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+0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0+ Down the steep banks by the roadside mang a thin veil of the pierced with a large gate in the wall. "It is Villa Frattina," the vetturino said.

In the gate stood a serious, darkbung a thin veil of ivy, pierced with countless blue flowers; here and there faced man of over 60 years of age, whom was thrust out a slender branch with a you would have hesitated to classify.

He had too much dignity to be called

Then the gray old city came in sight, chipping down the lap of the hill, with carried himself well, was not too ready the gray barren rocks above, and the with his salutation and did not smile hamlet of San Pietro with its ruined or come forward on being addressed. fortress at the summit, and a ruined wall zigzagging from top to bottom. "Ave, Fortuna Prenestina" whisper-

Colonna, whose brave heart never sur-rendered! Hail to the foundations of and which Pompey the Great, and cruel Sylla besieged! Hail to the thrice-destroyed Preneste, the plowed and a path led along the wall under the wine and roses after the triple destruction!

'I don't doubt that it's an awfully filthy place," she thought, leaning resignedly back, after having fired off her

a fixthy town. They stopped in the Piaz-ta, before the seminary, set all along fine cypresses. its front with fragments of the temple Valeria walked along the wall in of Fortune; a boy took her traveling- the eastern direction, turned and enand contented person on earth. No trunks of cypresses. small reserves nor laundried dignitles, The hedges inclose

small reserves nor laundried dignities, not microscopic proprieties, could live in the presence of this large, glowing reaches of dark laurel walks stretching She melted them down with to right and left, and below, a great rested her effectually, asked and learn-ed all her affairs, and the reasons of them; insisted that she should marry, through the parted boughs, could be

ing to be desired. Valeria laughed, submitted, and was contented wih everything. "I think you are the goddess of For-tune," she said. "And if you are, you can procure me a carriage. I wish to drive about a little before dark."

with famen laurel leaves. The place was a wilderness of laurels. Valeria walked hastily through one that led down to the house. An old woman sat on the step twirling her distaff. She

as she wanted. "Felicetta, go and tell Pietro to have

"You can be perfectly comfortable at first; but you will soon like it. I cheek of a graped breast where the best of meat, fowl and birds; there are fresh eggs, good wine of our own are fresh eggs, good wine of our own hands and feet. One of the steps leadmaking, fruit; there is every sort of cheese—c'e tutto! I have a Danish artist, who has been here eight months, the Signor Eduardo. His studio is up in the old palace, but he sleeps and eats here. His room is down in that other house, where yours will be. I took an building a casino; and for many a year the related had been abendaned to Marco.

The old palace, but he sleeps and eats had been abendaned to Marco.

The struggle by an intelligent discussion of the whole question. The magistrate back of the law must have an intelligent public opinion to support him.

Principal Grant threw a bomb into the assembly by an energetic speech. apartment below, because I have no the place had been abandoned to Marco rooms to spare here, my family is so Bandini and his family. Here Vittorio You can choose the room you had dreamed, and here Felicita had like best. Your coffee will be sent died. down to you; but dinner and gupper will working for hours it did him good to talk awhile. He went to Russia to fresco the Emperor's palaces, and was killed on his way back. They made a great deal of him there, and the Grand Duchess Maria sent me a lovely watch and chain. I will show them

And the Signora Maria displayed the exquisite royal gift, a tiny enameled watch with a chain of fairy delicacy. The carriage was ready promptly, and Valeria drove to the old palace, where she had another errand besides seeing the famous mosaic. Perhaps she too could have a writing studio there, as the Dane had one for painting.

Troops of filthy, imputent children ran to the carriage, clamoring for un balocco, and followed her up the steps to the grand half-moon concave of the old palace front. An Ad woman, the bustode, came out and drove them away, and showed her the mosaic. There was nothing else to see in this deserted and ruined place, unless madama would like to see the Templetto at the very top.

Of course, she would like to see it. So they went up farther, passing through a glassy inclosed garden, where statues lay fallen from their niches and half-hidden in verdure. In the Tempietto, which was an open loggia in front of a painted chamber inclosed on three sides, the Signor Eduard of the Signora Maria was painting with a model. He was a slender young man, scarce over 30 years of age, with exquisitely pure and regular features, blonde hair and beard, and blue eyes. He looked calm and modest, even cold. He was a flower of the north.

All round him was unrolled the magnificent panorama of mountain and plain, with Rome crouching at the west under its everlasting mists, and far-stretching mountains fading towards the east from black to purple, from violet to gray, from gray to silver, and from silver to a dream. And where they ceased the eye knew not. Southward, beyond the Volscian hills. lay the sea, in the misty clasp of the far-aff promontory of the Siren. and into the carriage again went Valeria, fully content; for she

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had aiready engaged her studio. It was a bare, grim chamber; but it had a window that showed all that beautiful world. They drove outside the walls, only glancing along, without stopping, since the sun was low. Presently they came to a read that had an ancient narrow paved road running beside it, the ancient Via Prenestina. The town was hidden from them. They stopped at

a contadino or a common laborer; yet he was dressed like a laboring man. He

"Madama would like to see the villa, with your permission," the vetturing said to this man. "Padronissima!" ed Valeria, leaning out the window. the reply. And Marco Bandini opened "Hail to the sacred city from which the gate wider, and lifted his straw hat even Rome could not tear the fugitive! and looked at her gravely as the lady Hail to the ruined fortress of Stefano passed him, but made no further com-Colonna, whose brave heart never surpliments. When she had entered he rendered! Hail to the foundations of went slowly out and began to talk with the wall over which Marius was drawn, the verturing.

sown with salt, which laughs out in trees, and the path that led straight to the house was bordered with a hedge of box that spread out into a semicircle set with ancient statues and busts found on the place. The grounds rose in gardens and terraces from the road, alute.
The event justified her fears. It was foliage, over which, from the summit

bag, and conducted her up a long street | tered a dark laurel avenue closely stair, then a long house stair, to an overarched with glossy, shining boughs, apartment where a large, rosy-faced and pursued that fragrant twilight to woman came to meet her, smiling, and the upper terrace, where stood the finbreathing quickly with eagerness to est trees, and where rose-bushes were make her the most utterly comfortable tangled in the hedges and clung to the

her genial kindness, or laughed them square wrought in a pattern with fine, hway with her good-natured scorn. She low box hedge, that was beginning now took possession of Valeria, fed and to sprout with brighter green along and recommended an excellent husband seen a line of purple mountains, showto her; then told her own history, in a ling in bold, yet harmonious undulations clear, sketchy style which left noth- against the southern sky. All else was green. There was no other view.

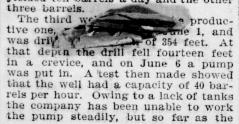
The paths were a glittering yellow with fallen laurel leaves. The place A carriage! Yes, as many carriages smiled but did not speak. On the ground behind the house was a confused heap of fragmentary sculpture. his carriage ready at once for Madame There were Egyptian heads, filleted heads, and heads ringed all over with short curls, one of them face down. A she paused. "It may seem rough pretty marble face leaned against the

When Valeria had reached the uppe he here, unless you want that sent down, too. But it is better to come up. the horizon, and its last beams came the horizon, and its last beams came It will do you good to see people and talk a little. My husband was a famous painter, and he always said that stoop and touch the leaves it fell on to make sure that they were not painted. [To be Continued.]

## GREAT OIL WELL

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The Amen of marriage is always a baby. Without it wedlock is a summer field hat blooms, a that never buds, a stars, a sermon ediction, a prayer without an Amen. There never

worthy of the name, who did not aspire to be the father and the grandfather of healthy, capable children to hand down his name and the fortune accumulated by the sweat of his brow, from generation to generation. There never was a wife fit to bear that noble title, who did not wish to wear womanhood's most glorious crown, the sceptre of motherhood. Thousands of wedded couples, otherwise happy, fall short of wedlock's greatest happiness because they are childless. In the majority of cases, this is because the wife, through ignorance or neglect, suffers from weal ness and disease of the organs distinctly feminine. For women who suffer in this way there is one great medicine that does not fail to accomplish its purpose. It is Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It acts directly on the delicate organs concerned and makes them strong, healthy, vigorous, virile and elastic. It allays inflammation, heals ulceration, soothes pain and tones the shattered nerves. It fits for wifehood and motherhood. It quickens and vitalizes the distinctly feminine organism. It ban-ishes the maladies of the expectant months and makes baby's introduction to the world easy and almost painless. It insures the little new-comer's health and nourishment in plenty. It is the best supportive tonic

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the General Assembly Over the Prohibition Question.

Principal Grant on the Lessons of the Scott Act.

The Individual Conscience, the Doctor Says, Should Be Allowed to Decide.

Montreal, June 15.—The prohibition question was debated at last evening's meeting of the Presbyterian General Assembly. The subject was broached by the report of the committee on church life and work, including temperance, which was presented by Rev. Dr. Wright, of Portage la Rev. Dr. Parsons moved the adop-

tion of the report. Hon. George W. Ross, on rising to second the motion, was warmly applauded. He was glad to observe the importance the report attached to home life, for he was afraid that many of the duties of home were being gradually transferred to vesteries and elsewhere. The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world. This saying is specially applicable to modern life. Sunday schools are valuable aids to the formation of Christian character, but we should not forget the responsibilities we as Presbyterians owe to the children ourselves. He also approved of the clear and emphatic deliverance upon the liquor traffic. It would not be that the Presbyterian Church should be behind, should take low ground on such a question. Owing to the plebiscite this is an important year. We should know whether temperance efforts have sufficiently ripened the public mind of Canada. We need not fear the organized power of the liquor traffic if we are organized ourselves. It has been said that if prohibition were enacted it would not be practicable. He did not so construe British legislation. A pro-hibitory law is an educative law, like other laws, and in the meantime the few infractions of it must be endured. It is a serious thing to incur the responsibility of such a law, but if we are not prepared for such responsibilities we must stand aside. Surely we will not hesitate now to go forward, but we must prepare ourselves the assembly by an energetic speech against the clause with reference to

profound sense of his responsibility, he moved in amendment that the report be referred back with the request that the following paragraph be struck out: "If these reports faithfully reflect the present attitude of country on this question the outlook for securing legal prohibition of this cruel and desolating traffic is hopeful and bright. But there is nothing in the reports to encourage apathy, but much to stimulate our most earnest zeal. The church is none too well prepared for the strenuous effort now demanded of her. The traffic will make a deadly struggle to maintain its awful despotism and fatten on the woes and miseries of man. But we can have no doubt as to where God stands in this controversy, and greater is he that is for us than all that are against us." His sympathy with temerance was so great that he did not like to oppose even unwise and exploded methods, and therefore did not speak except when the issue arose. He spoke last at the assembly of 1885, because the assembly persisted that the Scott act was the one effectual means. The senate had proposed certain amendments, which the committee opposed, urging that intemperance would be crushed if they could only get the Scott act. He had seen several such laws relegated to the realm of exploded superstition and prophesied that such would be the fate of the Scott act. His prophesy had come true. After a trial the Scott act had been found to increase intemperance and other sins equally injurious to the body politic. Since the Scott act had been repealed on 40 counties of Ontario intemperance had decreased. The statistics showed that there were 4,700 committments for drunkenness in Ontario during the last year of the Scott Since 1889 these commitments had declined every year, and last year they were only 1,700. Therefore the Scott act increased drunkenness and licensing did a great deal better. The Scott act, based on local option failed when the locality was extended to counties. How much greater would be the failure when it would be extended to the whole Dominion, with its diverse peoples. The result of prohibition was a frightful carnival of intemperance and public and private immorality. The people of Canada would be called on this year to take action, and therefore they should have an intelligent discussion of so momentous a question. SOLID VOTES.

Yet the assembly was oracularly warned that the time for discussion was past and that the members should vote solid on this question. They had sometimes condemned the Church of Rome for a solid vote, but he thought that certain elections showed that the people voted as they thought. (Applause.) A certain church has even told the government that it was solid on the subject. But we are free born and don't intend to abdicate the liberty of free citizens. It is the duty of each man to think for himself and vote intelligently. The franchise is given that citizens may exercise it intelligently and freely. He then refer-red to previous deliverances of the assembly on other subjects. Instru-mental music—(laughter)—had been denounced as unscriptural, as anti-scriptural, and one brother had even been threatened with discipline over a harmonium. (Laughter.) Then there was the question of hymns, human hymns they had been called, and if anyone had been mad enough to propose "amen" there would be short shrift for him. (Great laughter.) Yet here in Knox Church, the high-water mark of orthodoxy-(laughter)-the nigh place of the solemnities of Walter Paul-(great laughter)-there were organs, hymns, and amens. He could organs, hymns, and amens. He could quote dozens of other cases. How often had the inviolability of the confession of faith been upheld, and yet the church in Canada could not write without expunging a whole section. If this is the case with questions within The Safest Drink for Hot Weather.

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the church's own region a fortiori there would be less respect to the assembly on a question which was not in its gion. The assembly could not take the place of press, platform and parlianent without neglecting its own work. (Applause.) The church, if it interferces too prominently, will become partisan. Even now the question had become a football between the two parties. Yet the assembly was challenged to received a report containing sentences that no brother should be asked to adopt, especially when they are so objectionable to others. He objected especially to the sentence, "We can have no doubt as to where God stands on this great question," and it is signed "P. Wright." (Great laughter.) There are other sins on which the church should pronounce, such as impurity, whose effects he had seen as governor of a hospital. Why did not the church denounce political corruption, which was a greater sin than drunkenness? These sins the church should speak on and not on those about which there is such a difference of op-Conscience does not consider prohibition binding. At this point some objection was raised about time, and Principal Grant remarked that he was astonished that the assembly, after listening for hours to one could object to one man upholding the other. He opposed the sentence he complained of as unbrotherly, opposed to the true principle of temperance and liberty of conscience and couched in language which in zeal for the means

forgets the end. THE TIME EXTENDED. As time for adjournment had arrived, Rev. Robt. Johnston, of London, moved that it be extended for another hour, as it would never do for the report to go abroad that the assembly had adjourned without deciding such a question.

Rev. J. B. Mullen-An hour won't I am just boiling over. (Great laughter.) Rev. Mr. Wright, convener, protested that he had never intended any reflection on Principal Grant, but re-

ferred to the controversy. Principal Grant was sorry that Rev. Mr. Wright had not said so before. Rev. Dr. Thompson said he certain-ly regarded the clause as a reflection on himself also, but if the convener would modify it, the objection would prohibition. Speaking, he said, with a be removed.

Rev. Dr. Wright agreed to withdraw the clause and accordingly Principal Grant's anti-prohibition speech came to an end for the moment and the report was declared received.

The recommendations of report were taken up seriatim for adoption. Rev. Dr. Thompson objected to crause four, recommending that generally not less than one-tenth of one's income be given to religious and benevolent purposes.

Rev. Mr. Dey held that the expression was Scriptural, and Dr. Thompson having no seconder, the amendment was dropped. Principal Grant objected to clause five declaring that total legal prohibition is the true goal of all efficient temperance legislation. He moved an amendment emphasizing the evils of strong drink and adding that it was

one of the worthiest aims of Christian philanthropy to reduce these evils by wise legislation. Mr. G. F. Johnson, of Fredericton, seconded the amendment, giving his experience of prohibitory laws in New Brunswick. He said that the eight druggists of Fredericton, who were frequently fined for selling liquor, were as much thought of as any other business men in the city and this showed the disastrous effect upon public opinion of the failure to enforce such a law. Mr. J. B. Mullen strongly supported the clause as it stood, and claimed that the agitation for the Scott and other prohibitory laws had lifted the country

to a higher plane. Principal MacVicar made an eloquent reply to the objection raised by Principal Grant. Mr. Cassils thought they should vote

on prohibition as citizens, but not in the assembly, which had no jurisdiction over the question. Mr. Walter Paul made a brief address in favor of prohibition.
The vote was then taken. Principal

Grant's amendment was defeated by a large majority.

Clause six exhorted people to use every effort to carry the plebiscite in favor of prohibition by an overwhelm-

ing majority. Principal Grant moved in amendment that the assembly urge all its members to vote on this question and to vote intelligently and conscientious ly. He argued that they should not be asked to vote solid on one side, as if it was a sin to vote on the other. Rev. L. H. Jordan seconded the amendment, but it met a similar fate to the other. The report was adopted.



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