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OFFICE OF THE DOMINION ALLIANCE,

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The Annual Provincial Convention of the Dominion Alliance will be held at Toronto in the **HORTICULTURAL PAVILION** beginning on **TUESDAY, JULY 11th, AT 9 a.m.**, and will probably close on the evening of the same day.

A SERIOUS CRISIS. — The Executive Committee of the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance, in summoning the usual Annual Convention of prohibitionists for this Province, desire to earnestly press upon the attention of all friends of moral reform the important and critical character of the position in which our cause at present stands.

We have to deal with the serious facts, (1) that the Government which asked for an expression of public opinion on the question of prohibition, has definitely refused to accept the mandate of the electorate as a whole, and (2) that notwithstanding the splendid Plebiscite majority of 107,048 in favor of prohibition in that part of Canada outside of Quebec, including a majority of 39,224 in this Province, neither the Dominion Government nor Parliament has, at the time of the issuing of this "Call," taken any step towards the enacting of any measure of prohibitory legislation. This inaction practically places Parliament and Government, so far as Ontario is concerned, in direct antagonism to the will of the electorate as clearly expressed by a very great majority of a very large vote.

AN URGENT DUTY. This extraordinary situation makes it exceedingly desirable that the coming Convention should be as largely attended as possible. We shall need all the wisdom, zeal, determination and strength that we can muster. We must carefully consider, definitely decide upon and then resolutely carry out, such a policy as will make absolutely impossible the continued forcing of the ruinous liquor-traffic upon an unwilling and protesting people, who have twice declared in favor of Prohibition by overwhelming majorities.

Every organization entitled to representation should therefore make a special point of sending delegates to this Convention. **Every delegate** appointed should make it a special duty to be present. **Every friend** who receives this "Call" is earnestly urged to use his or her influence to make the meeting a great success. **Officers of all Societies** are requested to bring the matter before their respective organizations. **Pastors** are requested to lay it before their congregations. **Newspaper Editors** are requested to give it as much publicity as possible.

REDUCED RATES, SINGLE FARE. Special reduced rates will be given by all railway lines. Each delegate will purchase on starting a single fare ticket to Toronto. He will also procure from the ticket agent a standard certificate filled up, showing that he has purchased said ticket. This certificate he will present to the Secretary of the Convention, who will sign it. It will then entitle him to a return ticket free of cost, no matter how low the regular fare to Toronto may be. **Every delegate is urged to attend.** The standard certificates must be secured before starting, otherwise the free return cannot be secured. Those having to travel over roads operated by different companies should procure a certificate for each. The free return will be conditioned upon our having three hundred delegates purchasing full fare tickets to the convention. Otherwise the railway companies will charge one-third of a single fare for return tickets. It is confidently anticipated, however, that there will be present many more than the number necessary to secure the free return.

REPRESENTATION. — The plan of representation to this convention is as follows: — Every church and society is entitled to two representatives, and each church and society having more than fifty members, is entitled to an additional delegate for each additional fifty.

The following organizations are entitled to representation on the basis named: County City and Electoral District Prohibition Alliances, Leagues or Central Committees, Branches of the W.C.T.U., Divisions of the Sons of Temperance, Lodges of the I.O.G.T., Councils of the R. T. of T., Branches of the League of the Cross, Prohibition Clubs, any prohibition or temperance organizations, Church Congregations, Young Men's Christian Associations, Salvation Army Corps, Societies of Christian Endeavor, Epworth Leagues, Branches of St. Andrew's Brotherhood, Baptist Young People's Unions, and other young people's associations in connection with church work; Ontario members of the Council of the Dominion Alliance, elected from representative ecclesiastical, temperance and prohibition bodies, members of the Executive Committee of the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance, Ontario Members of Parliament and Members of the Provincial Legislature in favor of prohibition, will also be members of the Convention.

DELEGATES AND VISITORS. — It is specially requested that every organization appointing delegates will send a list of the names and addresses of such delegates to the Secretary of the Alliance at the earliest possible opportunity. The form sent out, or any other, may be used for this purpose. Every delegate should also be notified and informed of railway rates, and other matters set out in this circular.

The commodious gallery of the Pavilion will be reserved for accommodation of persons coming to the Convention who are not appointed delegates, and all such may secure reduced railway rates on the plan above set out.

The **Time and Place** of meeting, details concerning **Railway Rates**, and the **Plan of Representation** are fully set out on the other side of this circular.

The Secretary will cheerfully and promptly furnish additional copies of this "Call," credential forms, or any further information in his possession to any friend applying for the same.

On behalf of the Executive Committee,

F. S. SPENCE,
Secretary.

J. J. MACLAREN,
President.

Let your life be an open book, but not a blank book.

God promises a safe landing, but not a calm passage.

Make your mark in the world, but mind what your mark is.

It is not so much to tell the truth, as to make the truth tell.

Before the devil can be chained, the saloon door must be bolted.

You have no right to do as you please, unless you please to do right.

Temperance is not everything, but intemperance mars everything.

The devil scores a point whenever a good man opposes a good cause.

Life is a campaign, not a battle, and has its defeats as well as its victories.

Liberty is not the right to do what you like, but the liking to do what is right.

A saloon keeper is never so happy as when his spirits are steadily going down.

Some Christians are like children on a rocking horse, plenty of motion but no progress.

Habit is at first like a thin thread: by and by it becomes like a cable.

Put a smile on your face when you go out for a walk, and it will be surprising how many pleasant people you will meet.

Be as merry as you can. If there is no sunshine in your religion don't be surprised if nobody wants it. — *N. T. Advocate.*

VALUE OF CHARACTER

IN BUSINESS IT HAS GREAT WEIGHT — NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN DEMAND.

The young men entering business in our great cities are realizing more and more the value of nobility of character. It is becoming more difficult, for instance, for men who use intoxicating liquors in any form to secure positions and hold them, and this fact, not only in office employment, but in nearly all the other lines of business. Employers are unwilling to risk their business interests in the hands of those whose nerves and brains may be rendered unsteady by drink. Few, if indeed any, railroads will employ in any capacity whatever men who are habitual drinkers, and those who drink occasionally are insecure in their positions. Other large employers of men in factories are adopting the same policy. One large employer informs every man when engaging his services that he will give him one dollar a week more wages if he will take a pledge not to drink. If the man objects the employer does not exact the pledge, but tells him he believes his services as a non-drinking man are worth one dollar more per week than if he drinks, and leaves the employee to make the choice. Few decline to accept the one dollar advance.

There has grown up in recent years in the business practices in our cities a custom which has the force of law that still further illustrates the value of character in young men seeking employment in important positions. It is estimated that about 25 per cent. of those holding what are called office positions, such as cashiers and book keepers, are obliged to give bond for the safe handling of moneys entrusted to their care. In former days it was the custom for persons obliged to give such bonds to secure as bondsmen personal friends, but the custom has become almost obsolete and bonds are now signed by companies making that a business, and charging a specific rate per thousand for the security they gave. Such bond companies fully investigate the reputations of persons applying for their signature, and an applicant must have a good record in order to secure the bond, without which the desired position cannot be obtained.

Parents will do wisely to impress the business phase of character upon their children, especially their boys, and so instruct them that they will be prepared to take advantage of the opportunities which may present themselves in business life. — *N. Y. Christian Advocate.*