

## MODERATION A VICE.

THE Rev. Rural Dean Jones, of the Church of the Redeemer, Toronto, is reported to have declared last Sunday that the moderate drinker committed a sin by providing an evil example to weaker brethren. How a clergyman can talk in that strain passes comprehension. He might just as reasonably advocate the abolition of the bread and wine of the Holy Sacrament. He might even urge the abolition of marital rites, as the men who marry wisely set an example to the men who marry badly and populate the world with fools, idiots, yes, and with those very "weaker brethren" for whom Mr. Jones professes so much tender commiseration. If there were fewer ill-assorted marriages, it is undoubted that there would be fewer drunkards and fewer criminals. There is yet another aspect involved in Mr. Jones' charge against the moderate drinker. He is flying in the face of the Scriptures, where every sin in and out of the decalogue is denounced, but in no part of which is moderation, even in drinking, held up to poor humanity as a thing that should be avoided lest "weaker brethren" should be led astray. Rather is it everywhere extolled as the model after which all virtue should be shaped, and as an example that each and every man should strive to set.

## CLERICAL MISREPRESENTATION.

PREACHING in the Berkeley Street Methodist church last Sunday the Rev. Dr. Galbraith said that 5441 of the prisoners arraigned at the police court were charged with being drunk and disorderly. We do not, and will not, charge the reverend gentleman with falsifying the record, but the Chief Constable's report shows three short of 1800 less arrests, namely 3,644, of whom 837 were women. Dr. Galbraith also said that 600 of these were under 16. Unfortunately the report does not give the ages of the drunks and disorderlies, but says that there were 650 offenders under 16 arrested; under the head of "offenders" being classed all taken for some 80 different violations of the law. It is possible that 600 of the drunks and disorderlies had not completed their 16th year, but knowing how careful license holders in the city are not to serve minors we doubt Mr. Galbraith's figures. Whether right or wrong as regards the young people of the city it is evident that the worthy clergyman is widely off in the aggregate. His figures give an average of drunks of 15 for each of the 365 days in the year as nearly as possible, whereas the official report gives but 10, surely a very material difference, especially when the 10 included both drunk and disorderlies, and that of the total of 3644, 1447 were so well able to take care of themselves that they were permitted to go home in peace, thus reducing the actual number arraigned to 2,197, or 3,244 less than Mr. Galbraith said were before the Court!

THE *Citizen* and *Home Guard* says we have given publicity to a statement that Abraham Lincoln was once a liquor seller. He was, quotations from any alleged record of his life to the contrary notwithstanding. He is dead now and in the eyes of a majority of his countrymen is a martyr. For all that he was a politician; and a politician, what may he be?

## LONDON'S WINE VAULTS.

A Slight at No Visitor to the Great City Should Miss Seeing.

To have been to London and not visited its Docks is to have seen the wealthiest city in the world and not to have become acquainted with one of its resources from which this vast wealth originates.

The West-India Docks, of over 300 acres, have room for 600 ships of all tonnage, and warehouse capacity for 50,000 tons of merchandise. The East-India Docks, of 42 acres, have a storage capacity of 50,000 tons.

The London Docks, the most famous of all, extend 300 acres, can accommodate 600 ships, and have a storage capacity for 100,000 tons. It is at these docks that the greatest cotton and wool warehouses are to be seen. These immense buildings built of solid stone blocks with glass roofs, are constructed to hold 150,000 bales of cotton or wool, as also 120,000 chests of tea. It is here that are to be found the great wine vaults, so celebrated all over the world.

The Docks are situated near the Tower of London, the magnificent new Tower Bridge, and the Royal Mint. It is a strange and inexplicable anomaly that where those millions—aye billions—of pounds of wealth are assembled together are the homes and resorts of the poorest, most squalid, degraded and rebellious class of London. The neighborhood of Tower Hill is infested with thieves. It is here that organized bands of highwaymen, who will not stop short of murder, are round night and day, hiding under arches or any other place of cover, waiting for sailors who have just returned from a long voyage and been paid off, or unsuspecting emigrants on their way to join the ship that is to take them to some distant port. Here also are the criminals, who do not hesitate to daily carry a sailor into their vile dens, where the most depraved women and the worst liquor soon deprives them of coin and senses and money. It is not an unusual thing, the police say, for a sailor to arrive at one of the Docks one morning, get paid off, and, although cautioned, become an easy victim of the criminal, who will keep him a prisoner until a ship is ready to sail, when the criminal will frighten the poor wretch into signing a paper, telling him all the time that he has been ashore a month. This paper is a copy of the ship's articles, on which the criminal puts his name, and the sailor is drawn a certain sum of money in advance.

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As old darkey, who was asked if, in his experience, prayer was ever answered, replied: "Well, sah, some prays is answered, an' some isn't; but on what you pray, dat's de matter. If you pray dat you be a sailor, dat's de matter; but if you pray dat you be a chicken, de matter 's 'tended to befo' you up-next mornin'." —*Puduch News.*

## ALL-ROUND SPORT.

THERE are eleven baseball leagues in Canada this year.

TURNER, the great centre player of the Capital Lacrosse Club, Ottawa, has left that Club and will play with Cornwall this season.

CONARTY, the American pugilist, has signed a contract to appear in Paris for eight performances, for which he will receive \$3,000.

A BICYCLE club has been formed in connection with the Queen's Own Rifles of Toronto. This is the only military organization of the kind in Canada.

The Wanderers Bicycle Club, of Toronto, will journey to Rochester, N.Y., on the 13th of June, to take part in the meet of the Lakeview Wheelmen.

TROUD departed from membership in the League of American Wheelmen, the colored riders are eligible to compete in the races held by the Association.

OVER seventy lacrosse clubs will play under the auspices of the Canadian Lacrosse Association this year. The clubs are all in the United States.

The University of Illinois tested the Alerts of London Ont., in a baseball match recently which was played in the Forest City by twelve runs to ten.

AMONG the players who are still in the baseball business who were playing twelve years ago are Eving Ward, Gloucester, Brothers, Connor, Anson and Pfeiffer.

MR. GEO. W. OKTOS, of Toronto, has reduced the American intercollegiate record for a mile to 4:23. This is four seconds better than has ever been made by college athletes.

ARTHUR SEPT, of the London Alerts' Baseball Club, who played professionally for some years, has been reinstated by the C.B.A. and will be eligible to play after May 23rd.

BICYCLE meets will be held at the following places, on the 24th: Simcoe, London, Cambridge, St. Catharines and Ottawa. Mr. Geo. H. Orr has been appointed official timer for the Western district.

WALTER C. DORN, the Princeton University athlete, and one of the finest runners and hurdle racers in the United States, died in Denver last week of pulmonary trouble brought on by over-training.

AN Australian named Tom Barrows recently accomplished the wonderful feat of swinging a pair of two pound clubs, eight hours and fifteen minutes without stopping, at Aldershot, England, for a wager of £50.

JOHN S. JOHNSON has started his season on the racing path badly. He was defeated at Atlanta, Ga., the other day in a one mile race by E. C. Bald, of Buffalo. He retrieved himself by winning a two mile race.

The annual reports of the National Association of Amateur Golfers will be held at Saratoga for the next three years, the residents near the lake having guaranteed an annual expenditure of not less than one thousand dollars.

THE OWNERS of pigeon flyers have been compelled, owing to the large number of birds which have been killed or wounded while in flight, to have posters placarded at the various stations in Ontario, appealing to sportsmen and others to refrain from shooting flying pigeons.

STEINITZ is making a wonderfully good uphill fight in the championship chess contest between him and Herr Lasker and has succeeded in winning all the games played so far on Canadian soil except one which was declared a draw. The score now stands, Lasker, 7; Steinitz, 4; Drawn, 3.

MR. C. M. NELLIS, of Bradford, has a splendid showing with his dogs in New York. They took first for stud dog and three of his got, first for best Komondor Cocker, second for best Cocker, and third for best Cocker dog, and the silver trophy for the best Cocker Spaniel other than black.

SANDOW, the strong man of New York is arranging a wrestling match with G. Boone's big lion, Countess, in the place in the arena at the Midwinter Fair, San Francisco. The lion will be somewhat muzzled and his claws will be clipped. Sandow will try to throw or control by muscular force.

H. CLARK lowered the world's track walk record at Albany, West Australia, a match against R. Thomas last night. The time was 1 hour, 1 minute, and 40 seconds. The best time previously was 1 hour, 14 minutes and 40 seconds. Clark stands 6 feet, 2 inches in height and has a five-foot stride.

It seems that all the kicking in football is not done with the feet, as the following will show: The Bradford Bulls played the Ayr eleven in the last place, and when they had scored one goal, they claim that the Ayrites overran the field and stopped the game. Since that time mutual recriminations have been going on the day.

W. T. MACPHERSON, an athlete of Christchurch, New Zealand, is from America. Mr. MacPherson has had very notable performances on the track. He holds the championship running record of the world for 250 yards, having covered the distance in 241 seconds; also record for 100 yards, 9.4 seconds; the record for 200 yards, 19.9 seconds; and the record for 220 yards, 22 seconds.

An exceptional snowing fest was played at a cricket match in England the other day. E. C. Mulford, of the Kingston Park Hockey club, played against the cricket club of the same name and bowled all ten wickets in ten innings. On the other side of the bat, F. Kendall performed the feat and secured in all seven wickets for his runs. The score at the finish stood eight for the Hockey contingent, twenty-four for the cricketers.

The report of the American committee which was appointed to secure evidence as to whether football is a dangerous game, will state that the investigation proved most favorable to football as a game, and shows as a matter of fact that the sport is not a dangerous one. The committee has learned that nearly all reported injuries were bruises or sprains, and that seventy-five per cent were due to the nature of the ball instead of to collisions occurring in a game.

An enquiry has been instituted into the amateur status of George Gray, of Colwell, Ont., the champion skier for the National Association of Amateur Golfers of America. It is said that when a boy he rowed a race boat. It is said that President Roosevelt, of the Association, who has been instructing in the matter the investigation, is actuated by personal motives. Gray never won but once in his life and that was at Orillia first ever cup.

GEORGE BUBBER, elated by his victory over one Barry, has challenged Tom Sullivan, the champion of New Zealand, who some months ago won a single-skill championship of England from him, to row over the Thames in a championship contest for £200 a side and a championship. Sullivan has accepted the challenge and agreed to row in April. Bubber, who appears to be coming to his self again last week defeated Ben Mett for £100 a side over the Thames course.

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