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Thursday, Nov. 21st, at 3.30 p. m.

The meetings are always open to any who

wish to become members.

... Gospel Temperance meetings, con-

ducted by members of the W. C. T. U.,

are held every Sunday afternoon at 3.30

o'clock, in the vestry of the Methodist

church. All are welcome.

Prohibition.

The lecture delivered in the Metho-

distic church on Monday evening last, by

the Rev. Wm. Brown was a stirring pro-

test against the evils of a legalized liquor

traffic. The lecture opened with a

patriotic tribute, couched in poetic

phrases, to the rich and varied resources

of the country we are proud to call our

own. After this the economic side of

the liquor question was considered.

When the temperance people demanded

a prohibitory enactment in response to

the plebiscite taken in the various provinces,

they were informed by Sir John Thomp-

son—who was then premier—that he

could not consider any such measure be-

cause this traffic yielded the nation a

yearly revenue of \$2,000,000. But from

reliable sources it could be shown that

not less than \$28,000,000 was yearly paid

by the people over the bars of liquor

saloons. In most eloquent and touch-

ing language the lecturer reminded his

audience how many little feet this sum

could protect from the winter's cold,

how many little empty stomachs it could

fill, and how many growing brains it

could furnish with the education that

would fit them for the duties of life.

No wonder the women should band

themselves to protect the rights of chil-

drren and the claims of home.

But \$28,000,000 was only a fraction of

the cost of this traffic. The peniten-

tiaries, poor-houses and asylums are lar-

gely filled—directly or indirectly—by

its victims and their expense would, in

addition, make the sum of \$50,000,000 a

moderate estimate of the cost of the

liquor traffic to our young country.

Who is to blame? First, the drunk-

ard—but he is not present in the

audience—and the lecturer will not ad-

dress him—neither the rumseller, for

he is absent, and the government is too

far off to receive a shot if aimed at, but

right in our midst is the church veter-

an and its very responsible party the

eloquent lecturer did not spare. Men

might vote as they pray, if it were not

for the thraldom of party. But in

Canada today there is no more hope for

the temperance cause in one party than

in the other. In 1886 Blake said the

country is not ripe for prohibition, and

so we have been told ever since. Is

there ever a time when a country is not

ripe for such a saving measure? Was

the liberal party for the decade when

that prohibitory law was enacted? The

liberal party has boasted that two-thirds

of their number are for prohibition, but

when such a measure has at different

times been before the houses their rep-

resentatives have not so declared them-

selves. The present government, also

has in different ways shown itself hostile

to any prohibitory measure, and allows

three bars to be kept open in the par-

liament buildings for the convenience of

those who assemble there. The appoint-

ment of the Royal Commission, with all

its members, except two, virtually vot-

ed as the greatest force of the 19th

century, costing the country \$100,000

and refusing in some cases to accept evi-

dence in favor of prohibitions.

But if neither existing party will favor

prohibition because they desire the sup-

port of the liquor dealer more than they

wish the welfare of the country, what

chance have the temperance workers? Edu-

cate—educate all means. Let the mothers

begin with the little ones at their knees

let the public schools instruct their pupils

in all that pertains to this evil, let the

platform and the pulpit use their in-

fluence. But we cannot keep out of

politics because the question is there and

we cannot meet it without going where

it is. The Grand Division at a conven-

tion of its members issued a manifesto

to the effect that that organization would

autagonize no party.

Temperance people, as well as others

do not wish to hear of a third party.

They dread it more than measles or

small pox. What then shall we do?

The prohibition convention that met at

New Glasgow passed a resolution stating

that in the opinion of that convention

the time had come when it was deemed

desirable to send men to our legislatures

pledged to prohibition. But what be-

comes of our pledged men when he

reaches the legislative halls. He is handi-

capped because he represents the rum

power and the temperance people alike.

He is like Pat when asked "Where

will you go Pat when you die?" said:

"Faith, I don't know I have friends in

both places." He was absent from

both.

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both.

Scraps for Odd Moments.

The loveliest things are those someone

else gets.

My rich uncle is dead. He left you

nothing, did he not? Yes, Good!

What did he leave you? Pennies.

She (dreamily)—Only fancy—a month

from to-day we shall be married. He

(absently)—Well, let's be happy while we

can.

She—Your father proposed to me the

other day. He—Yes, and what did you

say. She—I said I would be a daughter

to him.

See here, you impostor, you've begged

from me four times in the last ten days.

Huh! Yes ain't got no kick; yer ain't

gimme a cent.

Six feet in his boots!" exclaimed old

Mrs Flatiron; nonsense! Why, they

might as well tell me that the man has

six heads in his hat.

Rheumatism and catarrh, caused by

improvised blood, cured by Ayer's

Sarsaparilla.

Going to live in the country eh?

Yes, I suppose the city air doesn't agree

with your family. Well, city air don't

agree with my pocketbook.

Dear me, cried mamma, what is the

baby crying for? He is cross with me,

said Mollie. I was trying to make him

smile with the glove stretcher.

I have decided to withdraw from the

race, said the politician decidedly. You

can't do it, returned the voter promptly.

Why not? You were never in it.

If your hair is thinning and fading,

use Ayer's Hair Vigor. It restores color

and vitality.

First Mattress—How do you feel?

Second Mattress—Full as a tick.

First Tree—How's business?

Second Tree—Branching out.

To retain an abundant head of hair

of a natural color to a good old age, the

system of the scalp must be observed.

Apply Hall's Hair Remover.

Teacher—Can anyone explain how the

earth is divided?

Willie (with very important air)—Be-

tween them that's got it and them that

would like to have it.

The Author—I think I have a good

idea for a detective story. His wife—

What is the idea? The Author—I will

have the detective trace an umbrella to

its original owner.

For Spasmodic Coughs—MINARDS

HONEY BALSAM.

Madam, began Mr Dismal Dawson,

you see before you a victim of circum-

stances. Oh, I do! said the suspicion-

gious lady. What circumstances? Straiten-

ed circumstances, ma'am.

Shopkeeper to boys causing an annoy-

ance—If you don't clear out, I'll

call the officer and have you locked up.

Boy—There's where you've been taken in—

that policeman is dad—he is.

For Croupy Children—MINARDS

HONEY BALSAM.

I've had my trouble with your

wheel? Not yet, said the Sweet Young

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