Will Be No Monopoly Of Temperance For Rowell Is View Of Methodists

London Methodists in Conference at Sarnia Resent tical party. Efforts Made By Rowellites - A Stormy Session Was Held.

A Big Question.

"Provided, however, that this con-

erence does not judge the conscience

of individuals as to choice of Method-

o a certain party.

ike campaign literature."

Mr. Manning's View.

traffic. He questioned if the clause

Mr. Malott Agrees.

Rev. F. E. Malott, of St. Marys, ex-

pressed the view that clause two was all that was necessary, and felt that nothing said in clause three could drive one man from his party to an-

other.

Rev. C. W. Edwards, of Highgate, and Rev. W. E. Pescott, of Windsor, both supported the clause in the report Mr. Edwards said that resolutions had been passed in other years, and it was not right to be silent now because an election was imminent. He thought it was time the church lined up and did business. Mr. Pescott said that the temperance people had turned down Poss because the

had turned down Ross because the dice were loaded. He said the dice

vere loaded again to-day, and in the

interests of the liquor people. He beleived that Mr. Rowell would do

what he had promised if he were given the men, but he could only get the men by getting right support from

"Some of these addresses are in-

tended to divide these conferences on political lines," was the opening statement of Rev. W. H. Graham, of

Sarnia. "I submit that his is a serous position to take in a problem so

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"I say the position enunciated

ital to the interests of the people of

temperance people.

satisfactory

SARNIA, June 9-By what was ap-, my newspaper, but in the columns of Powell, London Methodist conference passed policy I see the very advertising con- Huron Conservative convention he the clause of the temperance commit- tracts which I have refused and others had been told by the chairman that tees report, which gave endorsation to with them. I say that no Methodist no Methodist preacher and no fanthe Rowell policy. That point was conference has a right to interfere as atic would be allowed to create disonly reached after a two-hours' debate this resolution does. If you look over sensions there. that at times was of the warmest char, the recent nominations you will see acter and after several amendments men on Mr. Rowell's side who are not three entirely was proposed and lost. had been proposed, discussed and vot- in accord with him and you will see Mr. Dingman's amendment was next de down. It was evident throughout the debate that there was a strong that the debate t feeling against mixing the conference with party politics, and the number with party politics, and the number was a strong valued regulation in this party politics, and the number was a strong valued regulation in the strong through the party politics, and the number was a strong valued regulation in the strong through the strong value of the party politics, and the number was a strong value regulation in the strong value of the party politics, and the number value as a strong value of the strong value of the party politics, and the number value of the party politics and the number value of the numbe

praise to "new temperance legislation which while conservative enough, is dence of insincerity behind Mr. Row-which while conservative enough, is still in the right direction." This was ell. Mr. Rowell himself may be sincarried without discussion. more zeal in the days of Ross.

The Second Clause.

The second clause declared against the licensing system and the bar gen erally and urged all Methodists regardless of party affiliations to cast tled off-hand and it is better to protheir ballots in favor of closing the gress along the lines on which we are bar. Had this closed the recommendations of the committee there would that I and other Conservatives are have been little debate, but the third ready to urge upon the Government." clause was no sooner read than obejetions began to come. The third the elimination of clause three of the report and the substitution of the folclause was as follows: lowing to supplement clause two:

"That, inasmuch as the temperance people of the province have for many years been asking for the abolition of the bar, and inasmuch as Mr. Rowell, leader of the Opposition, has, by mak- ists to attain this end. Respect must ing the abolition of the bar the chief be paid to varying opinions of honest plank of his platform, completely es- men on a difficult question so long tranged the whole liquor interests as pursuit of the objective is sincere, from his banner and thrown upon us hearty and sustained.' the responsibility of its continuance, we deem it the duty of all Methodists the resolution passed by the laymen and all Christians and all temperance be adopted as the position of the people to support this policy which is whole conference. indoubtedy the most far reaching temperance legislation that has yet !. been offered us."

A Strong Objection. As soon as this clause had been read

Mr. W. S. Dingman of Stratford, one of the most prominent laymen, arose

"I desire to protest," he said, "against any resolution being passed in this conference, which classes one of our parties as opposed to the elimination of the liquor traffic. I do that because I have some standing on that side and speak in all good conscience. n the Conservative party there is a large and influential element - the predominant element - that is no also criticized the position taken by friend of the liquor traffic, desires no the report. identity with it, and repudiates the suggestion that it is allied with the liged by Mr. Rowell and his friends methods of the two parties. This exwhen they make use of expressions presses pleasure at what one party like "Whitney and whisky."

"The Conservative party includes to support the other. We should leave many good Methodist laymen and I know-ledge that the Conservative party is not going to be driven into being the there was much difference of op deavor of Mr. Rowell and his friends, on methods to reach that end. The elminated. This was also defeated. but it is not good statesmanship.

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lause three is not the policy of or hurch. The position of the Method ist church is the abolition of the for this conference to stop at clause wo. I approve the moderate nature and sanity of Dingman's resolution and if we properly realize the na ure of the position we should take o-day it is not the side of any pol-

Rev C. P. Wells of Comber believ d that the position taken by the Do ninion Alliance, was the safer, name ly, to refuse to be cast into the arms of any political party. Rev E. G "three-fifths" majority, my contemporary supporting Rowell's clause and charged that at the South An amendment to eliminate clause

with party politics, and the number vanced stand. We are no friends of committee with instructions to elimvoting against the report was large. the liquor interests, I would ask
The temperance report was divided you whether Mr. Rowell is able to
into three clauses. The first gave deliver the goods or if he will deliver
the goods or if he will deliver ed a strong pronouncement could be cere though he might have displayed banner of Methodism.

A Siur Mr. Ford expressed particular ob In my belief the abolition of the In my belief the abolition of the jection to the portion of the clause bar is a question that will not be set-which intimated that the liquor inallied themselves entirely with the now proceeding with amendments Conservatives.

"That is a slur that should not be given out by this conference," he Mr. Dingman concluded by moving said. "I defy the committee to prove that the liquor party has been rounded up by the Conservatives.' Rev W. H. Graham of Sarnia also

ressed the point .. "Who gave this committee author to say that Mr Rowell's policy had completely estranged the lqinor rove that. 'If they could prove it, would vote for the clause"

Mr. C. W. Austin of Chatham, a Mr. Dingman further moved that ominent' laymon, held that it was mpossible for the conference to direct how men should vote. He challenged the statement that the Con-This motion was seconded by Rev. servative party was allied with the E. Ford, of Goderich, who expressiquor interests. As also the claim ed the opinion that the temperance that Mr Rowell was the only man committee was going out of its way who had taken his life in his hand to create campaign literature for a on the liquor question. It was a matpolitical party. He thought it was possible to present a report that ter upon which men might honestly would state the attitude and position differ, but the temperance committee of the conference clearly without com proposed that no man should think for himself.

nitting the conference and people Mr. Austin remarked on the fact "Surely we have conscience enough that the Liberal candidate at Chatweigh this matter,' he said, "with- ham on Saturday had pledged himout passing resolutions that apppear self only to follow Mr Rowell if the latter were elected to power. He thought the whole report should be sent back to the committee for re-Rev. Dr. Manning, of Stratford, construction

A Big Mistake

Mr F. Buchanan of Wingham, was getting rid of the drinking as quick- also opposed to the clause. uor traffic although that implication is practically conveyed in this resolu-And that implication is convey- resolution throws right before us the wheedle them into line with this re- Knights at camp. solution. We are making a big mis take if we let this clause go through has done and then tells our people I know what I am talking about."

The proposal to refer the clause back to the committee was lost. Revi C. W. Edwards then proposed that pital, New York. ion terests from the Rowell forces abolition of the bar was not the aim The oiriginal motion to adopt the of the Methodist church, but rather clause in full was then put and was the complete wiping out of the drink declared carried

The debate was the liveliest that was wise, thought the amendment was has been seen in ondon Conference better, but doubted if either were

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had his hands full maintaining one in particular creating laughter, when during a floated from a front seat:

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statement. There was considerable discussion after adjournment as to the wirdom of the course taken.. The opposition that developed during the debate represented a large element of the conference, both lay and clenical

Boy Knight Notes

Boy Knight work in this city, 14 new members were added to the enrollment, renewed activity being shown all along the lines. The Imperial Shield competition will be shot off on June 22nd, an officer of the 25th Dragoons supervising it. Athletic work of all kinds is in preparation for the carnival under various leaders. The ladies are also taking an im-

portant part in this event. On Monday evening, a senior branch was instituted at the armories, to be known as the Knights of St. Luke, which will be open to men of all ages who wish to become mem bers.. The membership will consis of three classes, active, associate and honorary. All honorary members must be 30 years old or over, and wi be eligible to serve on trustee board or assist in work as they desire.

A number of members were ad vanced to the second degree, and at parade Tuesday evening, H. Cockshutt, N. Row, A. W. Barham and others'received the third degree, that of faithfulness.

Plans are under way for completing the present building so as to be in shape for the coming season's work. An addition of 40 feet by 25 will be added on, in which bath, store room, kitchen and other conveniences will be included.

The boys are looking forward to camp, which will be held the last of July and first week in August. It is

Henry Sturgis Morgan, youngest son of the late J. P. Morgan, is convalescing after an operation for appendicitis at the Presbyterian Hos-

Cook's Cotton Root Compound.

PASTOR ALDRICH

Delivered an Impressive Address at Colonial Theatre Last Sunday.

You could have heard a pin drop Sunday afternoon in the Colonial theatre while Pastor Aldrich of New York was pointing out the Bible significance of the present-day inventions an ddiscoveries. He views the marvelous influx of light during the past few years as a precursor of the for a long while. President Hazen wonderful blessings soon to be exthe tended to mankind in general. Acts order and dignity of the debate, but 3:19-21 was quoted: "Times of re-There was freshing shall come from the presence amusing incidents during the debate, of the Lord, and He shall send Jesus much Christ, which before was preached un sudden to you, whom the heavens must re pause in the debate, this dialogue ceive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets

since the world began.' Who can fail to see that times of refreshing are already present? I would be almost an endless task t enumerate the means of refreshment that have been within the last 50 years. Many workng men to-day live in more grandeur and enjoy more convenience than did the wealthy of a century ago. In fulfillment of bible prophecy, desert shall bloom as a rose;' we see irrigation accomplishing this very thing, transforming the hot sands into luxuriant gardens. There is much talk of flooding even the Great Sahara and of thus transforming it into a fertile Nile. "They shall say this land is become like the Garden of Eden."

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