

NOTES OF PROGRESS

FROM THE FIELD OF FIGHT.

Pushing the Battle—Lecturers and Conventions—Magistrates and Offenders—A New Prohibition Club—A Fearless Constable—There's Lovely Fighting All Along the Line.

Paying Up.

POLICE MAGISTRATE McDougall was at Blenheim a few days ago, and imposed a fine of \$50 and costs upon each of the following gentlemen: Messrs. Sheldon, Powell, Winters, Husband and Monteith.

One More Unfortunate.

C. FRANK, of Southwell Station, was before the police magistrate a few days ago and was fined \$50 and costs for selling liquor in defiance of the law.

Our Own Mrs Youmans.

Mrs. YOUMAN delivered a lecture at a very successful temperance meeting in Beaverton recently, and re-organized the W.C.T.U. of that little town.

A County Convention.

A SPECIAL convention of Oxford county Scott Act workers was held in Woodstock Baptist Church yesterday, commencing at one o'clock. We go to press too early to give a full report.

Pat Heffernan Agains.

Not long ago Pat Heffernan, the indefatigable and renowned Scott Act enforcer of Bruce county, was commissioned to do some law enforcing business in Chesley, and while attending to his duty received some impudent talk from a livery man of that town. Pat continued his work, however, until the ruffian, whose name was Henry, coolly fired at the constable with a revolver, and came very near to doing him serious mischief. Pat's patience was at last exhausted, and, leaping upon his would-be assailant, he mastered him after a short tussle, handcuffed him, and carried him off to the county gaol. He will no doubt have to pay dearly for his reckless attempt at assassination.

Elgin County.

In West Elgin during the year 1887 the whole expense of Scott Act enforcement was \$426.26, while the receipts from fines amounted to \$1966.28. In the eastern riding it cost \$814 to enforce the Act, while the receipts from fines were only \$350. There has been deplorable laxity in the enforcement of law in the east riding.

A Clever Lady.

Miss MINNIE PHELPS, of St. Catharines, is having crowded houses in different western towns to hear her stirring lectures upon "Civil Law and Moral Reform," "The Modern Sphinx."

A New Society.

THE town of Niagara Falls has organized a Law and Order League, "to promote the glory of God and the best interests of mankind by endeavoring to secure the enforcement of all law effecting the morality of the people and especially those intended to secure a proper observance of the Lord's Day."

A Batch of Offenders.

POLICE magistrate Horne held court at Beaverton on the 13th and 14th insts. Mr. A. Mosley was fined \$50 and costs; John Kennedy underwent the same punishment; in John McRae's case judgment was reserved; Robert Cockburn who had been summoned did not put in an appearance. J. Elliott failed to pay his fine and will spend 30 days in the county gaol.

R. T. of T.

THE Royal Templars of Elgin county had a big meeting last week at Aylmer. Rev. G. R. Gundy, district councillor, presided, and a good meeting was held.

A resolution was adopted in favor of organic union of the different temperance organizations. Officers were elected and the following declaration made: "Whereas an investigation by the Ontario Government into certain charges against the License Inspector of East Elgin was held in the town of Aylmer on September 19th and the following days, and said charges proved; this district meeting of R. T. of T. hereby expresses its surprise at such a length of time has elapsed and said officer has not been removed, also, its dissatisfaction with the present anomalous state of things, and would strongly urge the Government to proceed in the matter with the least possible delay." The resolution will be forwarded to Hon. A. S. Hardy, Provincial Secretary.

Sons of Temperance.

From the Whitty Chronicle we learn that a very largely attended and most enthusiastic session of the Ontario County District Division of Sons of Temperance was held at Greenbank on the 12th inst, about 70 delegates being present from divisions at Whitty, Whitvale, Glenmajor, Mt. Zion, Claremont, Myrtle and Greenbank, officers and other reports presented show that the Order in this county is in a healthy and active condition. In addition to a large amount of business special to the Order, resolutions were passed unanimously, expressing a determination to stand by the Scott Act, in reference to the pernicious influence of moderate drinkers so called, and expressing the desirability of parents seeking and retaining connection with the Order, as an encouragement and example to the young. Votes of thanks were passed to Mr. H. E. Derby for his services as D. Scribe, and to Greenbank Division and friends for the excellent accommodation provided for delegates to the session. The officers elected for the year are—D.W.P., W. H. Bowell, Whitty, D.W.A., Miss M. E. Kirton, Whitvale, D. Scribe, Chas. J. Mackie, Glen Major, D. Chap., Jas. Miller, Greenbank; D. Con., W. B. Jones, Balsam, D. Leu, W. A. Major, Whitvale. The D.W.P., D.W.A., D. Scribe, F. Hutchison, Balsam, and Dr. Ferrier, Claremont, form the executive committee.

LAW ENFORCEMENT IN ALGOMA.

Inspector Maitland after the Illicit Vendors.

MR. ROBERT MAITLAND, License Inspector for Thunder Bay District has been kept pretty busy during the past year looking after the would-be illicit liquor sellers of his jurisdiction. From the Algoma Miner we learn that in his beat which extends over 700 miles along the line of the C. P. R. from Balgah to near Sudbury, and also to the mines to the southwest of Port Arthur, he has had 48 cases for infringement of the Liquor License Laws prosecuted during the year 1887, and the parties in 20 of these cases were fined \$850.00. Following is the list with the date of conviction and amount of fine not including costs:—

- March 2—John L. Bohn, Schrieber, \$50.
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March 21—Lewis Henry Coxottor, Savanne, \$50.
April 6—Charles McCready, Ignac, \$50.
April 9—Charles Inglis Bowly, Port Arthur, \$20.
April 10—Hugh McKenna, Port Arthur, \$20.
June 3—Robert Bailey, Jack Fish, \$20.
July 14—Mrs. Mary Palmer, Fort William, \$50.
August 7—Eugene Tanquay, Beaver Mine, \$50.
August 9—Eugene Tanquay, Beaver Mine, \$50.
August 20—Eugene Tanquay, Beaver Mine, \$25.
October 3—Harry Wilson, Heron Bay, \$50.
October 4—Wesley McRoberts Heron Bay, \$20.
October 19—Eugene Tanquay, near Beaver Mine, \$60.
October 20—Eugene Tanquay, near Beaver Mine, \$50.
October 25—Michael Hogan, White River, \$50.
October 25—Richard Thomas Young, Heron Bay, \$50.
December 6—Wesley McRoberts, Heron Bay, \$50.
December 7—Richard Thomas Young, Heron Bay, \$50.
December 28—David Rampton Bruce, Schrieber, \$20.
In all these cases costs were imposed in addition to the fine.

The Boys at Work.

TORONTO Y. M. C. C.

Last Sunday's Meeting.

THE Horticultural Pavilion, in Toronto, was crowded on Sunday afternoon to hear Rev. M. C. Lockwood, D.D., of Cincinnati. F. S. Sponco occupied the chair and on the platform were Rev. Dr. Cassel, Rev. Dr. Parker, Rev. D. Thomas, Rev. D. F. Wilson, Ald. Hewitt, Ald. Fleming, and a number of other prominent workers. The choir under the direction of Mr. Dewey did its work remarkably well. This work is fast becoming an important feature of these meetings. Solos were sung with much effect by Miss Bailey and Mr. Coates.

The president referred to the great loss the temperance cause had sustained in the recent death of Rev. John Smith, a vice president of the Dominion Alliance, and one of Canada's foremost prohibition workers. Dr. Cassel spoke on the same line and urged his hearers to take up the banner that had fallen from their brother's hands and carry it to victory.

Dr. Lockwood fairly captured his audience. He is a forcible speaker, and delivered an address that will long be remembered. He complimented Toronto on its physical, moral, and political cleanliness, then gave a graphic description of the present fearful condition of rum in Cincinnati. He asked his audience to remember that forty years ago Cincinnati—though now so rotten—was just where Toronto stands at the present time, and on these facts he based a powerful appeal to our citizens to fight the rum power, which, if not controlled now, would delatch our politics, ruin our homes, rob us of our Sunday rest, and make our city like his own, in which saloons were open and theatres in full blast on Sunday, while the 2/3rds of the council owned saloons, and the saloons owned the other two-thirds of the council. Christians must carry their temperance work into politics because they had to fight the saloon, the saloon had gone into politics and they must follow their enemy, to fight him on the ground he himself had chosen. The saloon would conquer the civilization of the nineteenth century, if the Christian church would not rise in its might and sweep these saloons from the face of the earth.

A cordial vote of thanks to the learned Dr. was moved by Dr. Parker, seconded by Rev. Dr. Wilson, and unanimously adopted.

More Plans for Progress.

ON Thursday evening of last week the Toronto Prohibition Club met in the large committee room at the office of the CITIZEN PUBLISHING COMPANY. About fifty members were present and the proceedings were characterized by unusual enthusiasm. Steps were taken looking towards the securing of a permanent headquarters for the society at which would be located a reception room for visitors and members, where prohibition literature, including prominent temperance journals, etc., would always be on hand for consultation and reference. A committee was appointed to consider and report on the proposition, and another committee was given charge of the work of looking after the voters lists for 1888. The president pointed out the difficulties that had been met with in the recent election campaign (which had resulted so favorably in the securing of a prohibition council) and suggested how to avoid some of those hindrances hereafter.

At the next regular meeting of the club which will be held on February 9, an unusually attractive programme will be presented.

IN EASTERN ONTARIO.

The Kingston Boys are Stirring.

THE Kingston young men are getting a prohibition club into first-class shape. They propose to follow Toronto's example in making their power felt in municipal matters and no doubt will soon be heard from on the line of practical work accomplished.

To Christian Workers.

FOR the glory of God, the salvation of souls, we recently organized "The Soul Winners Band." Its efforts are intended to reach every part of the habitable globe, and to give abundant scope for usefulness to every Christian irrespective of his denomination, circumstances, or place of abode. A circular, giving full particulars of the operations of the Band, nature of work, condition of membership, etc., will be sent free on application to Rev. A. Sims, Tilsonburg, Ont. Mention this paper.

A Fitting Tribute.

ON Sabbath, 22nd inst., Rev. W. A. McKay, B. A., addressed the Gospel Temperance meeting in Woodstock and closed his address with the following tribute to a noble fellow-worker.

In the death of the Rev. John Smith the Presbyterian Church has lost one of her most honored ministers, and the cause of temperance one of its most earnest and successful advocates. Strong in his convictions, Mr. Smith was broad in his sympathies, tender and loving as a child, he was bold and fearless as a lion in upholding the right and exposing the wrong. No man outside the county did more than he to promote our present temperance legislation in Oxford. Evening after evening he addressed large audiences, and his powerful appeal, accompanied with his pungent illustrations, carried conviction to many minds. These services were cheerfully and gratuitously rendered. Not one cent of money compensation did he receive from this county. To me he was particularly dear as a temperance worker. Often have we talked together on the best methods of promoting this great reform, together have we prayed for grace and guidance in our efforts, and for years have we worked together in temperance conferences and in church courts as well as on platforms of many of the counties of Ontario. He is gone and I am left to battle for a little while longer. His last published discourse was a noble defence of true temperance as opposed to that so-called temperance, gloried in by liquor sellers and their friends; his last sermon preached to his own people was from the text, "Prepare to meet thy God;" and his last night on earth was spent at a foreign missionary meeting. In these three last things we have illustrated his opposition to error, his sympathy with the perishing, and his conviction of the reality and importance of eternal things—three principles which strikingly characterized his whole ministry.

Farewell, my friend, my brother, my fellow soldier. "Thou hast fought the good fight, thou hast finished thy course, thou hast kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for thee a crown of righteousness which the Lord the righteous Judge will give thee in that day, and not unto thee only but unto all them love his appearing." Let it be ours, my friends, one and all, as many as are here present, by faith in Christ and a holy devotedness to every good work, to comply with the solemn exhortation pressed home upon the consciences of his people by our late brother in his last discourse, and "prepare to meet our God," and in all our work for God and humanity let us be encouraged and strengthened by the precious truth he was preparing to bring before his people to-day had a sovereign and righteous God not otherwise ordained. His text selected for to-day was Acts 17:27, "Though He (God) be not far from every one of us." For myself I ask no more than that, when my work is done, my last sermon preached, my last testimony borne in behalf of the weak and the oppressed, and my last ministration by the bedside of sickness and in the chamber of affliction rendered, I may be permitted, like my brother, to lie down quietly in the bosom of my family and with scarcely a pang of body and with the comforts of Christ in my soul fall asleep upon my couch, to awake among the glories which are at God's right hand.

THE SALOON MUST GO.

NO LICENSE FOR CRIME.

We have too much partyism and too little patriotism.—Nashville Issue.

O madness to think use of strongest wines, And strongest drinks, our chief support of health, When God, with these forbidden, made choice to rear His mighty champion, strong above compare, Whose drink was only from the liquid brook.—Milton's "Samson Agonistes."

"What is a penitentiary?" "A kind of fruit-basket in which tax-payers gather the products of their saloons." The Statesman.

Will you call us "cranks," "impracticables," any more, gentlemen politicians? Before you do so, just bear in mind that the highest legal tribunal on this continent, the Supreme Court of the United States, has formally declared that it is practicable, that it is right, and that the states and the nation have the legal right to enact and enforce Prohibition against the liquor traffic.—Aze, Binghampton, N. Y.

IT IS GOOD NEITHER TO EAT FLESH, NOR TO DRINK WINE, NOR ANYTHING WHEREBY THY BROTHER STUMBLETH, OR IS OFFENDED, OR IS MADE WEAK.—Paul.

The Serpent's Trail

SUFFERING, SORROW, SIN AND SHAME.

Heart-Teaching Facts from Many Lands—Blasted Prospects—Ruined Homes—Men Made Friends—Debauchery and Crime—Wealth Wrung From Battered Bodies and Lost Souls.

Poison Permits.

LIEUT. GOVERNOR Dewdney still persists issuing permits by the wholesale in the North-West. Of course the law allows him to do so, but well informed persons say he scandalously exceeds what was contemplated in the formation.

Killed by Drink.

A terrible accident occurred at Woodstock on Tuesday of last week. Two men, William Hutchison and Thomas Bell, who had been drinking, attempted to drive over the railway track and were struck by a passing train and severely injured. Hutchison has since died and Bell's recovery is very doubtful.

The Price of a Husband.

Mrs. ALICE PRICE, of Orkney, sued Robert Robinson, hotel keeper, for \$1,000 damages on account of her husband having been killed on a railway track while intoxicated, the liquor having been supplied him at Robinson's hotel. The jury gave a verdict in Mrs. Price's favor but allowed her only \$100.

The Source of Crime.

Out of 520 arrests in Los Angeles, in December, 430 were resultants of the dram shop.

The Same Sad Story.

In Louisville, Kentucky, last year, there were 893 arrests, 700 of which were cases of drunkenness.

Whisky Rule.

The Mayor of Buffalo, New York, and 16 other members of the city council are in the liquor business.

3,018 Saloons.

A certain area of New York city comprises a population of 360,000 and contains 31 protestant churches and 3,018 saloons.

No Day of Rest.

The liquor party has won a temporary victory at Kansas City, Missouri. A city ordinance closing saloons on Sundays has been declared unconstitutional by a local judge. The case will go to the Supreme Court.

In Politics.

The city of Boston has nine rum-sellers in its council, and five men engaged in the same business are members of the State Legislature. The police of the State last year made 30,681 arrests, 19,640 of which were for drunkenness and violation of the liquor laws.

Drink! Drink! Drink!!!

At Madison, Wisconsin, on New Year's Eve a committee of Y. M. C. A. workers visited 24 out of 62 of the saloons of that town, and found in them 232 men between the ages of 16 and 40. At the same time there was a big spree going on at Turner's Hall where about 1,000 men were either drinking or drunk.

Drink and Death.

The Southern Journal records in one issue, the murder of his aged mother by Stephen Conroy, of Baltimore; the fatal shooting of his wife and himself by a saloon-keeper at Sioux Falls; the death, at Louisville, through freezing while lying out at night, of a drunken woman who leaves seven little children homeless.

A Mad Freak.

In Cincinnati, some days ago, a hostler named James Buckler made a wager with some fellow workmen that he could drink, inside seven minutes, two egg-noggs and sixteen straight whiskies, each containing one gill. The wager was accepted and the man completed his undertaking in five minutes. Treating all round several times followed his exploit. He was taken suddenly ill and carried to his home, where his medical adviser gave no hope of his recovery.