

and danger of any such development become apparent."

There was another phase of Dr. Potts' public life which had not yet been touched upon, and I made haste to bring it up by reference to the particularly lively interest now being taken in the temperance crusade. The fire of the ardent reformer was in his eye as he said to me:

"For fifty years I have been an advocate of temperance. My first speech in public was on behalf of that cause, and was made when I was still in my teens. A poor thing, no doubt, but the best that I could do, and my whole heart went into it. I believe that there is no country in which the temperance sentiment has grown more rapidly than in Canada, and especially in the Province of Ontario. For proof of this see the remarkable change in regard to the use of wine at public dinners and banquets. There have been recent instances, especially in college functions, of intoxicants being entirely absent from the table. I am inclined to think that the more zealous of our temperance friends fail to appreciate this notable change for the better. It is my belief that nowhere else than in this Province could the experiment of prohibition be more safely tried."

"What then is your opinion of the recent vote on the referendum?"

"I think the vote on the referendum can only be construed as a notice to quit so far as the bar-room and the treating system are concerned, and, that it is therefore incumbent upon the Government to take definite steps toward abating that form of the evil."

Decision Day.

EASTER Sunday is Decision Day in our homes and Sunday Schools.

Arrangements have been made for special meetings to be held during the week, culminating in a special effort in the schools next Sunday afternoon, to have the thought of the young people individually and specifically directed to the great question of personal salvation, and to getting them to decide to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Master.

It is therefore a week of great solemnity and of great feeling of responsibility on the part of the conscientious teacher. In so far as the object of con-

stant prayer and effort on the part of each teacher has been, "My Class for Jesus," in just that proportion will there be intensity of prayer and effort during these days culminating in next Sunday. That it will be prayer and effort amounting to a very Gethsemane of agony in some cases is only to be expected from those who next Sunday will face their individual scholars with the question, "Will you accept Jesus as your Saviour and Master and serve Him from this hour?" Upon the love, the tenderness, the faithfulness, the spiritual power with which that question is asked, will depend the eternal welfare of many a boy and girl, of many a young man and young woman. God help every teacher to take the means to be endued with spiritual power.

But we advisedly put the home before the Sunday School in speaking at the beginning of this article of the effort to be made. We put the home first, we say. Why? Because God has put it first and keeps it first in his thought and his plan for the conversion of young people. It is not the Sunday School, but the home, that in the plan of God is the place for the inception of spiritual life, and for the nurture of spiritual life after it has been received. It is not on the Sunday School teacher but on the parent—upon you, father, and you, mother—that God has devolved the most sacred and important duty and privilege of which He has created you capable, the duty and privilege of guiding the footsteps of your children into the paths of peace. If the Sunday School teachers are bending their prayers and their efforts all the year round in general, but this week in particular, to the bringing of your children, your children, into the Flock of the Good Shepherd to be hereafter led by him and saved by him, how ought your prayers to ascend, how ought your efforts, your personal efforts, be given to make their work certain or even possible of the very best results. We pity that man or that woman, that parent so immersed in business or pleasure, or both, as not to feel, in this crucial week, poignantly and practically, agony for souls, agony for the souls of the children committed to him or her with the opportunities and influences of home. It is an indisputable fact that the children, the young men and women, who will this week and next Sunday be most likely to step over the line, and take Christ as a personal Saviour are those who have been prayed

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