

the Scriptures afford no sanction to the habitual use of these liquors, but rather countenance entire abstinence from them. 7—That the millions of dollars now squandered annually in the purchase of those liquors would, if expended in articles good and useful give a striking impetus to every lawful and proper trade throughout the country. 8—That in proportion as abstinence from these liquors is adopted and persistently practised by all classes of the people, rates and taxes are reduced to a very gratifying extent. 9—That when abstinence from intoxicants is the very general if not the absolute rule and practise throughout the land, good order, peace and contentment will prevail, poverty, misery, pauperism, cruelty and crime, will be comparatively unknown; physical disease, accident and disorder will be reduced to less than one-half, and thousands will be annually saved from painful and premature death. 10—If these things be true, and I believe they cannot be disproved, then in view of them this serious and imperative question at once confronts us: Where and who is the man that has a moral right either to make, sell, give away or take intoxicating liquors. 11—Vote for the man who believes these things to be true, and who is prepared to vindicate his principles against any and all opposition, irrespective of party or precedent. 12—That we are under a solemn obligation to God and humanity to use every just means within our power to banish this evil from our land. Shall they suffer disappointment at our hands when our opportunity occurs?

With best wishes to all my Brothers and Sisters, I remain,

Yours for the Cause,

WM. L. GILCHRIST,
G. E. S.

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS:—
During the month I forwarded to A. Haslem M. P., a petition from our Grand Lodge to the House of Commons praying that the French Treaty be not ratified. Many of our lodges have also protested against the Treaty.

On Saturday evening, April 21st, I visited Model Lodge at Agassiz. A few members had for some time favored and worked for a limited pledge, and with mistaken zeal wished to set aside our *obligation* the wisdom of which has been tested and proved by long experience.

Those who wanted a short or elastic pledge had organized a Council of Royal Templars the Thursday evening before my visit, and when I happened to say that I considered the Royal Templars' pledge a life obliga-

tion, they thought I was mistaken, and protested that they were assured by the organizing officers that it was not a life pledge in any way. I was pleased with the majority who resolved to stand by the I. O. G. T. The lodge has done good work in the past, and will continue to do so in the future. I am told the population living within four miles of the school-house where the meetings are held is about 150 souls. I fear that the population is too small to adequately support two organizations. We have no time or power to lose in fighting each other; all our guns should be turned upon the enemy, and the motto of temperance workers should be:—"United we stand, divided we fall."

I visited our friends at Sardis; here they have a good lodge. The Juvenile Temple lost all their supplies when the "Home" was burned. They have now moved into the fine, new, brick building, and Miss Clark asked for a new set of supplies when the Temple will again get to work.

We need constantly to be reminded of the mighty battles to be fought. It often appears to us that our procedure is very slow. We wonder at times if the swords of our "Prohibition" soldiers are rusting in their scabbards. As we watch from reports and journals the progress of the great moral war it sometimes seems that our friends are slackening their zeal. The old Greek orators, when they saw their audiences inattentive or slumbering, had one word with which they could rouse them to the greatest enthusiasm. In the midst of their orations they would suddenly stop and cry out "Marathon" until the very corners of the hall repeated the echo, seeming like the dead voices of the old Greek warriors shaming them for their inattention, and immediately the people's attention and enthusiasm would be unbounded.

We recall the Marathon of the past with its deeds of desperate valor in face of overwhelming odds. We have not forgotten the power of the "Vox Populi," the old "Marathon" of emancipation for the American slaves.

Think of the drink curse bent on the destruction of the human race. What an awful ruin! Manacles worse than iron are galling the bodies and souls of millions. Let us stir up ourselves to new zeal and labor, until the greatest curse of the earth is swept away.

Bring out the war cry "*Prohibition*"—*No License*. Stamp it first on your brain; then on your conscience, and always on your ballot. Let it be so indelible there will be no danger of erasure, and so plain that every voter will recognize it.

It is not often we have the opportunity to vote for our principles, but the time is now near. Let all prepare to do their best to send solid temperance men to the House.

Be true to our obligation? Vote as we pray! Down with the liquor traffic! Forward for Prohibition!

Yours in F. H. & C.,

A. E. GREEN, G.C.T.

[This letter arrived too late for last month.—Ed.]

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS:—

At the last session of Methodist Conference held in Vancouver, it was decided that I should labor during the ensuing year at Salmon Arm, B. C. Will you, therefore, note the change in my address, and forward all communications to Salmon Arm, B. C., instead of Shopland, B. C., as heretofore.

A larger number of quarterly reports have reached me this quarter than on former occasions, for which I rejoice yet, still there is room for improvement in this particular. The quarterly reports are the only data upon which I can make an estimate of the condition of our Order, kindly let me have them promptly. Our youngest Temples are doing famously. May their example be an inspiration to those of upper years.

Wishing you every success,

I am yours in T. L. & P.,

J. CALVERT, G.S.J.T.

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS:—

Before the B. C. GOOD TEMPLAR will again make its appearance, we will be called upon to cast our vote either for the liquor traffic or against it. Let us not falter in this matter but stick firm to our principles, remembering that "united we stand; divided we fall." See to it that we each do our duty, to our God, ourselves and humanity at large. The returns so far for the past quarter show temperance in B. C. is progressing. They are not nearly all in, owing no doubt to the terrible floods in the Fraser river valley, making navigation almost impossible. We deeply sympathize with those who have to pass through the horrors of reality, of what we on the Island can only have a faint conception.

Yours fraternally,

LEWIS HALL, G.S.

The Dominion Grand Council R.T. of T. has decided as follows:

"Our pledge is unquestionably for life and is confirmed by your obligation, 'I will not cease to labor while life shall last, or until the evils of intemperance are driven from our land.'" Agassiz people please note.