

Has it ever given society a single great brained and great-hearted man?

Has it ever made a wife happier than she would be with a sober husband?

Has it ever led a youth up into noble manhood?

Has it ever paid its own way as a revenue retainer?

Has it ever lessened crime and criminals?

No, no! Then has it not been weighed and found wanting, and been condemned as a malefactor?

Dare you sustain such an agency, and claim to be a good citizen?—*Morning Star*.

A Clergyman once told his Sunday-school children, "Keep on the *right* side of the liquor shop and that is the *outside*."

An old gentleman told a friend one day, "I pass a splendid liquor saloon every morning, and always see a pleasant faced young man at the door, who never fails to accost me with a friendly word. But I never answer, I only walk by the faster. If I spoke he would speak again, and then I should have to stop, and turn towards the door and look in. And I don't consider it safe to *look* into a liquor store."

If it is not safe for the old, what about the young?

Mr. Herbert Gladstone, writing to a correspondent, said local optionists had been patient almost to the damage of their cause, but the next Liberal majority should give it a foremost place in their programme.

The twenty-two missionary societies in the United States managed by women, and whose support comes from women, support 751 missionaries, last year contributed \$1,038,253, and since their organization have contributed \$10,335,124.

Official Notices.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS.

To our Pastors and S. S. Superintendents:

DEAR FRIENDS,—You are doubtless aware of my re-appointment to the position of Statistical Secretary for our Sabbath Schools; and that all information in regard to the work and progress of our schools for the year, has to be collected and presented by me to our Union in June.

If you will be at the trouble to read my report

for last year, as given in our Year Book (page 100), and the Statistics as given on page 26, you will see how imperfectly, even unjustly, our Sunday School work has hitherto been represented. In order that improvement may be made in this matter, would you please fill up the forms which I have already sent to you, as carefully and as fully as possible, and mail to my address on or before the 20th of May. Such coöperation on your part will be to me a personal favor, and to our Union an act of justice.

If any school has not already received a blank form, I will be pleased to send one on the request, by card, of the Superintendent or Secretary of said school.

With greetings to all the brethren, I am, yours in service,

JAMES C. WRIGHT.

Belwood, Ont.

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL UNION MEETING.

The thirty-sixth annual meeting of the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, will be held in the Congregational Church in Brantford, commencing on Wednesday, June 5th, at 10 a.m., when the annual sermon will be preached by the Rev. R. Aylward, of Cobourg.

Ministers and delegates will please notice the change in the *time* of meeting from the evening to the morning of the day.

The usual arrangements are being made for reduced railway fares, and certificates can be had on application to the undersigned. These certificates must be had before leaving home, and must be signed by the ticket agent at the starting point within three days before the meeting. Delegates will pay full fare on coming to the meeting, and one-third on returning.

The attention of pastors and churches is called to Standing Rule No. 13, requiring a collection for the funds of the Union. Last year the collections were far behind the necessities of the Union, and the printer's bill for 1888 still remains unpaid.

The Committee of the Union will meet in the church on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

W. H. WARRINER,

Bowmanville, April 18th, 1889.

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