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wishing to know more may write to me, my address is with the Editor. would like correspondents especially from the Canadian Northwest, or New Brunswick, or Nova Scotia. I will write on any subject within reason, of course, that they care to write about. Anyone, I mean some of those poor fellows who live on velvet flapjacks-wishing any good recipes-without a dozen eggs or something else equally as hard to get—just write to me. There, I wasn't going to tell anything about myself. Well I didn't, my mother is the best cook in this country. As it is my favorite refreshment will sign myself, Fudge.

Needs the W. H. M.

Sask., Jan. 1913. Dear Editor: Being a subscriber of your magazine for some time I may say that my mail would not be complete without the W.H.M. As I am interested in the Correspondence column I

would like to become a member. I have

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travelled a good deal and can say that I have seen as many happy families among the poor as among the rich. I do not believe riches bring happiness. I see no harm in dancing if there is no whisky at the dance. Some seem to think the ladies would not have a very pleasant life with the Western young men. I believe the man who has batched for a year or so would appreciate a woman more than one who never had to do woman's work. I may say I am à Westerner and will never be hung for my beauty. I will gladly answer all correspondents who care to write. Would like to correspond with "Half past sixteen" and "Lonesome" in Jan-uary number. I will add this verse, and leave my address with the Editor:

Of all the gifts that heaven bestows, There's one above all measure,

And that's a friend 'midst all our woes A friend is found a treasure. Wishing the W.H.M. every success,

Semper Idem

Temperance Talk

A Plea

 $\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Z}^{\mathrm{HEN}}$ nation strives with nation, and hate's reward is hate, And brother slaughters brother

and plunders his estate, When moans and curses mingle, and battlefields run red,

With blood, shed in unrighteous wrath, and passion's whirlwinds spread,

When loving homes are loveless, and laughing eyes shed tears,

And spite, malevolence and greed engender doubts and fears.

O potent, loving God, we pray, Give us more light, and strikestrike-strike,

Strike out the hate, strike out the greed,

Mould a more loving fearless breed, And banish war's array.

We ask, O God, what matters it if Empire stands or falls?

Is it important to maintain our stanch imperial walls?

We hear it said that love survives, while hate's reward is death,

Can we praise Thee and curse the man Thou madest with one breath? we Fate's ministers to loose forces Are

that tear and rend, By slaying children that Thou lov'st,

gain we in Thee a friend?

O loving, fearless God, we pray, Give us more light, and strikeO potent, loving God, we pray, Give us more light, and strike strike-strike,

Upon this mortal clay.

Strike out the hate, strike out the greed,

Mould a more loving fearless breed, And banish war's array. Montreal,

I.Y.B.

The Clergy and the Bar

Mr. C. H. Hale, editor of the Orillia Packet, in anticipation of about fifty local option contests coming on in Ontario, New Year's Day, writes convinc-ingly to the Toronton 'Churchman' deploring the indifferent or postively negative attiude of the clergy towards this very practical reform. He says:

The old prejudice as to 'individual liberty' is the chief plea of those of the clergy who are openly antagonistic; but, thank God, this ancient sophism yields much less support than in the past to the accursed traffic, which ruins so many lives and damns so many souls. I am disposed to believe that those who take neither side are not so often impelled by considerations of prudenceby the spectre of trouble with members of their congregation and the fear of consequences—as by a genuine doubt as to the effectiveness of local option as a measure of temperance reform. It is in the hope that I may be able to dispel some of these doubts that pen this article. Having lived for four years in a town where local option is in force, I am able to speak with some decisiveness as to its working. As to the success of local option in Orillia there can be no manner of doubt. By the united testimony of those in a position to know, crime has been reduced in so marked a manner as to leave no room for question as to the cause. Public drunkenness has well nigh disappeared. The 'treating system' is to all intents and purposes a thing of the past. The moral tone of the town has been raised. The streets are more orderly, women are less exposed to insult or annoyance. The removal of the temptation of the open bar has been a blessing to many a family. The town has become a veritable city of refuge for those unfortunates who, while they have no wish to be drunkards, when liquor is about cannot 'take it or leave it alone.' Surely all these are objects that should have the sympathy of both the clergy and laity of the Church. I could give equally emphatic testimony as to the industrial and commercial benefits conferred on the community, but this is not the aspect of the subject that will appeal to those whose chief concern is spiritual. I shall mention only one significant fact --that during two years or more during which railway construction was going on in and around Orillia only one of the hundreds of men employed found his way into the police court, and his was not a case arising out of drink. Did space permit, I could quote overwhelming testimony in support of all

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strike-strike, Upon this mortal clay. Thy Son they strove to crucify, Did He live on, or did He die? Was His the better way?

- The sword, the gun, the battleship, are these the nation's might?
- Or are they ghastly spectres that will vanish with the light?
- a race of ruthless tyrants sound a noble people's doom,
- do the tyrant's acts of ruth enchain him to the tomb?
- Satan's mandates rule the world, impelling death and strife.
- Or will Thy mighty laws prevail, demanding love and life?
- O loving, fearless God, we pray, Give us more light, and strikestrike-strike,
- Upon this mortal clay.
- Give us this day our daily bread. Not shricking shells and rains of
- lead, And banish war's array.

Speak! Speak! O Lord! Open Thy lips, We crave Thy mighty word, The nation proud that hopes to live by battleship and sword. Breaketh Thy law, must die the death, falling shall rise no more. dving shricks we hear above the lis

- mighty cannon's roar. Thine empire only shall prevail, the na
- tion that would live Must know Thy law, obey Thy will, Thy
 - loving service give.