

cept, against the use of *all* intoxicating drinks; especially if they would sedulously endeavour to prevent the recruiting of the army of drunkards from the ranks of the moderate drinkers, by training up the young in the principles of total abstinence, the evils of intemperance would be very greatly restricted, a temperance conscience would be created in the community, and, by God's blessing, the liquor traffic, with its hideous train of evils, would eventually be banished from the land.

THE MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN

has opened well. It got a good start at the grand Anniversary Meeting at St. John, New Brunswick. It was ably sustained at the meetings already held in the Maritime Provinces, most of which were largely in advance of last year. The same result has followed in the Missionary meetings in the West, so far as they have been yet held. Notably has this been the case in Toronto. The city ministers wisely arranged to have the meetings in our eight churches all held in one week. The consequence has been more united action and much friendly association between the congregations. The week's services have been a valuable Missionary education of our people; much information has been diffused, and much interest awakened. The expense of the meetings in printing and in the travelling expenses of the deputation has also been considerably reduced—a very important item. It was a happy thought, which we hope will be widely carried out, that of having energetic laymen, like Alderman Clendinneng, John MacDonald, M.P., and Warring Kennedy, Esq., on the deputation. These gentlemen mean business, and talk to business men in a business-like way, that was very effective. It showed the people, too, that this was not merely a preachers' question, but one in which the laity should be equally interested. Then, we were favoured with the presence of three "live Missionaries." The touching

incidents recounted by the Rev. E. R. Young, the statesman-like utterances of the Rev. George Young, and the fervid appeals of the Rev. L. N. Beaudry, together with the eloquent addresses of the Rev. W. Williams, moved and warmed every heart. Toronto will be far ahead of last year. We trust that the Missionary Meetings throughout the country will be held as early in the season as possible, and that a large proportion of the subscriptions may be paid before the New Year. It will be just as easy for the donors, and will save a large amount of interest now paid for bank accommodation. Let there be a grand advance "all along the line," a rally round the cause. The Society may thus be extricated from its financial embarrassment, and the blessings of them that were ready to perish shall come upon the generous supporters of the cause of God.

THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

It is a high compliment to the people of the United States, that what amounts practically to a revolution in their Government should take place without any civil disturbance. Notwithstanding the intense excitement preceding the election and the strenuous activity of both political parties, no sooner had the vote been taken than the nation passively awaited the verdict of the popular will. After a week's suspense the same attitude of quiescent waiting was maintained from the lakes to the Gulf, from the Atlantic to the Pacific. While we may congratulate ourselves that we are exempt from the quadrennial agitation that excites our American neighbours, we cannot fail to recognize the development of those principles of constitutional liberty which, in common with ourselves, they have derived from the great Anglo-Saxon mother of both peoples.

THE CLOSE OF THE CENTENNIAL EXHIBITION.

AFTER six months of more than anticipated success the Great Palace