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REV. THOMAS GALES.

The friends of Temperance all over the Dominion will learn with deep sorrow of the death of this active and successful worker in the cause of Prohibition. The sad event was not unexpected, as Brother Gales has been suffering from severe illness for a long time. He died at his home in Montreal on Wednesday last. He had been Secretary of the Dominion Alliance for the suppression of the liquor traffic ever since the formation of that organization, and was identified with various other societies working towards the same great end. His loss will be painfully felt by his many fellow-workers, who have always held him in the highest esteem.

THE COFFEE HOUSE MOVEMENT.

This Modern department of Temperance enterprise is having a career of most remarkable success. It is based upon the common-sense idea of supplying what the public requires, without associating with this supply dangerous and powerful attractions towards what is ruinous and vile. The effort to accomplish this has met with a hearty response from thousands who highly appreciate the benefits that have thus been conferred upon them, and the scheme has proved not merely a philanthropic enterprise, but a profitable financial undertaking.

The Toronto Coffee House Association has just closed the first full year of its operations, and is, we understand, in a position to declare a fair dividend on the invested capital. We congratulate the management upon what they have achieved, and wish them even greater success in their future efforts.

The saloon and tavern have a strong hold upon a certain class of men in the provision they make for gratifying social tastes and instincts. There is an enormous population in our cities and towns who live in lodgings and boarding houses, where they are entirely deprived of the comforts and associations of home. In their craving for companionship and social intercourse they are impelled towards the drinking resorts that shrewdly make provision for the gratification of these desires, and so draw within range of their unholy temptations thousands who would never enter a saloon if some other place offered them the same social privileges and enjoyments. Here is a direction in which our Coffee House Association may find a wide field of usefulness and even of profit. Thus far they

have done comparatively little for the public beyond the supplying of refreshments. They could and should do much in the way of ministering to the social instinct. Reading-rooms, conversation-rooms, rooms for games and entertainments, facilities of every sort for innocent recreation and rest might be provided at an outlay that would soon be repaid in the increase of business that would be secured and then the Coffee house would really be in a position to compete with the drinking places that find it pays to furnish all this and a great deal more. We are pleased to learn that some such scheme is being considered, and earnestly hope the T. C. H. A. will see that it is its duty and interest to do more than has yet been done in this direction. It is also to be regretted that accommodation is not supplied for horse as well as man, so that people driving in from the country may be under no necessity to visit liquor selling taverns. For a similar reason it might be well if sleeping accommodation were also provided.

We gladly publish on another page part of an exceedingly interesting account of the movement in this city which was written by Rev. P. McF. Macleod, to whose energetic and self-denying efforts much of the success of the T. C. H. A. is due.

TEMPERANCE INSURANCE.

We published a couple of weeks ago an article upon temperance insurance, in which it was stated that nothing of the sort had yet been done in Canada outside the various temperance beneficiary societies. Since then we have received a letter from Mr. F. Santcliffe, of Montreal, Manager of the British Empire Mutual Life Assurance Company, in which he states that the company named is doing business precisely on the lines indicated by us. We are pleased to learn that such is the case. A temperance section will soon be an indispensable feature of every life-insurance organization that has total abstainers among its policy holders. The best lives will not continue paying high rates for the benefit of the worst, and companies cannot afford to do business with the worst lives only. Why can we not have a company on a temperance basis? If a temperance section is good, would not a temperance company be better, cheaper for insurers, and more profitable for the promoters? Meantime we wish our Montreal friends every success, and shall be happy to publish any facts they can give us in relation to the success of their enterprise.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND TEMPERANCE SOCIETY IN CANADA.

INTERVIEW WITH ONE OF THE LEADING SPIRITS IN THE MOVEMENT HERE—THE PROGRESS OF THE SOCIETY'S OPERATIONS—MAKING VOTES FOR PROHIBITION—PLANS AND PROSPECTS.

A representative of THE CITIZEN called the other day on Dr. Snelling, the well-known barrister of this city, to learn of the progress of the work, which that gentleman, for some few months past, has been undertaking in connection with the Church of England Temperance Society.

In June last, Dr. Snelling began a series of letters to the press in various parts of the Province, as well as in Toronto, with the object of stirring up the heart and touching the conscience of the public, particularly aiming, however, to reach and influence members of Christian Churches to form local associations and Bands of Hope for the children, in connection with the Church of England Temperance Society. Reference was made in THE CANADA CITIZEN some weeks ago to the attention which had been aroused by one of the Doctor's letters in the *Globe*, and which had drawn forth quite a large number of personal replies strongly in favor of prohibition of the liquor traffic.

"What has been the effect of your published letters?" the CITIZEN asked.

"I have been astonished at the results," replied Doctor Snelling. "I have been laid aside by illness for a couple of weeks, but I am informed that of the 102 parishes within the Anglican Diocese of Toronto quite a number have reported the organization of branches