

A STRONG RESOLUTION

IN FAVOR OF LIQUOR AND GROCERY SEPARATION.

St. Patrick's T. A. & B. Society Hold a Regular Meeting—Stirring Addresses.

On Tuesday evening, Jan. 23rd, the members of the above society held a very interesting debate in their hall, on St. Alexander street. The subject proposed for discussion was: "Is it desirable that the licensing of the sale of intoxicating liquors be withheld from groceries?" Mr. Sharkey, second vice-president, occupied the chair.

Mr. G. A. Gadbois opened the debate by congratulating the society on having introduced this new literary feature into their meetings, as it will necessarily secure self-improvement among the members, and powerfully aid the cause of temperance. In regard to the manner of debate, he maintained that the liquor traffic should be separated from the grocery. If our society exists it is because intemperance is an evil. If it is an evil, everything calculated to increase the evil should be suppressed or kept within the narrowest bounds. Now licensed grocers pass liquor over the counter as freely as over a bar, and side by side with the necessities of life. There is an unnecessary extension of the liquor traffic. Groceries facilitate too much the sale of liquor, and its entrance into the home, where women and children easily get to love what they should hate. No head of a family no matter how low he may have fallen in the social scale is so debased as to view with indifference the evils which may be wrought in his own family by intemperance.

Mr. P. Doyle followed Mr. Gadbois, and though he had a bad cause to defend, and an audience not in sympathy with his side of the case, yet he advanced a number of specious arguments in favor of the groceries retaining their licenses to sell liquor. It was evident his heart was not in his subject, as he is one of the most active temperance workers in the society, and strongly in favor of separating liquor from the grocery trade; but he was assigned the task of defending the licensed groceries, and did the best that could be done for their defence. Other speakers followed, and the debate was closed by the Rev. Father McCallen, who, after complimenting the different speakers on the efforts they had made during the debate, said that to his mind the separation of the liquor from the grocery was the first and most important object to be obtained by temperance men if they desired to lessen the evils of intemperance, and he had always thought so. There was no necessity for licensing groceries. The saloons were numerous enough to cater to the wants of the habitual toper, and the wholesale wine merchants could supply families that insist on having a stock of liquor at home. The claim of the grocer that he must keep liquor for the convenience of his patrons is unfounded. On the contrary if we are to judge by the prominence given to the advertisements of liquors for sale by grocers we are led to conclude that many grocers are wholesale and retail liquor merchants who keep on hand tea, sugar, spices and other necessities for the convenience of their patrons. The facility for obtaining liquor is sufficiently great, without going to the grocery. The grocery is a legitimate trade by itself, and a number of grocers who deplore the evils of intemperance would willingly

GIVE UP THEIR LIQUOR LICENSES

if the law compelled all others in their line of business to do the same. But the chief reason, the speaker continued, for suppressing these licenses is the protection of childhood and womanhood. Why is it that in high, middle and low classes of society there are so many women the slaves of drink? Because of the licensed grocery. We know whereof we speak. Long observation and incontrovertible facts prove our assertion to be true that the licensed grocery is responsible for fully three-fourths of all intemperance among women, be they Catholics, or be they Protestants, or be they aristocrats, or be they the middle or lower classes of society. Therefore, let all men who respect womanhood protect their wives, daughters, mothers and sisters from the evil of which we complain. At least make it difficult for a woman, the slave

of intemperance, to obtain liquor. No woman with any self-respect will enter a bar-room to purchase liquor; but how easy it is in spite of husband, father, brother, for every woman to satisfy her craving for drink as long as the groceries are licensed. But not only is the grocery responsible, I may say solely responsible

FOR INTEMPERANCE AMONG WOMEN,

but for a great deal of the intemperance among men. Here again observation and numerous facts bear me out in my assertion. A great number of men who begin their drunken debauch in the saloon, continue it in their homes, the children of the drunkard being sent to the nearest grocery to purchase the liquor thus required. Now if the grocer had no license, and if the law forbade the admission of women and children into the saloon, not only could we save at least all respectable women, but we could shorten the drunken debauch of our men by careful nursing at home.

It is also a patent fact that in too many cases the grocery is but a well-concealed and protected bar-room. Especially is the Sunday liquor law broken by a very great number of those engaged in the grocery trade, when the residence is on the same premises with the grocery. There are hundreds of licensed groceries in the city. Are there ten grocers who can swear that during the past twelve months they have never sold an draught to any of their patrons? If not then even the few who desire to keep within the letter of their license, and who observe the Sunday law ought to place no obstacles to the removal of the license which all admit open up so many avenues for illicit selling of liquor, for the degradation of womanhood and for the infringement of the Sunday law.

A motion was then made by Mr. Brogan, seconded by Mr. Smallshire, and carried unanimously: That the members of this society consider the license for the sale of liquor in the groceries of this city is an evil much to be deplored, and which this society will use every legitimate effort to remove.

The evening's entertainment was brought to a close by a few songs very well rendered by the junior members of the society.

COLLEGE OF STE. THERESE.

A SPLENDID ENTERTAINMENT, MGR. LAROCQUE RECEIVES AN OVATION.

On Friday evening, January 19th, the Seminary was honored by a visit from Mgr. Larocque, Bishop of Sherbrooke, and Mgr. Decelles, Bishop of Druzipara, coadjutor of the Diocese of St. Hyacinthe. The Faculty and the students turned out in their usual manner to pay their respects to the dignitaries of the Church, and to show that they fully appreciated the honor conferred upon them by entertaining such distinguished guests. The Recreation hall, where the reception was held, was tastefully decorated, and the students were drawn up around three sides of the room, while in the centre was the College band. As the visitors entered and took their seats at the end of the hall the band struck up some stirring notes of welcome, and when the music and greetings had subsided the president, Rev. Father Nantel, in a few well chosen words welcomed their Lordships to the college. He spoke of the honor conferred on the institution by a visit from such distinguished guests, and in conclusion welcomed them on behalf of the students.

After bestowing their blessing upon the students, Mgr. Larocque gave a short address. His Lordship spoke of the great pleasure he felt in returning to the halls of his Alma Mater. It was in Ste. Therese where he pursued his philosophical studies, and Ste. Therese had opened for him the portals of that vast chamber of knowledge, into which he had to enter in order to fit himself for the position to which he had been called. He, however, had to share his love for Alma Mater equally between Ste. Therese and Ste. Hyacinthe, because his course had been begun in one institution and finished in the other. In conclusion, he wished the Faculty and pupils success in all their undertakings, and felt confident that they would sustain the grand reputation that the Seminary has won for itself.

Mgr. Decelles then briefly addressed the students. He wished the College success in all her undertakings, and hoped that the time was not far distant

when he would again have the pleasure of meeting the Faculty and students.

The reception was now concluded, and the visitors, accompanied by the Faculty, left the hall amid the sweet strains of music from the band and the enthusiastic cheers of the students.

CANON BRUCHESI ON THE SCHOOL EXHIBIT.

The Rev. Canon Bruchesi delivered a lecture on the 'School Exhibit of the Province of Quebec,' before a very large audience, in the hall of the Cercle Ville-Marie, last week. The lecturer gave a sketch of the principal features of the exhibit, and referred to the high praise given it by the most competent authorities on the subject. He held that the favorable opinion expressed by experts in the matter was a satisfactory reply to the attacks recently made against the educational system of the province.

CATHOLIC YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY

The Catholic Young Men's Society opened their annual course of lectures Thursday night in their hall, Alexander street. The Rev. James Callaghan inaugurated the meeting with a few well-chosen remarks, and announced that on Sunday the members will receive Holy Communion together at eight o'clock Mass, in St. Patrick's Church. Mr. N. J. Brittan, President of the Association, volunteered to represent the C. Y. M. S. at the Blake lecture in the Windsor Hall, on Monday evening.

VISITING HIS OLD PARISH.

Mgr. Larocque, Bishop of Sherbrooke, is visiting his old parish of Ste. Hyacinthe, and officiated at Pontifical High Mass at the Cathedral on last Sunday week. Monday morning he visited the Monastery of the Precious Blood, and during the day the Convent of the Presentation, Girouard, Prince and Lorette Academies. Several addresses were presented to him by the citizens and the directors of the various institutions. His Lordship spent several days in Ste. Hyacinthe.

A LITERARY AND ELOCUTIONARY TREAT.

DR. O'HAGAN BEFORE THE CATHOLIC LITERARY ASSOCIATION.

Last Thursday night there was a good attendance at the rooms of the Catholic Literary Association, the attraction being the presence of Thomas O'Hagan, LL.D., a prominent Canadian poet and elocutionist, whose marked ability has been recognized by our best Canadian men of letters. Dr. Brennan occupied the chair. Dr. O'Hagan's numbers comprised, "King Robert of Sicily, from Longfellow's 'Tales of a Wayside Inn,'" a humorous selection from Mark Twain's "Tramp Abroad"—in which, by the way, the humor was more due to the reciter than the writer—Tennyson's "Charge of the Light Brigade," "Shamus O'Brien," one of his own graceful, pathetic poems, "The Song my Mother Sang," and Trowbridge's morceau, "The Charcoal Man." In his opening number Dr. O'Hagan showed great dramatic force and wonderful qualities of voice. His "Charge of the Light Brigade"—though a hackneyed selection, was invested with new interest from his original treatment. It was rendered in a powerful and realistic manner—the attentive auditors seeming to see the terrific on-sweep of the squadrons, the flash of the sabres and the Russian gunners falling beneath their blows. "Shamus O'Brien" was extremely well read, and without the exaggeration of dialect which seems to be the mainstay of inferior reciters. Trowbridge's "Charcoal Man" gave full play to Dr. O'Hagan's powerful voice, which has a beautifully melodious resonance and flexibility. Altogether, the gifted Canadian gave a most delightful entertainment and will be enthusiastically welcomed should he visit Peterborough again. The musical portion of the programme consisted of two sweetly and tastefully sung soprano solos by Miss Annie Dunn, two instrumental duets (mouth organ and Banjo) by Messrs.

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Hickey and Ricketts and a pianoforte duet by Misses May Overend and Daisy Dolan. It was an evening of great enjoyment and in this respect, perhaps, one of the best of the many presented under the auspices of the association.—*Peterboro Examiner.*

THE WORLD AROUND.

Emperor William opened the Prussian Diet Tuesday.

The wife of the Czar of Russia does typewriting for her husband.

A Catholic Club has been organized at the University of Pennsylvania.

The Press Club of St. Paul, Minn., has a priest, Rev. John Conway, for president.

Sunday performances are not allowed in Indiana. The supreme court has decided that way.

A Chicago police court reveals that a person who gossips is contumeliously termed a "rubber-neck."

Queen Victoria has conferred the dignity of knighthood upon Wm. Lane Booker, consul-general of Great Britain at New York.

Dispatches from towns in the province of Saros, Hungary, say that thousands of peasants there are on the verge of starvation.

Between 200 and 300 women and children were burned to death in a fire which destroyed a temple at Ning Ho, China, December 8.

Special telegrams from leading trade centers to Bradstreet's bring evidence not only of much that is encouraging regarding the business outlook, but that the tide has actually turned.

Cardinal Rampolla, pontifical secretary of state, who was recovering from his indisposition, has suffered a relapse. His physicians have ordered him to remain in bed.

The worst storm that has raged over Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in many years prevailed there a few days ago. Deep snow stopped all travel in the cities and on railroads.

The factory of the Consolidated Wial Paper Company, in Mamaroneck, N.Y., has resumed operations on full time, working day and night. The company employs about 500 hands.

Father Tom Sherman, S.J., has received a number of invitations from various parts of the country to give his lecture on the Jesuit of fact as distinguished from the Jesuit of fiction.

A report of the executive committee of awards of the World's Fair at Chicago states that 852 judges were appointed, who examined over 250,000 separate exhibits and awarded 23,757 medals to exhibitors.

The speech of Representative W. Bourke Cockran, of New York, was the feature of the tariff debate in the House last Saturday, the crowds in the galleries cheering him until they grew tired.

Among the new post-office appointments made the last week was that of Miss Louise Imogen Guiney to have charge of the office at Auburndale, Mass., a few miles outside of Boston, where the gifted Catholic poetess resides with her mother.

CONSUMPTION CURED.

An old physician, retired from practice, had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma, and all Throat and Lung Affections; also, a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints. Having tested the wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, and desiring to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge to all who wish it, this recipe, in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail, by addressing, with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. NOYES, 820 Powers' Block, Rochester, N.Y.

Stealing away from bad company is justifiable larceny.

The toper devotes himself to one absorbing topic, and that is himself.

There is always a right side to a man, but it is not always up with care.

ALTOGETHER DISAPPEARED.

GENTLEMEN,—About two months ago I was nearly wild with headaches. I started taking B.B.B., took two bottles and my headaches have now altogether disappeared. I think it is a grand medicine. EVA FINN, Massey Station, Ont.