

TEMPERANCE.

THE PROHIBITION QUESTION.

A Sermon Delivered by the Rev. James Simpson, M. A., at St. Peter's Cathedral, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

(CONTINUED.)

But while I oppose prohibition for the reasons here given, I feel strongly that something ought immediately to be done to check the drink habit in our midst. And why should every effort on behalf of temperance be left to one extreme party? Have no others the courage of their convictions? Are there no honest men and women among us, who, although they cannot vote for prohibition are yet ready to combine in order to suppress the evil of intemperance? Or is every one to be content with saying: "It is dreadful to see the drinking that is going on?" and never raise a helping hand against it? It is dreadful, but talking will not stop it. Neither will Prohibition stop it. Prohibition means worse liquor and more expensive to those who can pay for it—free, as it was under the Scott Act, to those who can terrorize the liquor dealer—but it does not mean no liquor, and the man who drinks to excess now will continue to drink no matter what law is enacted. Here, by the way, are some statistics, taken from the American Cyclopaedia, so I presume they are reliable. The state of Maine has had a prohibitory liquor law ever since 1856. In 1863, after it had been in force 25 years, the number of convictions for drunkenness in the 14 cities of the State was 17 per 1000 of the population. During the first year of our present liquor law, the convictions in Charlottetown were only 15½ per 1000, while during the last year of the Scott Act they were 21½ per 1000. Since July of this year the average has been lower still, except for the month of September, when on account of the exhibition and farmers getting money for their crops, the convictions were much more numerous.

What I propose, therefore, is that we organize for the reform of the present law, by limiting the number of bars and imposing such restrictions as shall appear advisable from time to time, also that we endeavor to influence people not to offer wine at their entertainments—that would remove a great temptation and interfere very little with conviviality. Then, too, pledges might be taken, not necessarily total abstinence ones, but after the principle of the Church of England Temperance Society, such as "not to drink at bars," "not to treat," "not to drink between meals," "not to touch spirits." I am quite certain that if we would only combine together to carry out those principles, we could do much to lessen the evil of intemperance without resorting to extreme measures, which are all too likely to injure the cause they professedly espouse. But if no such combination can be effected, then we must expect to see all who are zealous for the cause of temperance vote for Prohibition, in the hope that it

may somehow or other prove a remedy.

And I would remind you, in conclusion, that we each have a great responsibility in this matter, and if we stand idly by and make no attempt to improve the present condition of affairs, if we will not put out a helping hand to our weaker brethren in distress, then our brothers' blood will cry unto God from the ground, and we shall surely be held guilty in His sight. From which awful fate may God in His mercy deliver us. Amen.

A REMARKABLE CASE.

THE STRANGE EXPERIENCE OF WM. R. HALL, OF ALDERSHOT.

He Was Thought to be at Death's Door, and the Medicines of a Continent had Failed—A Final Effort to Regain Health was made, and he is to-day Alive, Strong, and in Good Health.

From the Hamilton Herald.

One of the most attractive places in the county of Wentworth is the little village of Aldershot, situated on what is known as the Plains road, about five miles from the city of Hamilton. One of the best known residents of the village and surrounding country is Captain Hall, who has represented the Township of East Flamboro in the Municipal Council for a number of years, and who, with his family, is held in the highest esteem by all who know them. Recently a reporter of the *Herald* visited the home of Captain Hall for the purpose of investigating a story to the effect that one of the captain's sons had been restored to health in a wonderful manner after having suffered since boyhood from apoplectic fits. On arriving at his destination the reporter found the genial captain, his wife, daughter and three sons constituted the family. Of the three stalwart young men it was impossible to pick out the one who had for so many years been such a sufferer, but the captain settled all doubts by referring me to "Will." William R. Hall, more familiarly known as Will, presented the appearance of a hearty young man about 30 years of age. His story is briefly related as follows: He had been a sufferer from fits from his sixth birthday, a childish fright being supposed to have been the original cause. For years he would fall down anywhere without being in the least able to help himself; the doctors from Hamilton and various distant points were in vain called in attendance. Medicines were procured from numerous sources in Canada, the United States, and even from England, without avail. The boy became so utterly helpless that seven years ago he was compelled to keep his bed, and until a year ago was completely helpless. The fits sometimes came on him so severely that he would suffer from as many as fifteen in one day, and at such times it was so difficult for him to get his breath that his nurses had to wash him with liquor. At this time he was so low that the neighbors who dropped in to see him expected to hear of his death almost any moment.

This continued until about a year ago, when the newspaper articles relating the wonderful cures by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills induced Mr. Hall to give them a trial, and to the great satisfaction of himself and his friends he began to mend not long after beginning their use, and in three or four months was sufficiently recovered to be able to go out of doors. He continued taking the pills, and for the past six months has been as strong and about as well as either of his brothers, and has attended to the stock and done his share of the work on his father's farm and fruit garden. Before Mr. Hall began taking the Pink Pills he was so thin and light that one of his brothers could carry him upstairs without the least difficulty, but he has since gained fifty pounds in weight. He has not taken any other medicine since he began taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and although a fit of a very mild nature occasionally comes on him now, he is so nearly cured that his father took great pleasure in giving the information here recorded. "It is over a month since I had a spell," said William as the reporter was leaving, "and even when I do have one now it is not nearly so hard as before I began to take the Pink Pills. The neighbors look surprised to see me drive over to Hamilton, as I frequently do, for they all thought I would die long ago. I am pleased at the wonderful progress I have made, and am very glad my experience is to be published, as it may be of value to some one else."

Every statement in this article may be verified by a visit to the home of Captain Hall, ex-councillor of East Flamboro, who has resided on the Plains road for the past eighteen years, and whose word is as good as his bond among those who know him. The reporter also had a conversation with several of Captain Hall's neighbors, and the story of William Hall's recovery was verified to his full satisfaction.

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