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W.C.T.U.

THE HEAD-QUARTERS FUND BOOMING.

The ladies of the Toronto W.C.T.U. are pushing their Head-Quarters scheme with commendable energy and great success. The Secy. Treasurer has just sent us the following interesting report.

Dear Sir.—The district executive of the W.C.T.U. met last Thursday. There was a good attendance, seven Unions being represented. The President, Mrs. McDonnell, presided. Reports from superintendents of departments were received. Mrs. McDonnell, superintendent of soldiers' work, reported having distributed 500 copies of *The Temperance Herald* (that paper being specially prepared for the purpose) to the volunteers on the train as they were leaving for their May drill. Mrs. McDonnell was asked to have another W.C.T.U. letter prepared for the next issue of the *Herald*.

Mrs. Skinner reported the result of the Promenade Concert and Conversation held in the Pavilion on May 16th. It was a decided success. One of the principal features of the entertainment was the social element. As the representatives of the various Temperance societies met in committee from time to time to discuss plans and make arrangements, the same spirit was characteristic. There was not a jar. All worked harmoniously together, each being determined to help to make the meeting a success. The large building was well filled. Fortunately for the comfort of those present, a slight rain prevented many from attending. The programme was excellent, every one was delighted. I must not forget to mention the Citizen Band. They offered their services free. We feel that the success of the evening was largely due to their presence. The total receipts to date are as follows:—

To 1147 Tickets sold	\$286 75
To Cash from Refreshment Table, Advs on Programme Cover and Donations,	102 80
Total receipts to date	389 55
Total expenditure to full	115 05

Balance net gain \$274 50

There are yet a few tickets to be returned. A vote of thanks was passed to the organizations which took part and to all who assisted in the programme.

The Sec. read several letters from parties having land to sell. After considerable discussion a site was chosen. Steps will be taken immediately to secure the land.

Now that the concert is over the ladies will set about collecting. It is proposed to call on the Christian mothers and sisters of Toronto before appealing to the general public. The building will be devoted to Women's work, and we hope to make it large enough to embrace all Women's organizations. It will fill a long-felt want—a Women's Building.

The following is a complete report of money collected to date:—

As reported in Citizen, May 18th	\$250 55
Total receipt of Concert to date	274 55
Central members donation, collected by Mrs. Skinner	5 00
Mrs. Faircloth, 50 Bleeker St.	5 00
Mrs. J. T. Moore, Summerhill Ave., part of donation (\$5 was acknowledged before, making \$10)	5 00
Mrs. A. M. Millan, 89 Magill St.	2 00
Mrs. F. S. Spence, 53 Mutual St.	2 00
Mrs. J. Imrie, 24 Colborne St. (a friend)	2 00
Mrs. Campbell, 20 Gerrard St.	2 00
Mrs. Rutherford, 18 Suffolk Place	2 00
Mrs. Geo. Spence, Sherbourne St.	2 00
Miss Robinson, Summerhill Ave.	1 00
Collected by Miss Harris for Central	—
Mr. Cockshutt, 431 Sherbourne St.	1 00
Mr. J. L. Blake, 99 Bloor St.	4 00
	\$362 05

Mrs. E. Skinner, Sec. Treas. building fund.

The following circular has also been issued:—

TO THE LADY MEMBERS OF THE TORONTO CHURCHES.

DEAR SISTERS.—The Women's Christian Temperance Union of the city have undertaken a great work in raising funds for a building to be devoted to Women's Work, and a meeting place for women in social, religious and temperance gatherings. The young ladies also need rooms for kitchen, garden, flower mission work, etc.

The need for this building is felt as the work increases. We hope also to have some of the provincial W.C.T.U. departments carried on here.

Much has been done for young men, something more should be done for young women. Thus we appeal to you as Christian women.

To give as the Lord has prospered you, to help in the work of raising the fallen, training the young, and comforting the sorrowing. May God incline your hearts.

Mrs. M. A. GOWAN,  
65 Bleeker St.  
Signed on behalf of District Union.  
Mrs. M. McDONNELL, Pres.,  
14 York Chambers.  
Mrs. E. SKINNER, Sec. Treas.,  
273 Yonge St.

AT INDIANAPOLIS.

THE GREAT PROHIBITION RALLY.

Prohibition Party Men in Battle Array—Gen Fisk at the Head of the Forces—The Party Platform

The great Prohibition Convention at Indianapolis was as overwhelmingly successful as any one could have hoped. As was pretty generally anticipated, General Clinton B. Fisk was nominated as the party candidate for President, and John A. Brooks was nominated for the position of Vice-President. We subjoin nearly in full the party platform which was adopted, and we hope to give a fuller report of the Convention in our next issue.

The Prohibition party, in annual convention assembled, acknowledging Almighty God as the source of all power in government, do hereby declare:

1 That the manufacture, importation, exportation, transportation and sale of alcoholic beverages shall be made public crimes, and punished as such  
2 That such prohibition must be secured through amendments to our National and State constitutions, enforced by adequate laws adequately supported by administrative authority, and to this end the organization of the Prohibition party is imperatively demanded in State and nation

3 That any form of license taxation or regulation of the liquor traffic is contrary to good government: that any party which supports regulation license or tax enters into an alliance with such traffic and becomes the actual foe of the State's welfare, and that we arraign the Republican and Democratic parties for their persistent attitude in favor of the licensed iniquity, whereby they oppose the demand of the people for prohibition, and through open complicity with the liquor traffic defeat the enforcement of the law.

4 For the immediate abolition of the internal revenue system, whereby our National Government is deriving support from our greatest national vice.

5 That an adequate public revenue being necessary, it may properly be raised by import duties and by an equitable assessment upon the property and the legitimate business of the country, but import duties should be so reduced that no surplus shall be accumulated in the Treasury, and that the burdens of taxation shall be removed from foods, clothing and other comforts and necessities of life

6 That civil service appointments for all civil offices chiefly clerical in their duties should be based upon moral, intellectual and physical qualifications, and not upon party service or party necessity

7 That the right of suffrage rests on no mere circumstance of race, color, sex or nationality, and that where, from any cause, it has been held from citizens who are of suitable age and mentally and morally qualified for the exercise of an intelligent ballot, it should be restored by the people through the Legislatures of the several States, on such educational basis as they may deem wise

[Clause 8 declares for the abolition of polygamy and the establishment of uniform laws governing marriage and divorce]  
[Clause 9 approves of the prohibition of all combinations of capital to control and increase the cost of products for popular consumption.]

[Clause 10 declares for the preservation and defence of the Sabbath as a civil institution without oppressing any one who religiously observe the same on any other day than the first day of the week, that arbitration is the Christian, wise and economic method of settling national differences, and the same method should, by judicious legislation, be applied to the settlement of disputes between large bodies of employees and employers, that the abolition of the saloon would remove the burdens, moral, physical, pecuniary and social which now oppress labor, and rob it of its earnings, and would prove to be the wise and successful way of promoting labor reform, and we invite labor and capital to unite with us for the accomplishment thereof, that monopoly in land is a wrong to the people, and the public lands should be reserved to actual settlers, and that men and women should receive equal wages for equal work]

11 That our immigration laws should be so enforced as to prevent the introduction into our country of all convicts, in mates of dependent institutions, and of others physically incapacitated for self-support, and that no person should have the ballot in any State who is not a citizen of the United States

Recognizing and declaring that prohibition of the liquor traffic has become the dominant issue in national politics, we invite to full party fellowship all those who, on this one dominant issue, are with us agreed in the full belief that this party can and will remove sectional differences, promote national unity, and insure the best welfare of our native land.

THE CHURCHES.

RINGING RESOLUTIONS OF WARNING AND WISDOM.

Methodists and Presbyterians—The General Conference and the General Assembly—Denounce the Corrupting Liquor Traffic—And Declare Emphatically for Its Total Suppression.

Very few questions that come up for discussion at the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in New York, created as much interest as did the report of the special committee on Temperance and the Prohibition of the liquor traffic. The report which was adopted contained the following among other strongly worded clauses:—

We approve the action of the Lay Florida Conference of California, condemning the raising and selling of grapes for the manufacture of fermented wine, and we think the time has come for a broader abstinence on this subject. We warn our members against raising and selling, not only grapes, but also other fruits, hops and grain, for the manufacture of alcoholic liquors, as inconsistent with the Christian profession, bending to the conscience and harmful to the cause of temperance and trust. These practices bring the Church into complicity with the great liquor nuisance, paralyze our efforts, and afford comfort to the greatest enemy of modern Christianity.

The liquor traffic is so pernicious in all its bearings, so inimical to the interests of honest trade, so repugnant to the moral sense, so injurious to the peace and order of society, so hurtful to the home, to the Church, and to the body politic, and so utterly antagonistic to all that is precious in life, that the only proper attitude toward it for Christians is that of relentless hostility. It can never be legalized without sin.

And we furthermore emphatically declare that men engaged in the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages, ought not to receive the commercial patronage or suffrages of Christian people for any political office, or any position of influence on educational boards.

One of the dark reproaches of our times is that the saloon has been allowed to become a political gambler, and do brokerage business with the ballot box, as a part of its stock in trade. Saloons and corrupt politicians constitute an equation, both members of which have a ballot box value, and are easily transferred. We urge it as an imperative duty of Christian men to attend the primaries, to wrest the sovereignty of the caucus from the grip of the saloon, to purify and elevate the caucus by their presence, and make it a promoter of morals and good order. Beginning with the caucus let us work upward through all the departments of legitimate civil action, until our entire citizenship is emancipated from this bondage. We must supplant the five or six thousand legislators and the tens of thousands of municipal officers who have long stood as the holy guard of the saloon in its ravages upon the home.

Worse than night attacks, worse than chains for innocent babes, worse than the prostitution of mothers, worse than the wailing caravan, worse than the stilling slave ships, worse than the senseless auction block, worse than the letter, the whip, and the separation of families, worse than the traffic in human muscles and souls is the human trade in rum which now grows the outrage to which the natives of Asia and Africa are subject at the hands of nominally Christian votaries.

There was a difference of opinion in the conference on the question of Third Party endorsement, and matters were brought to a climax by a proposal of Rev. Lewis Curtis to amend the report as submitted by the addition of the following clause taken from the discipline of 1884:

We hold that the proper attitude of Christians towards this traffic is one of uncompromising opposition, and while we do not presume to dictate to our people as to their political affiliation, we do express the opinion that they should not permit themselves to be controlled by party organizations that are managed in the interest of the liquor traffic. (Loud applause)

After a very exciting debate, the proposed amendment was tabled by a vote of 212 to 162. The report was however reaffirmed by the addition of a preamble reminding that "all our previous deliverances on total abstinence and prohibition of the liquor traffic." On the following day however, there was adopted as a part of the discipline of 1888 the following clear cut paragraph:

"We are unalterably opposed to the enactment of laws that propose, by license, taxing or otherwise, to regulate the drink traffic, because they provide for its continuance and afford no protection against its ravages. We hold that the proper attitude of Christians towards this traffic is one of uncompromising opposition, and while we do not presume to dictate to our people their political affiliation, we do express the opinion that they should not permit themselves to be controlled by party organizations that are managed in the interest of the liquor traffic. We advise the members of our church to aid in the enforcement of such laws as do not legalize or endorse the manufacture and sale of intoxicants to be used as beverages; and to this end we favor the organization of law

and other leagues wherever practicable. We proclaim as our motto: Voluntary total abstinence from all intoxicants as the true ground of personal temperance, and complete legal prohibition of the traffic in intoxicating drinks as the duty of civil government."

On the evening of the same day on which the Methodist Conference put into discipline the clause above quoted, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States took up for discussion a report of the Committee on Temperance presented by Rev. W. M. Page, D. D. The report as a whole was adopted, although Dr. Howard Crosby objected to some parts of it. Among its clauses were the following:—

That this Assembly emphatically reiterates the deliverances of all former Assemblies concerning the terrible sin and traffic resulting from intemperance and the liquor traffic, and while disclaiming all connection with or sanction to political action or measures, would declare itself unequivocally in favor of the entire suppression of the traffic in intoxicating liquors as a beverage and that it is the duty of all Christians to stand against and use every legitimate means to accomplish this result.

That this Assembly enters upon all our sessions carefully to guard against the admission of those to the membership who are engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors for drinking purposes.

Whereas the exportation of intoxicating liquors to foreign lands has become a most alarming hindrance to the civilization and Christening of the inhabitants thereof, and as this traffic is assuming such proportions in the Congo valley of Africa, by virtue of an international treaty in which our own government is a party thereto;

Resolved, That the Assembly (first) with shame, horror and indignation see the progress of this traffic by civilized nations with ignorant and heathen lands; that this Assembly unite, as far as possible, with other churches in an effort to induce Christian governments to abolish and prevent the horrible practice of carrying intoxicating liquors to the uncivilized nations of the world.

THE STANSTEAD VOTE.

The Scott Act Defeated. On to Prohibition. Stanstead has followed in the wake of the other Scott Act counties in which repeal contests were recently fought. From the commencement of the campaign, the case was a bad one, although the very best men in the county rallied in defence of the law. An energetic canvass was inaugurated and organized, but repeal successes in other places had a disheartening effect upon Scott Act workers, and the Anty were indefatigable in their efforts. They boasted of having a fund of \$5,000 which to buy up votes. They worked like beavers, everywhere and all the time, and the result was that the Act was defeated by a majority of about 200.

Temperance men are not, however, idle. A special despatch to the *Montreal Witness* dated Octobor, May 31st, says: "The Scott Act campaign executive, represented by Mr. T. T. Shurtleff, and the local Scott Act committee met at the W.C.T.U. hall at nine o'clock this morning to review the contest just closed."

Mr. T. T. Shurtleff, who has left his large business for the past few weeks and devoted his whole time to the temperance cause and subscribed largely to the campaign fund, presided. There were also present the Rev. C. R. Flanders, Messrs. O. M. Moulton, R. G. Trenholme, county prosecutor, Mr. John A. Nicholls, of the Dominion Alliance, and a *Witness* representative.

The returns first received attention and the examination proved that in every English speaking polling sub-division not only had the Scott Act been endorsed, but had actually received a greater support than three years ago. In the other divisions the repeal tide swamped everything, the stay-at-home vote of 1884 being polled yesterday almost to a man against the Act. The committee, and indeed, the temperance workers generally, are the reverse of demoralized by the result of the vote and surveyed the situation calmly with a view of holding each township where possible, against license. A county convention with this among other matters for discussion is proposed. The defeat was by the smallest majority yet recorded against the Act in any repeal contest. This was very largely owing to the indefatigable work of Mr. A. H. Moore, Mayor of Magog, Mr. T. T. Shurtleff, Mr. O. Baldwin, M. P. P., and Mr. Benjamin Lebaron, who have had official charge of the organization. Mr. Moore did magnificent work in the face of great odds, and it is felt as deserving of the confidence and support of the temperance electors of the county, not only as warden, which position he now worthily occupies, but in any other for which he may ask the suffrages of the voters. The committee spoke in high terms of the valuable assistance rendered by the *Witness*, also of the efficient platform work by Mr. John A. Nicholls, of the Dominion Alliance, and the Emerald Trio. The noble efforts of the members of the W.C.T.U. and of the Protestant ministers in their endeavor to keep the county in line were not forgotten. Thanks were also tendered the Hon. R. W. Scott for legal assistance rendered at nominal cost. The temperance workers throughout the county who have been so energetic in the contest, as far as learned from, are as undaunted as ever, and will keep up the fight until the prohibition banner is again triumphant.

I. O. G. T.

GRAND LODGE SESSIONS AT HAMILTON.

The Grand Lodge of Canada will meet at 10 o'clock a.m. sharp, on Tuesday, June 26th, in Larkin Hall, No. 8 John Street North.

The Grand Lodge of Ontario will meet at 10 o'clock a.m. sharp, on Tuesday, June 26th, in the Foresters Hall, 110 James Street North.

At 8 o'clock p.m., Tuesday, June 26th, the two bodies will meet in Larkin Hall, where they will formally unite and where the remainder of the session will be held.

On Wednesday evening, June 27th, a public meeting is to be held under the auspices of the united Grand Lodge.

Details concerning railway fares, hotel accommodation, etc., may be had on application to the Grand Secretary.

NEW LODGES.

Western Light Lodge No. 209, Theford, organized by Bro. Edward Dawson. T. Parkinson, L. D. Meets Tuesday.

Parkhead Lodge No. 211, Parkhead, organized by Rev. J. J. Nolle, G. Co. Samuel Burr, L. D. Meets Friday.

Royal Military Lodge No. 216, Infantry School, London, organized by Bro. Q. M. S., D. C. Kennedy. R. Dalloy, L. D. Meets Friday.

Parry Sound Lodge No. 17, Parry Sound, has been reorganized. A. L. Holmes, L. D. Meets Tuesday.

NOTES.

The annual meeting of the Good Templar Benefit Association will take place on Wednesday evening, June 27th, at Hamilton.

No Surrender Lodge, No. 110, Chatham, has made the second best record for initiations during the February quarter, having initiated 61 members. Port Hverso Lodge No. 328 probably stands next.

District Lodge No. 15 met at Grand Valley May 24 No. 28 at Owen Sound same day, No. 13 at Clatsco June 1st. All preparing for lively work at an early day.

THE PROHIBITION CONVENTION.

The Grand Chief Templar recommends that all Lodges which can do so will send representatives to the great Prohibition Convention to be held in Montreal on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th of July next.

Sons of Temperance.

The semi-annual session of Ontario County District Division was held at Clarendon on Friday, 1st inst. The attendance of delegates was large. The Divisions at Greenbank, Myrtle, Mt. Zion, Seagrave, Clarendon, Brougham, Whit-ona, Oshawa and Whitby being represented. Much important business of a practical character affecting the interests of the Order, and the temperance cause generally, was transacted. The reports of the D.W.P. and D. Scribe were very encouraging, showing activity, zeal, harmony and generally a healthy condition of the Order. Business special to the Order being disposed of, the report of the Special Committee on Legislation and General Work was presented, a report that called forth an interesting and practical discussion and a plan of action that will not be without good results in the future work in this county. After full discussion a resolution was carried unanimously to resist any attempt to repeal the Scott Act, not that the Act, being only a half-way measure, is what we want, but that it is the best at present available. Rev. A. B. Demill, Principal of Demill Ladies College, Oshawa, was elected delegate to Montreal Convention. The delegates were earnest and enthusiastic, and the session cannot fail to have excellent results. Whitvale was selected as the place to hold the annual session. In the evening a rousing public meeting was held, the town hall was packed. An excellent programme of music, readings, etc., was furnished. The chair was taken by W. H. Bewell, Grand Scribe, and the meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Kippen. Earnest and eloquent addresses were given by Edward Carwell, P. M. W. A., Rev. A. B. Demill, P. W. P., H. E. Derby, Co. D. G. W. P., and J. Kirtol, D. G. W. P.

The objects of the Order were explained, the necessity for permanent organization shown, and the interests of the Scott Act and Prohibition promoted. A vote of thanks to the speakers and others who had contributed to this successful meeting, moved by Rev. C. J. Dobson, brought the meeting to a close, all feeling that it was a day well spent. Whitvale Division holds a grand Temperance picnic on 7th inst., to which all are invited, and at which Edward Carwell, P. M. W. A., and others will speak. On the evening of the 12th inst. a public meeting will be held at Mt. Zion Division, at which J. Arlington Cooke will speak. At an early date Clarendon Division will hold a grand Temperance demonstration to which all are invited. Several good speakers are expected, one of whom, Edward Carwell, P. M. W. A., is open for a few engagements for lectures during June.