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THE EVILS OF DRINK

Set Forth in Striking Colors
by City Clergymen.

Weekly Temperance Meeting at Victoria Hall - Speeches by Rev. Messrs. Speller and Bond.

A large number of people were shown present in Victoria Hall by the obliging M. C. A. under the weekly temperance meeting Saturday evening. The audience was particularly enthusiastic, and were quick to perceive the points of the speakers, who were liberally applauded. Rev. J. Allister Murray presided, and opened the proceedings in the usual way. Miss Mutch followed with a solo, rendered with sweetness and power.

The Chairman briefly excused his non-attendance at the previous meetings. His physicians had forbidden him to over-exert himself, but he could assure them his heart was in the work.

Rev. H. C. Speller made a forcible address. In his opinion temperance was the most important moral question before them in the country and in the age. There was very little new to be said on the matter, but the arguments should be pressed home. "There is a degree of hardness," he said, "upon the part of a good many Christian people even in our day as to which side God stands on in this question, or as to whether God has taken sides at all. In the matter, we are not concerned with a purely a question of politics, and by that with us to understand that God has nothing to do with politics—that this is a matter which belongs to politics and is quite out of the realm of God's acting. Some people say to us that Scripture doesn't forbid drinking and therefore nobody else ought to; that ministers ought to be very careful to derive and teach all they say from the Word of God; and if they were to stand squarely on the Word of God they would have to tell men once in a while to take a little wine for their stomach's sake, or for some other ailment. But there are so many infirmities in these days that one has to be careful what he takes, and a little wine may not be wise." (laughter.) In the speaker's opinion the drink mentioned in the Bible was a very private affair, and it appears that man's own manufacturer of the liquor. He could see nothing to indicate the whole-sale traffic of the present time. When they looked at such passages as "Woe unto him that putteth his bottle to his neighbor's lips," there could be no question about whether God was in the matter. A country that made the liquor traffic part of its business must be expected to endure something at least of its fatal curse. Men had an idea they were not responsible for the evils that arose in their day; but drink could not be a single drop of liquor sold in the city except men were licensed to do it, and if they started the license system, if they carried it out, just so sure as they had pronounced against him in the text, just so sure the woe would fall where the action began.

"If you go to the polls and vote for license and if you are the father of boys or girls, upon your home the bitter result of your own action falls. I do not think for a single moment it is any particle of unkindness to blame the tavern-keeper for having done it. (Applause.) Rather than derive a revenue from the traffic, I would a thousand times have free whisky. I would rather have my boy grow up with the idea that his father's hands were clean than I would have the thought that the boy should know his father's hand had marked the ballot to give the saloon-keeper the right to sell liquor. I would venture to say if the revenue from the trade were cut off, the Government would not tolerate it a moment. As it is, it makes us all partners in this awful business."

Rev. Stephen Bond was the next speaker. In opening he put a question to the audience: "Of course I assume you are all teetotalers here. Now, what proportion of the male population use intoxicating liquor habitually—that is, those who take a glass and treat occasionally? Do one-half do so?"

A voice—Yes.

"Do more than one-half?"

Another voice—Yes.

"You think that more than one-half of the male population over 18 drink habitually hold up your hands?"

Rev. Geo. Boyd—"I don't know how to vote." (Laughter.)

A voice—Now, you assume here we are all teetotalers. How can teetotalers know anything about it? (Applause.)

Rev. Mr. Bond said he wanted to know how much it cost to keep up the saloons in London. Suppose the male population of the city to be 15,000. In the next place fully one half of them are below 18 years of age and are not expected to know the use of liquor. That leaves 7,500 of whom about one-third are married, and two-thirds young and unmarried. Computing that one half of these are habitual drinkers, it means that you have 3,750 men for the purpose of supporting 60 licensed saloons, or an average of 54 for every one."

The speaker further calculated that each man must spend \$40 a year for the purpose, and thought it too much expense altogether for these hard times or any other times. Besides, the saloon-keeper gave no desirable returns for his business, while the retail lines of trade were not only advantageous to the men who carried them on, but to the general public too. It is he person who made his living out of the saloon helped no other man except the hangman, the policeman, and the judge who tried the case. It was a business that fostered illness, disease, poverty, crime. The man who took out a license shared in the criminal responsibility. The business as ordinarily carried on was a lawless one, whatever there might be of individual exceptions. The very fact of that being the case should excite a feeling of hostility to it. It was a vexatious thing, producing no good for the community, costing great sums, creating great evils, crime and suffering, and it deserved nothing else but extinction. The setting up and establishing of licenses developed the drinking habit of the community. No matter who the youth was he went into a hotel and asked for liquor he would get it. The saloon-keepers would permit the young men to drink until they became the most despicable scum, and claim the right to do it. The very fact that the business operated on the moral nature of the man in such a way that he utterly disregards the neighborly obligations that he has to his fellow-men, and will allow a youth to acquire the habits of a drunkard, should be sufficient cause why we should intervene to save that man from so terrible and godless a conscience. From the nature of the licensing system it placed in public sympathy, one with the other, all those who were engaged in the business, so that they became an organized community for the purpose of carrying on a business direct in its influence. That is why licenses should not be granted at all. If they could not abolish all at present, it would be well to do away with part. (Applause.)

By vote of the audience it was decided to continue the meetings on Saturday evening as heretofore, in preference to another week night.

BRECHER'S PILLS cure Bilious and Nervous Ills.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Jas. Hessey was nearly suffocated by gas at a petrolea oil well.

The Northwest Assembly has been prorogued after refusing to pass the Supply Bill.

Wm. Brown, con. 9, Morris, had eleven sheep worried to death by dogs the other night.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company is about to erect twenty grain warehouses throughout Manitoba.

Mr. Langworthy, clerk and treasurer of Port Arthur, who was dismissed off on a while ill, was found Friday night.

George West, a 12-year-old Amherstburg lad, while fooling with a revolver touched the trigger and the ball made a hole through his hand.

The Blenheim Methodist Church Board have extended a call to Rev. R. L. Hamilton, of Fingal, as successor to Rev. W. G. Giffin.

The directors of the Dundalk Mechanics' Institute have just expended \$150 in new books, thus adding 222 new volumes to the library.

Mr. Andrew Venning, who lives a short distance north of Belmont had three valuable sheep killed and two injured by dogs the other day.

The Windsor brewery was offered for sale, but the price bid, 65 cents on the dollar, was not considered a high enough, and the sale was withdrawn.

The wife of Dr. Warner Cornell, of Port Huron, died last week after a long illness.

The deceased, whose maiden name was Annie Irving, was for many years a resident of Theford.

Miss Jenny Anderson has been engaged for the fourth department of the Watford school at a salary of \$275, and Miss Emily A. Hawken, of Chatham, for the second department at a salary of \$250.

While Arthur Batzold, the 10-year-old son of W. Batzold, St. Thomas, was handling a revolver it was discharged, and the bullet entered the arm of his 4-year-old brother, Harry. It entered at the wrist and penetrated the flesh to the elbow.

Rev. F. McCune, Presbyterian minister of Welland, has written a strong letter appealing for signatures to the petitions for the commutation of the sentence of death passed upon Day at the last Welland Assizes.

The case of Kenyon, of Comber, charged with stabbing a young man named Longhead about two weeks ago, was tried before Magistrate Bartlett at Windsor. The parties interested settled the case by Kenyon paying Longhead for his lost time and all the costs.

The Dutton St. Andrew's Society celebrated the natal day of their patron saint by holding a banquet. The club was occupied by A. N. C. Black and the vice-chairs by A. J. Leitch, L. W. McIntyre and Dr. Ruthven. There was a large attendance and many eloquent responses.

Dr. McCall, of Lapeer, Mich., who has spent the past summer with the celebrated Dr. Lawson Tait, of Birmingham, Eng., and the months of September and October in Berlin, sailed from Glasgow on Nov. 20. He is expected to visit the home of his boyhood in Westminster early this month.

In the Queen vs. Stewart et al., D. Amour, at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, moved for an order for bail for the defendants, who are in Sandwich jail awaiting their trial at the sessions on a charge of highway robbery.

Dynamite, for the Attorney-General, proposed the application. Application refused.

The Zorra shooting case came up at the Woodstock Police Court, but the evidence adduced did not connect the accused, John Simpson, in any way with the tragedy, further than he was alleged to be in love once with Miss Wagstaff, now G. D. Damm's sweetheart. Judgment was reserved for a week.

Douglas, a young man, while out shooting near Guelph Saturday afternoon, nearly lost his life by the accidental discharge of his gun. He placed the gun on the fence while lighting his pipe when it slipped and went off, the charge striking him in the top of the forehead, carrying away a portion of the skull bone.

A serious accident happened to a young man named Chas. Powell, at the furniture factory, Seaford. He was ascending in the elevator and he allowed his right foot to project over the platform when it was caught between the beams of the floor and the elevator, tearing the flesh from his leg and foot. Seven stitches were used to draw the lacerated flesh together.

The young people of the Methodist Church at Lambeth, spent a few hours Wednesday evening at the parlance, and were kindly entertained by the pastor, Rev. G. W. Andrews, and his wife.

Gordon Campbell, of Stratford, at present school teacher of this place, has recovered from his illness and resumed duties on Monday.

Miss Anna Blackwell, of Toronto, sister of Mr. Blackwell, V. S., is visiting at the home of Miss Alice Cornell.

There is much agitation among the people of this school section about choosing a site for a new school house. The old site no doubt will be decided on, for it has all the advantages required.

Miss Andrews and her mother returned home from Montreal on Wednesday.

John Rutledge, jun., is home from Woodstock college.

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On the Throat and Lungs, as those complaints are, according to statistics, more numerous than others. We would advise all our readers not to neglect the opportunity to call on their druggist and get a bottle of Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs. Trial size free. Large bottle 50 cents and \$1. Sold by all druggists.

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TORONTO LETTER.

Cost of the Street Railway Arbitration—Found For Baby—Sudden Death.

Toronto, Monday, Dec. 1. The street railway arbitration is costing the city over \$350 a session.

The council of the Board of Trade will visit Sault Ste. Marie.

The city relief office reports that applications for city relief show better conditions among the poor than this time last year.

The other night a baby was found on a doorstep and was sent to the Infant's Home. A respectable widow, of the city, called and identified it as hers. Her husband died recently, leaving her with a 2-months-old child, and having to go out to work, she advertised for someone to adopt the baby. A young woman called on her and offered to adopt the child on payment of \$10, which was paid. She gave her address which proved to be fictitious, and the police are looking for her. Meantime the widow has recovered her baby.

By a scaffold accident on Saturday morning on Gladstone avenue, Contractor Wm. McGowan broke his right leg below the knee, and James Johnson, bricklayer, had his knee badly sprained.

Pat Foley, a widower, was found dead in bed yesterday morning. He came home on Friday night badly bruised, and stated he had been attacked and robbed by two men.

The annual sermon of St. Andrew's Society was preached last night in St. Andrew's Church by Rev. G. M. Milligan.

Mr. E. C. Conner, who was in the second-year student of Trinity University, who was removed to the hospital on Nov. 21, suffering from typhoid fever, died on Saturday.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Bloor street east, was reopened yesterday. The old stone pillars have been replaced by marble columns, and the interior has been put in, furnishing additional accommodation; bright new carpet covers the floor, and the decoration work is beautiful.

The People's Tabernacle was opened in the auditorium of Shaftesbury Hall yesterday under most gratifying auspices. Rev. Dr. Will opened the services. In the afternoon Mrs. M. J. McCall, of the pulpit. At the evening service Mr. S. H. Blake, C.C., occupied the pulpit.

A STANDARD REMEDY.

RADWAY'S READY RELIEF.

For many years the public has been accustomed to see the calibrator R. R. R. in the columns of nearly every newspaper in the country, but very few people ever knew the history of this liquid preparation or can form any idea of the extent of its use.

Some time ago 1844, Dr. John Radway, who had previously had extensive experience in a drug store, and who had a considerable knowledge of chemistry and the uses of its utility and value, he formulated its manufacture and to introduce it into public use.

Like all new things, it moved slowly at first, but as people began to know of its merits, they inquired for it at the drug stores, and by advertising it freely it soon became the leading popular remedy, and for more than 40 years has been a favorite remedy. It is known all over the world, is sold in health lands, and has been used by millions of people, and to-day holds its rank as the leading liquid remedy in the world.

Its uses are so various, its efficacy so certain, that it has outlived all its competitors and is still a favorite remedy for all ailments, and is used by millions of people, and to-day holds its rank as the leading liquid remedy in the world.

The manufacture of this remedy requires an immense factory, employs a large force of clerks and the expenditure of a fortune every year, we might say every month, and orders come pouring in from every land on the globe. Dr. John Radway died a few years ago, and is succeeded by his son, who is a most capable and energetic man, and the greatest of remedies and maintains its high reputation.

The present Dr. Radway is at once a business man and a good gentleman, and we hope that he will long live to furnish suffering humanity with Radway's Ready Relief.

It is a question of a rest or arrest with the Sabbath reformers.

The Bermuda Cable.

The Bermuda cable now complete, could carry no true tidings than that Burdock Blood Bitters could all other remedies in curing diseases of the stomach, liver, bowels and blood. Known everywhere as the perfect blood purifier, eradicating the worst cases when all else fails.

The Old Story.

The enormous and constantly increasing sales of "Athlete" and Derby Cigarettes, added another to the many proofs that a superior article for the promotion of success, B. H. B. & Co., Montreal.

JOHN T. STEPHENSON.

Wholesale dealer in metallic caskets and bone agency for the Dominion of Canada for the Detroit Metallic Casket Company, Detroit, Mich. Telephone 456, London, Ont.

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"Having been subject, for years, to constipation, without being able to find much relief, I at last tried Ayer's Pills. I deem it both a duty and a pleasure to testify that I have derived great benefit from their use. For over two years past I have taken one of these pills every night before retiring. I would not willingly be without them."—G. W. Bowman, 20 East Main st., Carlisle, Pa.

"I have been taking Ayer's Pills and using them in my family since 1857, and cheerfully recommend them to all in need of a safe but effectual cathartic."—John M. Bogue, Louisville, Ky.

"For eight years I was afflicted with constipation, which at last became so bad that the doctors could do me no more for me. Then I began to take Ayer's Pills, and soon the bowels began to move in their natural and regular action, so that now I am in excellent health."—S. L. Loughbridge, Bryan, Texas.

"Having used Ayer's Pills, with good results, I fully endorse them for the purposes for which they are recommended."—J. Conners, M. D., Canton, Mass.

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Prepared by Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass. Sold by all Druggists and Dealers in Medicine.

NASAL BALM

It is a certain and speedy cure for colds in the head and throat, and all the troubles which attend them.

SOOTHING, CLEANSING, HEALING.

Instant Relief, Permanent Cure, Failure Impossible.

Most of the troubles which attend colds in the head and throat, such as sneezing, watery eyes, sore throat, and all the troubles which attend them, are caused by the inflammation of the mucous membrane of the nose and throat.

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