

ORGANIZATION.

A necessity of our work is a more thorough organization of our forces. The temperance sentiment of our country is strong. It needs consolidation and direction to make it effective.

It is not desirable that another should be added to the many temperance societies and church organizations now in operation. What is needed is a method by which these forces will be made available for action. Perhaps the result would be best secured by having in every locality a committee composed of representatives of different bodies ready to act as occasion requires, securing the union of the members of the bodies they represent, in any important campaign.

The working out of any such plan, and in fact the effective management of political temperance work of any kind, requires the constant supervision of someone who can give it undivided attention. There ought to be an agent or agents devoting their whole time to the important problem of unifying and directing the temperance sentiment of the different parts of the Dominion.

The coming Conventions at Toronto may well give this important matter their close attention. A level headed, energetic man, moving from place to place, sizing up the situation in every locality, advising local workers regarding license restriction, local option by-laws, electoral action and the like, would be a power for good. Let some of our practical friends try to work this suggestion out.

RESPONSIBILITY OF CHURCHES.

During recent years there has been a marked falling off in the membership of the many temperance societies which formerly were both numerous and influential. One reason for the change is the development of young people's organizations in connection with the various churches, and the consequent diversion to new lines of work of those whose energies were the life of the temperance societies.

The report of the Epworth League Committee of the Toronto Conference of the Methodist Church called attention to this fact, and also stated that the church societies had given so little attention to the temperance movement, that the cause had suffered by the change.

The remedy is simple. More responsibility now rests upon the church congregations and young people's societies. They, in fact, are more responsible for the strength and growth of temperance sentiment. Their responsibility is increased by the fact that they are fast becoming the only active educating agencies working along moral suasion lines. The churches must be roused to their duty in relation to this great reform.

A MAINE WITNESS.

When the anti-canteen amendment was up for discussion in Congress, it was asserted that there were saloons in Maine. To this Mr. Littlefield, the author of the amendment, replied: "I have lived in Maine all my life, and I never saw or had my attention called to a saloon in Maine that advertised its business on the streets or in the press, and I deny that there are any such. While there are saloons in Maine, principally in the cities and larger towns, they have been driven behind the door by the law, where they are looked for, instead of openly and publicly drawing the attention of customers by attractive devices, as do saloons elsewhere." The clandestine sale of liquor behind doors, in cellars, and in closets, is a small affair compared with the public, wide-open saloon on the principal streets of the city.—Religious Intelligencer.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

The Prince Edward Island Provincial Prohibitory Law is in operation. Reports so far received are of an encouraging character. The new Act prohibits the sale of intoxicating liquor only in those parts of the province in which the Canada Temperance Act is in operation. The Canada Temperance Act covers the whole province excepting Charlottetown. Only in the city of Charlottetown, therefore, is the new measure taking effect.

This experiment will be watched with deep interest by all friends of prohibition. If the law is not set aside through some legal proceeding, it will show how far provincial prohibition can go towards checking intemperance. We have no doubt that under the Prince Edward Island law the liquor traffic will be limited and intemperance lessened much more than under a license system.

The law, however, will be unsatisfactory, because it cannot prohibit the free importation of liquor from other parts of the Dominion by those who desire to use it. Provincial prohibition is far better than license, but far short of the Dominion prohibition, for which we still must strive.

"THEN DIES THE MAN IN YOU."

Gentleman, I have ventured to offer you these considerations upon the scholar's place and hope, because I thought that, standing, as many of you now do, on the threshold of this College, girt and ready to go and assume tasks public and private, in your country, you would not be sorry to be admonished of those primary duties of the intellect, whereof you will seldom hear from the lips of your new companions.

You will hear every day the maxims of a low prudence. You will hear that the first duty is to get land and money, place and name. "What is the Truth you seek? what is the Beauty?" men will ask with derision. If, nevertheless, God has called any of you to explore the truth and beauty, be bold, be firm, be true.

When you shall say, "As others do, so will I. I renounce, I am sorry for it, my early visions; I must eat the good of the land and let learning and romantic expectations go, until a more convenient season;"—then dies the man in you, then once more perish the buds of art and poetry, and science, as they have died already in a thousand men. The hour of that choice is the crisis of your history; and see that you hold yourself fast by the intellect.

It is this domineering temper of the sensual world that creates the extreme need of the priest of science; and it is the office and right of the intellect to make and not take its estimate. Bend to the persuasion which is flowing to you from every object of nature, to be its tongue to the heart of man, and to show the besotted world how passing fair its wisdom.—Emerson.

ONTARIO GOOD TEMPLARS.

The Grand Lodge of Ontario, I.O.G.T., held its 48th annual session, in the city of Toronto, on the 19th and 20th of last month, presided over by George Spence, G. C. T. The turnout of delegates was good, the reports were encouraging, and the meeting was in every sense a success. Plans were laid for a year of vigorous work. Resolutions were adopted calling for an immediate advance on aggressive lines, including persistent advocacy of total prohibition, and a demand for immediate effective provincial legislation. Most of the old officers were re-elected.

RUSSIA'S EXPERIENCE.

Government control of the liquor traffic has fallen far short of the removal of disastrous intemperance in the Russian Empire. Dr. A. M. Korowin, Director of the Moscow Inebriate Asylum, states that in the municipal hospitals of his city 20,000 men and 5,000 women have been treated for alcoholism during the past ten years.

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