

interest. Of the woman vote in Toronto, the *Globe* of 1st mo. 3rd, says:

"One of the instructive features of Monday's voting was that out of the 5,000 women who have a right to the franchise in Toronto, 866 availed themselves of it. Even of this number many could not be prevailed upon to go to the polls unless cabs were placed at their disposal.

"This was all the more remarkable because a moral question, one which it was understood the women were particularly interested in, was to be voted on. And still the wonder grows when we find that even of those who voted nearly 28 per cent. cast their ballots in favor of the liquor traffic.

"To those who have looked to the woman vote to be the regenerating influence in elections, these figures will likely be a disappointment. The idea of providing a different colored ballot for the women appears to have been a somewhat happy one, as it afforded an opportunity of estimating the strength of this element in municipal elections. The inference to be drawn from the facts would seem to be that but few women are really anxious to have the privilege of voting."

In many of the municipalities the total vote was much more favorable for Prohibition than the woman vote was in Toronto and other places. Both the French and German vote told somewhat against Prohibition in the few places where their votes prevail. Less than a year ago the Province of Manitoba voted in favor of Prohibition three to one, and in 12th mo. Prince Edward Island took the same side, it is reported, ten to one. Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, which will submit the question to the people, in like manner no doubt, in the near future, will undoubtedly do as well as Ontario, and give at least two to one against the continuance of the liquor traffic. The question as submitted reads: "Do you desire the immediate prohibition of the importation, manu-

facture and sale of intoxicating liquor as a beverage." The result of these votes is strengthening the cause of temperance in Canada, and will undoubtedly compel legislation in the near future in harmony with the will of the people thus expressed.—[S. P. Z.]

#### HOW CAN WE BEST DEEPEEN INTEREST IN OUR HOME MEETINGS?

To me this appears largely an individual work—a work in which all the members of the Society can help. We can show our interest in the meetings by a prompt attendance at all the meetings, either for worship or business, by a sincere regard for our brother's welfare, by kindly inquiries, remembrances or visits, for those who are absent. Go to those who habitually absent themselves from meeting, talk to them about the business of the meeting, tell them that their faces were missed and their advice and counsel longed for, that even their presence was a help, as it indicated an interest in what was being done.

Silence is not always indicative of indifference, but quite as frequently of diffidence, a feeling that my opinion would not avail any, I am so small, I can accomplish so little and fail in so many respects of reaching my own standard of excellence, that I can do no good by speaking.

There are those who need encouragement to go forward in the work, to whom a word of cheer would prove of inestimable value, and would enable them to do more and better work in the service of God.

To those who attend the Monthly and Half-Yearly Meetings, etc., I would suggest that they seek out those less known and visit them. They may need the encouragement which your visit would give them. There are many so circumstanced that they find it impossible to attend those meetings when they are held at a distance, though they may long inexpressibly to join