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## ITEMS OF INTEREST

ABOUT THE GREAT GOOD CAUSE.

### LOOKS LIKE DEFEAT.

Returns from S. Dakota relating to the vote upon the prohibition amendment, are very incomplete. Present indications however, are that the liquor party has won by a small majority.

### IT IS ENFORCED.

The old Dunkin Act works effectively in the County of Richmond in Quebec. A raid was made on some boot-leggers at Asbestos last month the result of which was the conviction of four offenders, the fines imposed amounting to over \$500, besides costs.

### MASONS BUILDING WELL.

The following resolution was adopted at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island A.F. and A.M. held recently:

Resolved that no lodge in this jurisdiction shall receive as a joining or affiliate member, any person who as principal or clerk is engaged in the manufacture or the sale of spirituous or malt liquors, excepting for medicinal purposes.

### A STALWART.

The new Archbishop of Canterbury, Rt. Rev. Dr. Temple, is one of the principal temperance advocates of Great Britain. Since his appointment he has in a characteristic speech, reiterated his staunch adherence to total abstinence principles and called upon his countrymen to range themselves on the right side in the terrible conflict with strong drink.

### INFORMATION.

"The National Temperance Almanac and Teetotalers Year Book for 1897" will be found a convenient compendium of important information for prohibition workers. It contains important statistics relating to different countries, tables of license fees of different states, articles, illustrations, poems, a list of temperance periodicals and names and post office addresses of chief officers of National Temperance Societies. It is prepared by Rev. Dr. J. B. Dunn and published by the National Temperance Society, 58 Reade Street, New York.

### THE PROHIBITION PARTY.

The result of the Presidential election in the United States was not very encouraging to the Third Party Prohibitionists. The vote polled for their candidates amounts to less than 140,000 being only about one-half of that polled in 1892. The ardor of friends of the cause is not however, dampened. There was a gathering of a few of the leaders at Poughkeepsie, N.Y., on Nov. 24th. An appeal was made for funds and in less than ten minutes \$12,000 was subscribed for State work during the coming year.

### TEMPERANCE EDUCATION.

The annual supper of the Orillia Church of England Temperance Society held last month was a gathering of unusual interest. The matter for discussion was temperance education. The trustees, teachers and

inspectors of the public, separate and high schools of the town and neighborhood were invited and earnest addresses were delivered by Rev. Canon Green, Mayor Jupp, Rev. Messrs Geo. Grant, W. R. Baker, Dr. Slavin, Messrs C. L. Stevens, W. Grant, Geo. McKee, C. H. Byam, T. G. King, H. T. Blackstone, Miss Weldon and others. This Society is one of the most aggressive and useful in the Province of Ontario.

### ONTARIO SONS.

Ontario Grand Division Sons of Temperance held its annual session for 1896 in the Town of Whitby on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd insts. A very encouraging gathering of delegates was present. About fifty new candidates were initiated. Bro. J. B. Brooks, G.W.P., presided. Among the distinguished visitors were Bros. Hon. G. W. Ross, Thos. Caswell, M. W.P., F. M. Bradley of Philadelphia and others, mention of whose names our space will not permit. The Grand Scribe's Annual Report showed a slight falling off in membership. The finances are in good position. J. M. Walton of Kettleby was elected G.W.P., and W. H. Bewell of Whitby G.S.

### LICENSE LAW AMENDMENT.

Ontario prohibitionists turned out in strong force on the afternoon of November 19th to lay before the Ontario Government the resolutions in favor of license law amendment which were adopted at the Convention last July. A great number of active temperance workers were present. Earnest addresses were made on behalf of the delegation, urging specially the importance of a further restriction in the number of licenses, a shortening of the hours of sale, and a provision authorizing the electors in any locality by a majority petition to rid themselves of an existing license.

### DOMINION WHITE RIBBONERS.

The Annual Convention of the Dominion W.C.T.U., held at Toronto last month was well attended, delegates being present from every province of the Dominion. A hearty welcome was given the visitors by the City Corporation and a great number of religious and temperance organizations. Mrs. A. O. Rutherford of Toronto, the President, occupied the chair. The meetings were held in Zion Congregational Church, except the general reception meeting, which took place in Elm Street Methodist Church. The report of the Secretary showed a total membership of 8,723 besides 1,028 honorary members. There are 404 local Unions in operation. Reports of the many departments were presented. Plans were laid for future work, and earnestness and determination characterized all the proceedings. Under the auspices of the W.C.T.U. there are enrolled in Bands of Hope and Loyal Legions, 9,959 children. The officers for the coming year are President, Mrs. Rutherford, Toronto. Vice President, Dr. Amelia Youmans, Winnipeg, Cor. Sec. Mrs. Atkinson, Moncton, Rec. Sec. Mrs. R. McLachlin, Montreal, Treasurer, Mrs. Tilton, Ottawa.

### TIME TO RALLY.

In a stirring address delivered to the Nova Scotia Grand Division Sons of Temperance at its recent annual meeting, the G.W.P., Bro. B. Hills, said:—  
The enemy is being pressed to the last ditch, and we must summon all our forces for his overthrow. The crushing defeat is to be administered at the polls by an aroused electorate who in righteous indignation cry: "The liquor traffic must be destroyed!"  
And the shout of victory will arise at the close of that polling day that sounds the death knell of the legalized traffic from Cape Breton to British Columbia.

Let me entreat our membership not to waste time and strength in discuss-

ing the necessity for a Dominion Plebiscite, but to organize at once and prepare to again give at the polls an unmistakable demand for immediate prohibition. The proposed plebiscite differs from the previous one, in that legislation is promised if the vote of the people warrants it. Former plebiscites were mere expressions of opinions with no prospect of immediate legislation as the result.

The whole force of the liquor traffic, and of all those who wish to have it perpetuated, will therefore be exerted in the coming contest. I tremble for the result unless the people can be aroused to appreciate the issue involved and to come in large numbers to the polls and give an overwhelming majority in favor of prohibition. No more important subject will come before this Grand Division during this session and I trust that some definite plan of organization for the campaign will be devised.

### NEBRASKA.

The Grand Lodge of Nebraska has had a year of great success mainly due to the energetic efforts of three aggressive young ladies, Miss Anna M. Saunders, G.C.T.; Miss E. J. Hedges, G.S., and Miss Rose M. Ownes, G.S. Sister Saunders held a great many public meetings, organized 14 new lodges, re-organized 11, and reported to Grand Lodge a net gain of eight lodges and 796 members. Sister Saunders has initiated into the Order during recent years 45,360 persons. Her salary is \$240 per year. \$150 of which she donated to the Grand Lodge. Sister Hedges gets a salary of \$300. Her contributions towards the indebtedness of her Grand Lodge at the last session was \$435.

### WHY THE BISHOP ABSTAINED?

"Doctor," said a lady at a fashionable dinner party, a few years ago, to Bishop Henry C. Potter, "I observe that you take no wine." "No," said Dr. Potter, "I have not done so for many years—in fact, for twenty-five years." She expressed surprise in the look which met the doctor's answer. "It may interest you to know why I abstain," said Dr. Potter, observing the expression of his companion. "I will tell you. A man with an unconquerable passion for drink, came constantly to see me, and told me how this miserable passion was bringing him to utter ruin; how his employers, every time he obtained a situation, were compelled to dismiss him because of his terrible habit. One day, I said to this man, 'Why will you not say, here and now, before God, and in His help, I never will taste liquor again.' The man said, 'Doctor, if you were in my place you would not say that.' I answered, 'Temperate man that I am, I will say so this moment.' And I spoke the solemn vow that I had called upon him to make. My poor friend looked at me with consternation; then an expression of hope overspread his face. With steady voice he pronounced the vow. A moment after he left me, but returned often to see me. The vow has been kept; and he that was fast losing soul and body found a position, kept it, and became not only a sober, but a godly man." The man thus saved from intemperance by Dr. Potter was shot by an Indian in the West while on an errand of mercy to that Indian tribe. A tablet to his memory has been placed in Grace Chapel, New York—*The Official Organ.*

### IS A PROHIBITION PARTY NEEDED?

A good deal of discussion has taken place from time to time over the question whether it is more desirable to work for immediate enactment of a prohibitory law or strive first to secure the return to power of a political party committed to prohibition as a policy. Dealing with this matter the editor of *Forward*, one of the most

earnest of our Nova Scotia prohibitionists, says:—

"It is sometimes said a prohibition law without a prohibition administration behind it is useless. We have never elected an administration to enforce the prohibitions of the ten commandments. Why? It would do more to nullify their influence, to invest the Sabbath desecrator, the murderer and thief with power and influence, than all the infidel agencies ever employed.

Take the best law ever enacted as a party measure and array in opposition to it, not only the inevitable adverse influences which meet every government, but such a powerful, unscrupulous, desperate energy as the rum traffic, and its fate would be sealed. The rum traffic is utterly, radically wrong. It is the accomplice of every form of crime, it must be prohibited."

"Let Liberals and Conservatives realize that the licensing of the liquor traffic is as inherently wrong as covetousness, that like it, it is the progenitor of vice, the feeder of passion. In fact it is governmental covetousness, seeking the price of blood, it is the worse than Shylockian cupidity of the modern merchant that takes, not only the pound of flesh, but the blood and the soul of the victim and flings it into hell.

Let every voter recognize that he is individually responsible for the attitude of his representative in parliament and vote only for those who will represent him and exact obedience to popular mandates, the will of the majority. If prohibitionists send representatives to parliament, the majority there, obedient to their constituents, will be obeyed by whatever party is in power, the issue will not be affected by the comparative strength or weakness, or the duration of any administration.

### ENTHUSIASM.

All the moral, social, and Christian reformers, all the men with a mission, have been enthusiasts. Christ was an enthusiast. From His great purpose He never once wavered. Everything that came betwixt Him and His mission was brushed aside. Nothing could deter Him from securing "so great salvation." Paul was an enthusiast. Scourgings, shipwrecks, perils, all the terrors of Rome but nerved him for his work. John the Baptist was an enthusiast. His interest in his message was intense; truth was before life.

The Prohibitory movement requires enthusiasts in Church and State. A few enthusiasts, in every denomination, inspired by God, and having an intense interest, a burning, passionate zeal for the overthrow of the liquor traffic, would soon bring about a reformation and cut the connection betwixt the Church and the public-house. A dozen resolute enthusiasts in Parliament could not only remove the indifference and supineness that exists there, they could compel action against the greatest political and moral wrong of the age.

One may have intense interest in the right, and passionate zeal for the triumph of Prohibition; but without inspiration from God, without being in close and constant touch with the God and Father of all, he cannot be an enthusiast. The well-spring and fountain of enthusiasm is love to God and love to man. In short, it is a thorough realization and practising of the belief in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man, and all that that belief implies.

Enthusiasm is contagious; it melts icebergs, raises lukewarmness to the boiling point, rouses the indifferent, and makes success possible.—*The Good Templar.*

The plebiscite campaign is coming. Get ready for the fight.