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London, Thursday, March 3.

AN OFFER OF FINANCIAL AID AND ITS IMPORTANCE.

The ADVERTISER has received the following letter from an esteemed reader:

To the Editor of the ADVERTISER:

582 Waterloo Street.

It appears that the Hon. Ernest John (3) intends to stick to the seat fairly belonging to Mr. C. S. Hyman, M.P.—that is, if he can—and there can be no doubt that every possible effort will be made to strain the law in his favor. Mr. Hyman must be having a pretty anxious time in his endeavors not only to claim his own personal rights but the rights of the citizens of London. I think we ought to help him to bear the heavy burden and encourage him as much as possible. The financial load cannot be light, and I think those whose battle he is fighting should at least shoulder this part. Many pockets make expenses light. If the citizens, Liberal or otherwise, are in sympathy with this idea, I shall be glad to contribute \$5 to the fund. Yours truly, GEO. W. ARMSTRONG.

London, March 2.

Mr. Armstrong's voice sentiments which have been freely prevalent since election day. There can be no doubt that if the principal friends of Mr. Hyman, who, with him, have so far borne the financial responsibilities of the struggle for popular rights, were to make a direct public appeal for aid to defend their just cause, the response would be most liberal. That they have not done so is no indication that additional funds are not required. Everybody knows that electoral campaigns cannot be carried on for nothing, and that the necessary expenditure must fall heavily on those who subscribe if their numbers are limited.

The struggle of Mr. Hyman and his friends to maintain popular rights has been unusually expensive. In the first place, there was the unnecessary protest that a few members of the Conservative party deemed should take place. Though in the election of 1887 Mr. Hyman was only defeated by 39, and there was good evidence to show that Mr. Carling could then have been unseated, the popular young representative accepted his defeat gracefully, and refrained from bringing on the city a bye-election, even though the chances of his success were good. When, last March, Mr. Carling was defeated by 183, every reasonable man in the city believed that he and his friends would follow the example of Mr. Hyman and his supporters and accept a defeat like mine. But it was deemed otherwise, and the long and expensive trial came on. Mr. Hyman was unseated through no fault of his own. Under the new law, he could not have been unseated, for it was not proved that corrupt influences generally prevailed in the election. As the Conservative Toronto Telegram said, on reviewing the evidence, the election was conducted with as much purity as any city election ever is.

Next came the large expenditure necessitated by the revision of the voters' lists that were found, after years of government neglect, to be a fearful mess. The expense was greatly added to by the quibbling of the lawyers hired by the Conservative Association to, if possible, prevent the bad Conservative names being scored off, and to keep off qualified Liberal voters. No one needs to be reminded of the iniquity and its results.

Though the Liberals followed out the demands of the revising officer in every respect, though two courts, embracing seven judges, have unanimously decreed that the original notices to the bad Conservative names were in every sense good; though the revising officer—an active friend of Mr. Carling—struck off the bad names; though, minus these bad names, Mr. Carling and his friends were in the minority by 16 on election night—despite all these facts an attempt is still in progress to deprive Mr. Hyman of his rights, and to practically declare that the minority and not the majority shall rule.

As our correspondent so aptly puts it, the defense of popular rights by Mr. Hyman—"the Little Giant," a friend of ours—dubs the M. P. for London—is costing a great deal of money. The funds so far required have been cheerfully provided, but Mr. Hyman's friends make no secret that more is needed, and that they have no Red Parlor to put up funds for them.

The ADVERTISER believes that Mr. Armstrong's \$5 will be gladly received by Mr. Geo. M. Reid, treasurer of the Liberal Association, or by Mr. John C. Treble, merchant, Dundas Street, treasurer of the Young Men's Liberal Club. It is not a matter with which we have direct concern,

and we have no authority to throw out the suggestion, but it is certainly the evidence of popular indignation if every citizen who wishes Mr. Hyman well in his defense of popular rights, who believes in fair play, who has no liking for legal quibbling, would cheerfully lend his aid to Mr. Hyman. We tell the friends of trade freedom in London that but for the liberal provision of money for legal expenditures necessary to secure fair play in the Court of Revision and out of it, instead of having a clear majority of sixteen for Mr. Hyman, they would have had the voters' list so fixed that the trade restrictionists would have a majority of several hundreds.

The widow's mite bestowed in a good cause was counted more than the rich man's dole. So, in the defense of popular rights we doubt not that the men responsible for foot-ling the necessary expenditures will gladly receive any sum contributed with a cheerful heart. We know that Mr. Hyman and his friends do not like to talk money, but we believe it is needed and that it will be expended for a good purpose. Let the subscription be purely voluntary. No canvassing should be necessary.

LAW AND COMMON SENSE.

The 125 votes by which Mr. Carling is counted in were declared not entitled to vote by Mr. Fraser. Their cases were all cases which their counsel practically abandoned on their merits. They were made up of three classes:

1. Those who attended and by their own admission were disqualified.

2. Those who disobeyed the subpoenas to attend a ground given by the act for removal and acted upon as to both sides. In these cases the names stood over wherever requested, and a second opportunity was given the parties. On the second call on subpoenas Conservative and Liberal alike went off.

3. Those as to whom prima facie evidence was given to strike off the list and either no evidence or insufficient evidence offered to retain.

Judge Elliot distinctly laid down the rule that he would not issue subpoenas or go into any new evidence whatsoever, so that the only real appeal as to any of these was based upon the invalidity of the notice, and that is the only thing for which judgment was reserved.

Here we have people declared disqualified by the revising officer, and whose names he has struck off, people who are themselves appealing on this technical ground to be placed on again, treated by the returning officer as if on the list instead of off.

Why are they appealing to get on if their votes count when off?

Is it not about that Mr. Hyman after succeeding in court after court should be treated as if he had lost his case instead of having won it?

TWO SIGNIFICANT DECLARATIONS.

The announcement of Senator Boulton, a North-West Conservative leader, that he can no longer support Mr. Abbott's Government because it has failed to purify the Dominion Cabinet and because of its pernicious trade policy, has caused a sensation in Parliament. Senator Boulton is no doubt a type of many members of the Conservative party, who are only restrained, by strong party affiliations, from speaking their minds and taking a stand for the right.

Here in the West, we have had one notable instance of the effect of the trade restriction policy on an able journalistic mind. Mr. T. M. White, editor and proprietor of the Windsor Review, has retired from that paper, giving, among other reasons, the following:

"I am no longer wholly in accord with the policy of the Conservative party, of whose principles the Review, since its foundation many years ago, has been the faithful exponent of our position as a people."

Has brought me to the conclusion that a sweeping organic change is necessary to insure to Canadians the full enjoyment of the advantages which should be theirs by their geographical situation on the North American continent.

"The Conservative party, true to its name, wish no change, and our leaders wish to believe that any change would be to our disadvantage."

Entertaining opinions, therefore, on this question, wholly at variance with those held by the leaders of the party to which I have been attached since boyhood, I am not averse to retiring from a position in which I would have to suppress my real sentiments, and in which I could not do justice to the Conservative party."

Mr. White feels that he can no longer support trade restriction. He puts it strongly, too. The N. P. "has egregiously failed," he says, "commercially as well as politically," while there is no doubt that farmer, merchant and mechanic and everybody who does not belong to a ring or a combine are burdened by the increased and unnecessary taxation. "Those who vote for the Government," he adds, "are actually voting money out of their own pockets and into the pockets of the Manufacturers' Association to enable that body to fasten the collar of servitude more securely about the necks of themselves and their neighbors." This is a strong arraignment coming from a man who has been working in the Conservative interests for many years. The point has never been put with greater strength by any member of the Liberal party. We cannot doubt that there are many Conservatives who fully share this Conservative editor's views. Are they not, in duty bound, to come out into the open, and call for a change? The country needs it, and elections carried by the despotic agencies resorted to by the allies of the combine do not belie the assertion.

A Little Boy Burned to Death.

STRAUGHAN, N. Y., March 2.—Mrs. Patrick Callahan looked her two children in the house this morning and came down town. The 4-year-old girl played with the fire and soon the house was in flames. The 3-year-old son was burned to death and the girl badly burned before the neighbors could get into the house.

## TOPICS OF TO-DAY.

A French company is now building a street car line in Tashkent, the capital of Russian Turkestan, where, not very many years ago, any white man who had visited the place would have lost his head.

Referring to the attempt to steal Mr. Hyman's seat from him, the Windsor Record says: "The people of Canada will watch with interest the result of this scandalous procedure in London, and in the interest of decency and decorum will pray against a repetition of it heaven forbid us."

A remarkable piece of engineering work is the tunnel of the Panama Oroya Railroad through an Andean mountain peak at Galera, Peru. It is at an elevation of 600 feet above the perpetual snow line, and is to be 3,847 feet long. It is the highest railroad tunnel in the world and is located in the highest inhabited region in the world. The town of Galera is 15,636 feet above the sea level, nearly 1,500 feet higher than the hotel on the top of Pike's Peak.

Not the least important of the professors in the Baptist university at Chicago, though perhaps the youngest, is A. Alonso Stagg, who will be in charge of the department of physical culture and the gymnasium. Mr. Stagg has gained a twofold reputation as a crack college ball player and athlete, and a prominent figure in the Young Men's Christian Association. He is an earnest young man of 23, interested in his work, and capable, from all accounts, of filling his chair in the university with as much credit as he filled the "points" of the Yale diamond.

A biographer of Phillips Brooks, writing from personal acquaintance with the distinguished Massachusetts divine, says that he has always been a notably diffident man, distrustful of his ability. It is rather singular that Mrs. Beecher, in her memoirs, makes practically the same statement about the great Brooklyn preacher. Diffidence is so rare a virtue nowadays among men of genius, with whom it used to be proverbially associated, that it is interesting to find the same biographer of Bishop Brooks says that when he first took orders in the church he appeared to be overcome by the responsibility he had assumed.

THE DUTY ON BARLEY.

American Malsters and Brewers Ap- pealing for Its Repeal.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Strong efforts are being made to reduce the rate of duty imposed on barley and malt by the McKinley Bill. The tariff is now 30 cents on barley and 45 cents on malt, against 10 and 25 cents respectively before the McKinley law went into effect. Representative Fitch law is in effect. Representative Fitch law is in effect. Representative Fitch law is in effect.

He and Representative Lockwood and Charles Stadler, ex-Senator of New York, representing the State Brewers and Malsters Association, appeared before a sub-committee of the House in advocacy of the bill. Mr. Stadler said the McKinley Bill had ruined malting in New York State. The tariff was absolutely prohibitory. Out of seventeen malt houses in the city only three are running, and these are not paying. Every endeavor is being made to keep politics out of the question, and Senators Hill and Hiseox are quoted in favor of a reduction in the duties. Ex-Senator Sloan, of Oswego, as well as many Democrats from different parts of the State, are working for the bill, and the brewers and malsters of New York State and New York city are very much interested in it. There is considerable chance for its passage.

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