

## GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

The Hamilton "Spectator" was quite exercised by the fact that certain members of the Christian Endeavor Union, of this city, thought it would be a proper thing for the Union to co-operate to secure the election to Parliament of a man who stands on a Christian platform, pledged to work and vote for the destruction of the liquor traffic and other forms of social evil. It is extremely gratifying to note the "Spectator's" jealous care, lest these young Christians, in their zeal for what they judge right, should hurt themselves and their influence. One scarcely knows which to admire the more: the deep solicitude of the party journals for the growing usefulness of Christian Endeavor societies, or the ill-concealed apprehension that their "good citizenship" work bodes no good to the "old liners."

In striking contrast with the "Spectator's" attitude, is the fact that the founders of the organization give encouragement to Unions to work along these lines. The "Golden Rule," organ of the Christian Endeavor societies, maintains a "Good Citizenship" Department, and frequently publishes examples of the work being accomplished. No name is more honored among them to-day than that of young Ross, of Troy, N.Y., who fell a martyr to the cause of good citizenship. It was in a Troy Christian Endeavor society that he promised to guard the purity of the ballot-box, and from that meeting went forth, the following morning, to serve his country and his God in a polling booth, where, while resisting the attempt to corrupt the verdict of the electors, he was shot down by "Batt" Shea, one of the "Murphy heelers"—an exponent of the "party influence."

In all probability Ross would be living to-day if the Troy C. E. society had only accepted the advice of the old party journals and left politics alone. But they hulked better than they knew when they gave young Ross to the cause of "good citizenship," and sealed this new departure with his blood. Great reforms are not accomplished by sitting aside, and sighing and waiting the tide. We must take a hand in, and be prepared for the worst—to lay down our lives for the truth. True reformers never seek counsel of their enemies; except it be to study what they fear, and then do that. And those who supremely seek the rescue of this land from the rule of the liquor lords will not ask counsel of those journals which have been the apologists and defenders of the evils they seek to overthrow.

## JUDGED BY ITS FRUIT.

The R. V. A. C. Crews, Methodist minister, of Toronto, preaching in Barrie, Ont., on a recent Sunday, said: "If the Saviour were to visit the world, He would not ask about the membership of the churches, but would ask what was being done to aid the poor, relieve the distressed, rescue the perishing and lift the fallen. If the Saviour were to spend a fortnight in Toronto, he would not go into any of



## LIONS IN THE WAY.

**PROHIBITION**—The battle must be fought in Parliament yonder, but these party lions are in the way.

**PATRON**—Brace up, young man. If you have the courage to come forward, you will find that the lions are restrained by the chains of public opinion.

the large, fashionable churches of the city, but would visit the city missions, shelters for the poor, etc." He said the great cry of unbellevors to-day is "Show us your men that have been reformed by the power of Christ." There are lots of reclaimed men said the preacher. "Come with me to Toronto and I can take you to a family where not long ago a man degraded in drunkenness and crime, came home one

night and dragged the mattresses from beneath his sick wife and pawned it for liquor. Now you will find that man beating the drum in the Salvation Army, and the family in respectable and happy circumstances."

There are cases where it is better to have the hydrophobia and die as a man, than to have the partyphobia and live like a coward.