

Selections.

TO PREACHERS AND TEACHERS.

"A compromise of Right is a triumph of the Wrong!"
Let it loudly ring from sermon, let it proudly sing in song,
All across our Christian land!
Tell it, bravely, all ye preachers;
Spell it, gravely, all ye teachers;
Till the statesmen and the people understand!

Among us Error stalks, with brazen, bloated face,
And it walks o'er Truth and Manhood, while it mocks at their disgrace;
And it sneers at all their shame!
Teach it, gravely, O ye teachers,
Preach it, bravely, O ye preachers,
That the compromise of Christians is to blame!

The hand of Duty shrinks from the task that God has set;
And a sleepy Conscience winks and blinks at evil that is met,
In the Church and in the State;
Then proclaim, it godly preachers;
Name and shame it, moral teachers;
Ere your courage and your conscience rouse too late!

Men hunger, where the fields have been lavish of their yields—
Where the greed of men o'er the need of men a tyrant scepter wields
While the children cry for bread;
Spell it slowly, moral teachers;
Tell it, holy, saintly preachers,
Till the hungry and the innocent are fed!

The images of God in the slime of sin are trod,
By the feet of human vultures that with selfishness are shod;
And the law defends the deed!
Make it plain, O public teachers,
That in vain are pious preachers
If the practice do not parallel the creed!

Where Christian men uphold wrong or sin, for guilty gold,
They shall see the wrath of God at last His flaming path unfold,
While they cower at His feet!
Take His Word, O puny preachers!
Make it heard, as living teachers
Of a Gospel that is Godlike and complete!

Indulgence cannot buy, under License low or high,
Any right for man to blight for man his Manhood till he die,
While the devil holds the purse!
Loudly teach it, righteous teachers,
Proudly preach it, ye His preachers,
Or the God of wrath shall smite you with His curse!
—A. A. Hopkins, in The New Voice.

HOW HE WON OUT—A TRUE STORY.

The Indianapolis News tells the following story, the truth of which, the News says, is vouched for by Oliver D. Loucks, a well-known millwright, of North Indianapolis, as a genuine page out of his autobiography. He is a man who has been rescued from the drink, and the climax of the fight with his appetite is here described:

It was two years ago the 7th day of June coming, my little girl Esther's birthday. I was getting ready to go to my work when she came into the room where I was.

"I am ten years old to-day, papa," she said.

"Yes, I know it, little girl, and I've got just 15 cents in my pocket. What will I get you?"

"I don't want you to get me anything, papa."

"Oh," I answered.

"But I want you to promise me something, papa," she said.

"Well, go ahead; let's hear it."

"I want you to promise me you won't drink any more. That will be my birthday present," she said.

"Oh, run along, little girl," I answered, "your mother has been talking to you."

I heard her go outside and I slipped into the kitchen where my wife was and asked her why she had been talking to Esther about my drinking. She said she had not, and burst out crying. Then I got a little rattled. I had never suspected that my children knew I drank. It is true that I reeled home many a

night, and that I scarcely drew a sober breath, but they were in bed and by morning I was always over the worst effects of the liquor. I do not know how she learned it; possibly by instinct. But it was a shock to me and unnerved me. I went back into the sitting-room and began to choke up. I tried to clear my throat by swallowing, but couldn't do it. My eyes were filling with tears, although I couldn't cry. I threw myself full-length on the lounge and blubbered out a prayer. "Lord, if you'll help me, I'll never touch liquor again." In a little while Esther came running in, saw me and said:

"Papa, you've made up your mind to promise, haven't you? I know it."

"Yes, I have, little girl. I am going to try never to drink again, and, more than that, I am going to put a penny in your bank for every time I refuse a glass."

Do you know that in seven weeks I had 277 pennies in that bank? But election time came on, and one morning I found that some one during the night had rolled a keg of beer to my door. "That settles the penny proposition, Ether," I said when I saw it. "I guess there are more glasses in that keg than I have pennies. Children, roll it over there on the commons." They did so and it remained there a couple of days, but was gone the third morning. My old boon friends have given up trying to get me to break my promise. When I saw that man there in a saloon, last April, one of the men at the bar, to test me, put a \$10 gold piece in the bottom of a glass and told the bartender to fill the glass with beer.

"Do you mean it?" he said.

"Of course I do. Go ahead."
He did, and then my friend turned to me and said: "O, drink the beer and keep the gold."

"Not if you filled my pockets with gold," I answered.

Not long ago my five children were all stricken with disease. I lost a sweet little six-year-old girl. Before she died she threw her arms around my neck as I sat at the bed, and said, "Papa, you kept your promise, didn't you?"

Will any sane man tell me I'll ever drink again?

RUM AND RAILWAYS.

It takes clear heads to run railway trains. Boozey beer drinkers and crazy rum drinkers cause wreck and ruin.

"In Chicago," says the Union Signal, "it seems that the rules against railroad employes visiting saloons are being rigidly enforced, and with the best results to everybody concerned. One high official on one of the biggest lines running out of Chicago, says that the reform has done more for the railroad and the men than any other movement undertaken. The feeling is steadily growing, that it is not safe to risk life and property by entrusting the heavy trains of to-day to men who drink."

And the reform has not been confined to subordinates. Many of the higher officials have ceased to carry liquors on their private cars, because they feel that otherwise they cannot consistently demand total abstinence from the men under them. One official reports that four years ago he visited a saloon in Chicago which was patronized by railroad men, and found that 54 employes of the road were running monthly accounts ranging from \$5 to \$15 per month. He recently visited the same saloon and found that only six railroad men had accounts there. Further investigation showed that the money which before went for drink was invested in homes."
—Presbyterian Record.

A GOOD BOOK.

We have much pleasure in cordially commending to our readers the American Prohibition Year Book for 1901, edited by Alonzo E. Wilson and published by the United Prohibition Press, 92 La Salle St., Chicago. A copy may be obtained for fifteen cents. It contains one hundred pages of facts and figures relating to the temperance cause and the various methods of dealing with the liquor traffic in operation in different countries. It has also important and useful articles upon the cost of the liquor traffic to the United States, statistics of drunkenness in principal cities, and the physiological effects of drinking.

CONVENTION CALL 1901.

DON'T MISS THIS GREAT MEETING.

The Annual Provincial Convention of the Dominion Alliance will be held at Toronto, in the **HORTICULTURAL PAVILION** beginning on **TUESDAY, JULY 9th, at 10 a.m.**, and will probably close on the evening of the same day, or the following forenoon.

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. **Every delegate is urged to attend.** The standard certificate 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 conditional 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 opportunity. The post card form enclosed, 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 the accommodation of persons coming to the convention who are not delegates, and all such may secure reduced rates on the plan above set out.

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.

W. A. McKAY, D.D.,

President.

IT CAN'T BE OVERDONE.

The Temperance Cause of Boston, published by the Massachusetts T. A. Society, says:—In this State last year 18,729 persons were convicted and sentenced for drunkenness, of whom 3,580 had previously served five or more sentences, while 857 had been committed more than fifteen times, and 37 had been in jail more than fifty times. As the entire number of sentenced prisoners was 25,144, liquor is directly responsible for seventy-four per cent of this record. Yet some people say we are overdoing this agitation.

IS IT RIGHT?

Is it right to preach salvation to men and women and then vote to perpetuate an institution that brings damnation to them?

Is it right to teach your boy to restrain his passions and then vote to license a place where his worst passions will be influenced?

Is it right to preach justice and charity and then vote to license a thing to rob wives and children of their bread and bring lasting disgrace and misery upon them?—The Templar, N.S.