * * for this liki the eth you" (iv. 4. 5). Leaven is always a type of evil. Because of the sin in at Gerat Ger-their professed worship of God He re Allies said, "I hate. I despise your feast days." I will not accept nor regard Berlin payour offerings (v, 21-23). Although not in the they outwardly kept new moons and being permit-| Sabbath days their hearts were long-

ing for them to be over that they art of the statemight sell corn and wheat and grow Jaion. rich by fraud giving small measure and taking in as much money as possible (viii, 4, 5). a the conduct of some

M. Stearns.

e of formation

mission lesson rem

lities and responsibilities. The

, israel and her needs were not

.ent from those of believers now.

ey bore the name of Jehovah, but

vere false to Him and worshiped idols.

They know not to do right, saith the

Lord" (ili, 10). There was self and sin

in all their worship. Therefore the

Lord said, "Offer a sacrifice of thanks-

le things and then think how

His mercy sent forth a Daniel

ord from the heart of Africa and

iam Sunday from the baseball

ild the honor of His word.

the church, or, as he put it, taken out

of the Gentiles a people for His name.

Then he said that all the Gentiles

iv, 12). They do not know that the

babe of Bethlehem was born to rule in

come again (Mic. v. 2-4). People are

so filled with their own thoughts and

ways, just as Israel was, that they will

not be agreed with God and therefore

Because many preachers in pulpits and

teachers in seminaries are turning

away from God to the wisdom of men

of the Lord (Amos viii, 11). As in the

last lesson, those who have knowledge

of God are disobedient and asleep and

must be awaked. As it is written in

Eph. v. 14, "Awake thou that sleepest

and arise from the dead, and Christ

shall give thee light." "Be not un

wise, but understanding what the will

of the Lord is" (Eph. v, 17, 18). "It

is high time to awake out of sleep, for

now is our salvation nearer than when

we believed. The night is far spent

the day is at hand" (Rom. xiii, 11, 12).

The whole world lieth in the wicked

one; it is an evil age from which the

Lord desires to deliver us (1 .John v

19; Gal. i, 4). All things indicate as

never before that the end of this evil

age is near and that it is a time to

be specially separated unto God from

all evil and unbelief.

show His people their sins and

d lo see her priviles.

das to Israel.

ed of the church

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Consider the growing rich by fraud is in Ontario the Otta- that abounds today even among those enough to state that Sir who hold high positions in the church, the oppression of the poor, the formal-ity in worship, the false teaching that 1. R. Lemieux and Senator i leaders in the Province of all are children of God, that Jesus Mr. Casgrain and Mr. Blondin, Christ was only one of the sens of God, better than the others, but not God: that there is no hell, no lake of use not only, of Canada, of Britain fire: that if people are not saved in ished. Temptation is removed from the pathway are the dominant passions. The army is reeling and of France, but of morality and justice. Can- this life they can be in the next and ada, it says, "owes gratitude to the French Cana- that a God of love will never allow any one to perish eternally; the Bible lot be taken literally, it does not a what it says-consider all these

> M MA The following Reuter despatch from Syd: Australia, is of exceeding interest to Canadia

does the Lord plead by Amos? "Great enthusiasm prevailed at th. reminded them how He had launching today of the new Australian cruiser brought them out of Egypt, led them Brisbane. Mr. Jenson, Minister of the Navy, forty years in the wilderness, given speaking subsequently at a luncheon, said them the lands of others, raised up prophets and Nazarites from among that the keel of another cruiser would be laid their sons and revealed to them His down shortly. Australian engineers and purposes by His prophets (ii, 10, 11; draughtsmen were now going to England to them seek Him and live, assuring them acquire a knowledge of submarine construc- of an abundant pardon if only they tion, with a view to building submarines also would turn to Him with the whole in Australia, and he hoped that the day was also pointed them onward, as He alnot distant when the construction of a battle- ways did and still does, to the future glory, for in spite of all the sin of ship would be attempted." Israel it is the purpose of God to re-

His Majesty's Australian Navy is going store Israel and bless all nations to shoot the child, so that the child should not he left alone in the world." which was to the the training is proud of it. As through them. He will raise up the tabernacle of David (ix, 11), and James not be left alone in the world," which was for the Australians they glory in the achieve- said at the great council at Jerusalem accordingly done. Some are quite scandal- ments of their gallant sailors who, as we know that would be after He had gathered



Battalion last nig of a series of gam ball at the Armou The score was e til the end of the n pany won out by 20 teams were as fol B Co.-Jones p l f; Hutson r f. A Co.-Rosenbu Bailev 3 b: Hicke Comms 1 f; French The scoring was A-3102362

James Lardi Rejoins

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James Cecil Lard ed the 80th Battalio of the First Contin the front with one Highland Regiments being wounded by bed with a bayonet. ed for the time bein vice and returned i ever now having red to join again.

> United States Army REA

A pretty weddin

at St. Charles' chu:

Private Lardie w

morning when Mi and Mr. T. H. Shar married by Rev. V. ston Mr. and Mrs. Thursday of last P. Lally visited on Tuesday last Jas. Logue enter his friends Monda port an enjoyable Mike McDermott a boy. A number from ed the assembly week. We are sorry Ada Hunt is ill Hill is in attendan A little girl has the home of Mr. Fitzgerald We regret very Kerwin still contin The many friend McKenry, Kingsfor

dear of her death 14, and deeply sym family in the los and mother Mrs. J. Bennett a few days under M. J. Walsh a ball on Monday Mike Heffernan the wes W. P. Buckley Watertown Mrs. J. Powers ber of her friends Minnie McGinnis nan have returned ing the summer The new rural m started Monday as mail driver. Mr. and Mrs. Par Nora Cassidy. Stoc Mrs. John Hart, Sunday among their MARY The fine weathe farmer with his the plowing is han ished The ball that was hall in aid of the decided success The funeral of McHenry passed last Tuesday morn ly attended. Intern St. Mary's cemeter Much sorrow Sandy Campbell with little hope of Miss Jennie Harv sident of this place home in Deseronto speedy recovery. Mr. and Mrs. L ter, Mrs. W. Curr burg, spent Sunda; bell's and other fr Mr. and Mrs. Fran Sunday with the Jas. O'Sullivan, Be Miss Katje Sheeh to Westbrook afte with her sisten. M Mr. and Mrs. Ja py Hill and Mr. T panee were callers Mr. J. C. Meagher Sister Darcy of of Peterborcugh sp with her father, 1 Miller's Worm their value. They violent disturbance any pain or gripi work quietly and the destruction of perceptible. Yet and from the first provement in the c rer and an entire estation of interna

ercentage of alcohol. and Brantford came nearly doing so, but failed

Lastly come the total prohibitionists who on account of the Three-Fifths Clause. Owen would exterminate the traffic root and branch by Sound and Galt have become cities since local state-wide prevention of the manufacturer and option was adopted by them.

sale of all forms of booze. To enable our readers to base their conclu-If by "temperance" people we mean those sions on this important question on reliable

who wish to reduce the evils attendant upon data, a representative of The Ontario will durthe traffic to the lowest residue, there are earn- ing the next few days visit some of the largest est temperance people to be found advocating one centres in the Province where local option is or another of all these methods of administra- in force and where conditions are somewhat tion. The great majority, however, aim at na- similar to what they are in Belleville.

tional prohibition as the goal ultimately to be Conditions will be presented in their true reached. light, exactly as we find them. Our method will

To many people, particularly among our be to interview the leading town officials such English friends, prohibition and local option as the mayor, the police magistrate, the chief of are abhorrent because they interfere with "per- police, the largest manufacturers and employsonal liberty. ers of labor, and the more prominent business

Such argument is not worthy of serious at-¹men. We will seek no advance information in tention. The license system also interferes with any case as to what opinions the man about to personal liberty because it prevents more than be interviewed may hold. We will let each man ninety-five per cent. of the people from engag- tell his own story and present his views exactly ing in the sale of intoxicants. Every law on the as he gives them to us. To each man who has statute books is an interference with individual been interviewed we will send back a marked liberty. copy of the paper to make sure he has been fair-

Organized and civilized society is only pos- | ly and correctly reported. The facts favorable sible because the individual has surrendered or unfavorable to local option will be presented many of his rights and liberties for the common just as we find them with the idea of giving a good. true picture of real conditions, and not colored

The good citizen in a modern state asks the by any personal views our representative may privilege, not of being able to do exactly as he or may not hold. Both sides will be gven pleases, but liberty to do what is right, particu- an opportunity to present the arguments pro larly with regard to his neighbor. and con.

Local option, then, is one of the best known If local option is a good measure it should methods of dealing with the liquor traffic. The have no fear of impartial investigation. If, on people of Belleville will have the privilege of the other hand, it has worked out badly in the voting upon the question of whether that or larger centres of population, it would be well the license system is preferable on the third day for the electors here to know something about it of next January, at the same time as the muni- prior to polling day. cipal election.

We will not interview teachers or preachers We would probably be well within the mark or lawyers or physicians except where they hapif we were to say that ninety per cent. of the pen to occupy official positions. Not because we electors have already made up their minds firmly regard their judgment as any less reliable, but which way they are going to vote. rather because we prefer to go to the man in

We fear that in most cases preconceived touch with the thing itself. opinions and prejudice have determined the For instance the chief of police does not voter's attitude rather than adequate knowledge have to give his opinion secondhand as to the of the subject. number of arrests for drunkenness and the com-

That is exactly the wrong way to go about parative conditions in regard to sobriety. The the settlement of a question that is highly diffi- manufacturer can tell us whether his men are cult and both economic and moral in its nature. frequently off duty because of too great fond-

shot, whether men or women. Corpses were I've harked to the dolorous dirge of the Sioux, dom of peace on earth till He shall lying in the street, piled up a yard high." "The people always civil if one behaves proply," writes Lieut. Elster. "In our company the tone is good. The Engineers are bad enough, the Artillery a band of robbers." One officer sees a burning village "as the burning of Valhalia in the Gotterdammarung-a magnificent but heartbreaking sight" guess. "A day of rest," is one cheerful summary. "I play the piano and we loot steadily."

Perhaps the most hideous tale is that which describes the end of Saint-Maurice and The whippowill's song, you may grab it from its habitants, "punished" for having fired on German soldiers. "The village was suranother, so that no one could get out. Then the Uhlans set fire to it, house by house. Neither man, woman nor child could escape; only the greater part of the live stock we carried off, as that could be used. Anyone who ventured to come out was shot down. All the inhabitants left in the village were When your tire goes flat on the road! burnt with the houses." But one vignette

Just over a hundred years ago England was 13-18). Note how in the very last involved in the Peninsular War, and Wellington words of Amos' prophecy the Lord said was in sore need of troops. At the moment Lord that He would bring again the captivity of Israel, that they would build nant about a hundred men or more were hud- William Bentinck, had seized the Government their waste cities and inhabit them dled together and shot. A horrible Sunday." of Sicily and expelled the Queen, and, says Na- that He would plant them upon their land and that they would no more be pulled up out of it (ix, 13-15). Abra

Because these measures were not resorted ham was encouraged and sustained by to in time, he was now, with an army of from the recompense of the reward. David twenty-five to thirty-thousand men, sixteen by the kingdom, Paul by the glory to thousand of which were British, only able to be revealed and our Lord Himself by detach a mixed force of six thousand to aid way by which the church of today can Lord Wellington. At the same time the op- be turned from its worldliness and in pression of Ireland required that sixty thou- difference so successfully as by set sand fine soldiers should remain idle at home, of God in Christ Jesus, the greatness ting clearly before her the great love while France with a Russian war at hand was of the salvation He has provided and able to overmatch the Allies in Spain. the glory of the kingdom to which we are called.

Today not only does the state of Ireland not Men are trying to remedy the evils require such a force to "remain idle at home," that exist, to reform or uplift the race. Dinant-on-Meuse fired on our regiment from but Ireland alone sends to the aid of Sir John by their own efforts, but "They know French a force of fully three times at large. not the thoughts of the Lord, neither understand they His counsel" (Mic.

SONG OF DEPRESSION.

The syllabic chants of a priest-'ve sunk to the depths of the devilish blues, At songs that obtain in the East. I've heard all the sounds in the world that de- cannot walk with Him (Amos iii. 3

press A mortal who's bearing a load,

But the worst of them all, beyond question or there is a famine of hearing the words

Is that damnable "Tiss-s-s-f your tire goes flat on the road.

me, Inspires no meed of delight, rounded, men posted about a yard from one Nor yet does a hootowl, as far as I see, Add much to a revelrous night!

But sad and depressing as both of them are, They're sweet as a masterful ode-More musical, cheerful and lifting by far Than the damnable "Tiss-s-s-(Pianissimo) Whiss-s-s-s" -John D. Wells, in Buffalo News.