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The Evening Mercury

FRIDAY EVE'G DEC. 31, 1887.

Licensing Public Houses.

The letter of the Rev. Dr. Griffin, as well as the one from "A Citizen," in to-day's paper, makes reference to the action of the Council in declining to forward but to comply with the request of a numerously signed petition, asking it to license public houses, restaurants, &c. Referring to our report of the Council proceedings of that date, we notice that there was no discussion on the subject, but that the petition was thrown out by a majority of one on a yea and nay vote. In view of the manner in which some of these places are conducted we think it would be a wise action if the Council, or we should rather say the new Council, would act on the recommendation of the petition. The Municipal Institutions Act clearly gives this power to Councils. A clause in section 499 of the Act of 1883 provides for "limiting the number of, and regulating travelling hackers or cabmen and houses where fruit, oysters, cheese or victuals are sold to be eaten therein, and all other places for recreation, refreshment or entertainment of the public." This can be acted on by by-law so places where the Scott Act is in force, and it seems to us that the request for its adoption here is timely, reasonable and right.

The Municipal Elections.

We notice that the *Herald* of Thursday makes an attack on Mr. Hatch, who is again a candidate for Alderman, for being paid the sum of $300 for his work in connection with purchasing the right of way in the country for the Guelph Junction Railway. We think this is unfair because no one expected Mr. Hatch, or any one else, would do that work for nothing. Mr. Hatch gave a great deal of his time to the business, which was well done and at a figure well within the estimate. We believe that he fully earned every cent of the money paid him for this work, which was done about in a business like manner and to the satisfaction of the Railway Board and the public. The *Herald* in its attacks on him seems to be actuated by some personal spite. If this is so it is unmanly thus unjustly to endeavor to prejudice him in the eyes of the electors while performing to discharge a onerous and responsible duty.

We also notice that our contemporary falls foul of Mr. Read, whom it charges with bungling the work of his Committee. It is all very well to make a sweeping charge like this, but why does not the *Herald* and others who talk and write in this fashion, make a specific one against him? Simply because they cannot without making his Committee and the Council equally responsible. Mr. Read has been painstaking and anxious to perform his duties and to do everything that he could to improve our waterworks system, but he has been prevented by want of funds. The *Herald* last summer got up a hue and cry about the waterworks and tried to keep it up for a while, but as we all know it ended in a miserable fizzle and no well founded charge of neglect or incompetency can be brought against Mr. Read.

As regards discussing and criticising the capabilities and qualifications of candidates individually for the Council, we have never been in the habit of doing so, as we think such is better left to the discernment and judgment of the ratepayers. We have already said that the old members who are running again, and who have done their work well, have the first claim on the support of the electors. Failing these they ought carefully to weigh the merits of new aspirants and decide who are the best men to represent them and to look after the interests of the city.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

In inserting letters from correspondents it must be understood that in no case will we hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by the correspondents.—Ed. Mercury.

Rev. Dr. Griffin's Opinion of the Council.

To the Editor of the Mercury:

SIR,—On my return home after Christmas, I learned that a poor degraded creature, well known in the city, had been employed to ruminate me for Mayor with the evident design of casting ridicule on me, and on the cause with which my name is prominently connected.

I do not conceive it necessary to defend myself against the unworthy advantage that was taken of me; it was an attempt to damage me, which will only react upon those who were parties to it. But I desire to embrace the opportunity thus afforded to vindicate my course when as a minister of the Gospel I interest myself in all matters pertaining to the social and moral welfare of the city. It is quite unknown for me to be insulted on the streets by a certain class of men whose character I need not further describe. They express the feeling expressed on Christmas day:—Let Dr. Griffin mind his own business and not meddle with other people's affairs. Let him stick to his pulpit and his prayer meetings, and leave municipal concerns alone. If he had not spoken out so freely against the Police Magistrate, City Council, hotel keepers and others, no one would deem his name effectively into the civic nominations or in any way seek to do him dishonor."

That is to say, if I confine myself to the teaching of general principles, relating to the morals of individuals and communities, no one will complain. I will be applauded in the very labors, as a man who minds his own business; but if I venture to make a practical application of those principles, and expose the miserable sinners of the city, and condemn their evil practices, then I am meddling with other people's business, and whatever abuse may come to me is the penalty I have earned, and must endure. Were the old Prophets meddling with other people's business when they denounced the sinners of their day for their injustice and their iniquity? Were the Apostles meddlesome, when they arraigned the sinners of official men with unkindness, and pronounced upon them the terrific judgments of God. If not, then no minister of the Gospel is a meddler who tries, as best he can, to follow their example. He may suffer reproach, and even opprobrium, but he may not, unless he is without principle or courage, shrink from his obligation.

Now consider the facts as generally admitted as to the history our city during the year just drawing to a close. The law is being continually violated, almost all, if not all, the hotels under license are conducted in a way which, under difficulties and greatly exaggerated when compared with the good old days, when the traffic goes on—perhaps in all, but certainly in some, gambling and drinking are not of weekly, if not daily occurrence. The police have said many of the Council know, in fact a number of men where half drunk and quarrelsome should certainly have been kept out of these places for those purposes. In some of these public houses disorderly conduct is not followed. Quarrelling and fighting has taken place. Quarrels in one, and the very same hotel, in consequence of the food and drinks and blasphemous language of drunkard men. The police have to interfere, and men are fined, and sent to prison, when they have come under the Council. A family was being half murdered only the other day by a brutal husband and father, and the police would not go near because they had no warrant. Everywhere that I inquired I found there is unrest and suffering. Now, with all these facts before them, what has our City Council done?—I speak of the majority. There are men in the Council worthy of all praise for their honesty and honest efforts to secure the city's righteously. When I speak of the Council I except these. A large number of respectable citizens petitioned the Council to put all public houses under license (at a nominal sum) so that proper and necessary municipal supervision might be had, but the Council absolutely refused, and why? Because they did not want these houses regulated in whose haunts they were personally concerned. Consequently there is not even common safety for travellers coming to the city. Strangers are compelled to lodge in houses where they have no protection such as every other city supplies. Poor story buildings may be filled with all kinds of people from bats nest to attic, night after night, and necessarily expose to many dangers which cannot arise in nearly private dwellings, and yet our City Council forbids the police to enter with its own hands on the premises with all municipal inspection and protection, and when fires are kindled and sacrificed, hold themselves innocent of blood. Whence all night thinking people hold them guilty, and many have said that their proper place was in the cell along with the poor fellow who built the furnace. They were accomplices as well as he in tragic scenes of fire and death. Accidents, cab men, lorry men, and men that own a dog are fined and imprisoned for the premises of the people, but men who keep public houses, and who have been convicted over and over again for criminal conduct—and by perjury, as many believe, have escaped many convictions more—men such as these the council refuses to place under municipal control. The men are not law abiding, or they would solicit supervision. Their resistance proves their guilt; but the Council are every way more guilty, for the care of the city has been entrusted to them, and they have proved themselves traitors to their trust. If respectable and Christian citizens will look on and have nothing to say, then the necessity is forced upon Christian ministers to expose the sinners of unhallowed official men, and call upon every voter to mark the men who have proved themselves recreant to their most solemn obligations.

If at such a time they remain indifferent they violate the sacred covenant into which they entered with Christ when they became his servants. "They that are not with me are against me," says the Master, and if Christian men in their voting unite with those evil men and unshoin the tyranny of vice under which we live, let them remember that He who hath said "Come out from among them and be ye separate," will hold them accountable for all the evil that is done in the city.

If united efforts were made, such as we see in some other cities, where Christian men and ministers have come to the front and taken the public platform in behalf of social order, all this wrong doing would easily be put down. Nothing is said against ministers, for instance, in Toronto, where they attend the ward meetings and address the electors on all the issues of the hour, and I cannot help the feeling, that great responsibility rests upon the ministers very generally, and Christian men particularly, for their profound silence in such a crisis of our history. "Cry aloud, spare not," and relieve your own conscience whatever men may say or do.

Yours truly,
W. S. GRIFFIN.

Guelph, Dec. 29, 1887.

The Vice Dens of Guelph.

To the Editor of the Mercury:

DEAR SIR,—In your issue of Tuesday, 27th instant, you refer to the "row" which occurred on Saturday night in connection with Brown's restaurant, on the Market Square, and you close the reference with the following timely remark:—"If reports are to be believed, it is time this place was receiving more attention from the police authorities than it has hitherto had." Now, sir, while this remark is perfectly true, it may be taken to imply an unjust reflection on the city police, as if they were derelict in their duty in this matter. As a matter of fact the police have, at present, no authority to exercise surveillance over such places any more than over the most private residence in the city, because they are not licensed and are therefore not in any sense public, but private houses. Unless, therefore, the vices in these places grow to the pitch of public nuisance the police have no authority to interfere with them. To remedy this disgraceful state of affairs a petition signed by a large number of the most respectable citizens was presented during the past summer to the City Council, praying that restaurants and all other refreshment houses (including hotels) might be licensed as such, as provided for by law. Had this petition been granted, all the houses thus licensed would have become public houses and would, therefore, have come under the proper supervision of the police. But notwithstanding the manifest advantages of such a law to the city, a large number of the aldermen voted against the petition and it was not granted. Thus they voted against the maintenance of law and order in the city. Should such men be aldermen? Some of the very men who voted thus last summer are coming out again and craving our patronage and asking us to give them the same honorable position for 1888! Let every voter who has the material and moral well-being of the city at heart come out on Monday and vote for better men.

YOURS, etc.,
CITIZEN.

Guelph Dec. 29, 1887.

Reply to Mr. C. Davidson.

To the Editor:

SIR.—In the MERCURY of yesterday there appeared a letter from Mr. Chas. Davidson supporting Ald. Howard and myself to call a public meeting to night for the purpose of discussing the financial conditions of the city. In would give me much pleasure to have a discussion at any time of the city finances, but I fear Mr. Davidson has delayed his request too long, as there is no time now to call a meeting before the election.

Mr. Davidson was at the nomination, and I am surprised that he did not see that the questions were then discussed. The Mayor, the Chairman of Finance, and the other members of the Committee were present, as was also Mr. Carson, the auditor of last year, and yet nothing was said by Mr. Davidson.

YOURS truly,
THOMAS P. COFFER.

Guelph, Dec. 30 h, 1887.

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Mixed	7:35 a.m.
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Through express	2:36 p.m.
Mixed	5:35 p.m.

GOING WEST.

Express	1:27 a.m.
Mail	10:10 a.m.
Pacific Express	2:54 p.m.
Mixed	6:30 p.m.
Night	9:25 p.m.

Great Western Division.

GOING SOUTH.

Accom.	6:20 a.m.
Express	10:35 a.m.
Accom.	3:55 p.m.
Accom.	4:35 p.m.

GOING NORTH.

Mail	11:30 a.m.
Express	6:35 p.m.
Accom.	arrives 8:55 p.m.

From Monday, 19th December, 1887, the 1.45 a.m. train from Southampton to Palmerston, and the 6.35 p.m. train from Palmerston to Southampton will run on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays only.

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A serial story, "The Lost River of Delphos," by the distinguished author, Amelia E. Barr—said to be of remarkable interest—is to follow, as also "Dick Darrow," a story of Canadian Methodism and Church Reorganizing, by Rev. Dr. Carman, "Sunny Days," by Wilfred Bell, "Pot-Pourri," Young Dominion," by Sophia Bell, "Pot-Pourri," Young Dominion," by Sophia Bell, "Pot-Pourri," Young Dominion," by Sophia