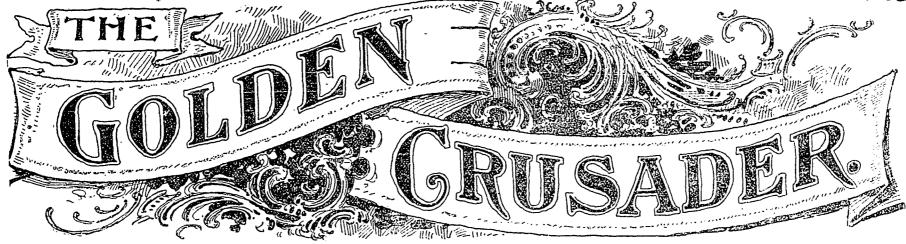
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A MERRY CHRISMAS.

The Crusader wishes all its readers a very Merry Chrismas. In very land the Eng., will be read with interest: feeling of Chrismastide opens the hearts and pockets of men, who often think but little of the Founder of the Feast in all the glad time. Christmas with all its its happy mirth, brings with it however, a sense of heart sadness, as we look upon the riot and waste committed in memory (save the word) of the birth of Christ. Temperance men and women have much to sadden them at this season, and much to do The old drinking customs are gradually dying out but still there is a great deal to be done in lessening Christmas excess. The problem is how is this to be accomplished. Only one answer presents itself, by Christian temperance men and women living "more nearly as they pray," and drinking more deeply of the love of Him whose birth they delight to honor. Thus will they "widen the skirts of light and make the struggle with darkness narrower."

ILLICIT LIQUOR SELLERS.

Recently several persons who thought they might venture to evade the prosecured against him with a \$50 penalty in each case. He has cleared out. There were four Richmond cases; two against a man named Louis Houdoin, who lives in the D'Harnais house, opposite Mr. C. N. Desaulniers. He made confession and was fined the full penalty in both cases. He is a poor man with a motherless was given the choice of paying, going to atives in parliament, and the legislatures, jail, or clearing out of Richmond. He will migrate. The other two cases were men and teachers. In this fight we against John H. Dyson, who has been "war not against flesh and blood, but suspected of vending liquor at his caragainst principalities and powers, against penter's shop. One case was proven spiritual wickedness in high places." The and the usual fine of \$50 imposed; in the great objects for which we war are not other case the testimony was very direct only bare morality and decency, but the as to the sale to the witness summoned. immortal souls of men, and women being all grades of society, the poorer predom-Noel, a former hotelkeeper, and one of the two Noel brothers who so cohol. Remember we are responsible for brutally assaulted Mr. Geo. Goodhue these, that we every one of us helps sell time and swore that Dyson refused to give the witness liquor. Noel got several drinks himself; but said they were and to show the accused trade by legalizing the sale, some time ago, was in the shop at the them the damming poison as long as we give the witness liquor. Noel got several the accused trade by legalizing the sale, People's Home were among the first ar-drinks himself; but said they were and to share the spoils by licensing the rivals. The floral tributes included one Dyson treats and were not paid for. As traffic. Let us then be up and doing. from the children inscribed 'Father,' it was one witness against another, the Strong in the Lord and the fear of His magistrate gave Dyson the benefit of might, and ere long victory will be ours, the doubt saying, however, that he let who will say us nay.

Tilley placed a wreath of white chrysanthemums on the casket, which was of believed the evidence of the first witness. This case was dismissed.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union, who have a lot of old judgments standing against the former hotelkeepers of Richmond, has since collected one of these fines of \$50 from George Noel, for the reason that he had broken faith with the temperance party by encouraging and endeavoring to shield another offender of the illicit sale fraternity in the cases

cited above. It is true the prohibitory law is violated in Richmond, no one will attempt to deny it. But will anyone point out any other law upon the statute books which is more effectively enforced, and whose offenders are more certain of detection and conviction? What's true of Richmond might as easily be made true of any other county, city or province in Canada. Prohibition can be enforced.

MONTREAL WITNESS.

ALARM FROM ENGLAND.

The following cablegram from London,

London, Dec. 7.-A deputation from the United Kingdom Templars to-day visited Sir William Vernon Harcourt, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to urge him to use his influence with the Government to have the direct veto bill given first place in the House of Commons at the next session. The Chancellor said that the Government meant to prosecute the measure with all the resources at their disposal and it hoped to see a successful issue. Mr. Gladstone, he added, concurred in the opinion that the day was not far distant when the Government would accomplish the wishes of the temperance party.

This is not only interesting it is encouraging. If a direct veto bill can be introduced in England, why not in Canada, "Faint heart never won fair lady," and unless we attempt something great we shall win nothing great. It is no use to dream of the halcyon period when "shall dawn the poets golden day." Old Pindar hundreds of years ago told us in his odes "If there be any good thing amongst mankind, without hard work, it comes not," and truth then is hibitory law, in force in Richmond truth now. Temperance societies and County, have found that that kind of an organizations must do something more experiment is a very dangerous one. Na-poleon Roux, of Tingwick, convicted for and arrange pleasant evenings for the selling during the exhibition day at Dan-consumption of cake and tea, and the ville was fined \$40 and costs. Thos. Be-execution (too often literal) of songs and dard, of Asbestos, had three convictions music. If their convictions are worth holding they are worth fighting for. Before any veto bill can be submitted, there must be a change in public opinion. Temperance men and women must add working to praying. They must go to the polls, and vote for the city councillors who are not dominated by the saloon keepers and the liquor men. They must family, but a good robust workman. He elect temperance men as their representdestroyed by the thousand through al-

Personal Notice.

The many friends of the Rev. Father by the Rev. T. C. Desbarres. The pall-Murphy, the Gold Cure priest of Monbeares included Mayor Fleming. A treal, will learn with pleasure of his large crowd gathered at the residence recovery from a severe illness, brought and vicinity. Six police officers bore the on by want of rest and over-exertion, coffin to the hearse. The order of the The dauntless Apostle of Temperance cortege was: Two hundred boys of the has been on a lecturing tour to Halifax, St. John's, etc., and, as usual, was being ed, the hearse, the family, the City welcomed by enthusiastic audiences. Council, friends and citizens in carriages, Few know the extent of the reverend and citizens on foot. gentleman's charities, few are aware of The late Mr. Howland was born at the vast amount of good which is ac- Lambton Mills, in the county of York, complished in the great cause of tem- in 1844, and was a son of Sir W. P. How-

PROHIBITION.

Opponents of the Ontario plebeseite, and of prohibition are busy proclaiming that prohibition has proved itself a failure, but where is their proof. Allowing that out of those who at present, use and abuse alcohol, only ten per cent were reformed by prohibition, that would be a glorious work, but experience shows that he abolition of the traffic means more than this. It means that the young generation grows up free from the temptation of the saloon, and its accompanying evils, without the taste for strong drink, or the fatal knowledge of its evil effects. This is evidenced by a glance at the newer states of the great Union to our south. In Texas, Nebraska, and other States it is this absence of saloons and of the traffic which causes the rising generation to be at strong minded, temperate race, and which frees their vast territories from so many of the awful crimes engendered by that of drunkeness. The Maine laws may have been violated, but notwitstanding all that has been said, (and more has been said than can be proved) they have been great blessings. The prohibitionists of Manitoba and the North West are extracted from New England sources, and it is the reminiscence of beneficent work done by prohibition in Maine, which causes them to desire to see prohibitory laws in the North West and Manitoba.

MR. W. H. HOWLAND, DEAD.

The temperance cause has lost a warm supporter in the person of Mr. W. H. Howland, ex-mayor of Toronto, who died on December 12. The last illness arose from a cold contracted in the end of November, which developed in an attack of la grippe and pneumonia. On Sunday, December 10, his condition became precarious, and though a slight improvement took place on the Monday it was evident on Tuesday morning that he was gradually sinking, and death claimed him shortly after one o'clock in the afternoon. His death bed was surrounded by his friends. The funeral took place on Thursday 14.

During the morning of the day hundreds of Toronto's citizens of all classes, inating, took a last look at their lamented friend ex-mayor Howland as the remains lay at Sir Wm, P. Howland's, father of another inscribed 'Our Brother.' Lady themums on the casket, which was of red cedar covered with black cloth. The funeral service was conducted at the house by the Rev. Dr. McTavish and the Hon. Rev. R. Moreton; at Neoropolis Industrial School, which deceased found-

tered his father's business, and in 1872 work.

organized the Queen City Insurance Company, becoming its president. He held many responsible positions in counection with the Toronto Board of Trade the Millers' and Manufacturers' company, and the Dominion Manufacturers' association. He was a strong supporter of the National policy and also supported Sir Oliver Mowat. He was greatly interested in philanthropic work and the temperance movement, in which he became interested when the Dunkin act was submitted to the electors of Toronto in 1877. He was identified with the work of the Toronto hospital, the Eye and Ear infirmary, the Fever hospital, the Lying in hospital, the Industrial school, the Mercer reformatory, the Toronto Mission union, the Prisoners Ail association and many other kindred institutions. He was twice elected Mayer of Toronto, in 1886 and 1887, being placed in nomination by the temperance workers of the city. He was married in 1873 to Miss Laura Chipman, a sister of the wife of Sir Leonard Tilley, who, with several children, survives him.

AMONGST THE INSTITUTES.

The Gold Cure last Christmas season took \$12,000 out of the saloons in Montreal. This year it is expected that the amount will be at least ten times as much.

Archbishop O'Brien, of Halifax, said recently that "the Gold Cure is a great and noble work. It was the finest institution that ever came into the town.' On the Sunday before Father Murphy's lecture all the churches in Halifax endorsed his work, and Rev. Dr. Murphy. at the Roman Catholic Cathedral, recommended it, telling the people it was their duty to send those requiring treatment to the institutes.

The Quebec institute is doing admirably. Since the lamented death of Dr. Arthur de Blois. Dr. MacKay represents the institutes entirely.

Father Murphy contemplates opening at St. John, N. B., at a very early date. During his recent visit he was waited on by a deputation of influential citizens. including le comte de Beuri, Dr. Travers, and Dr. McInnerny, who besought to establish an institute there. Arch. Me-Sweeney stated that he would do all hi could to encourage the good work when commenced.

Dr. Mackenzie the medical superintendent of the Gold Cure Institute, at St. John, Newfoundland, has been elected a member of the Legislature of the Ancient Colony on the prohibition ticket.

Father Murphy has calls to lecture from all parts of the country.

Ottawa Institute under the genial management of Mr. John Taylor continues to prosper. From 15 to 20 graduates pass through every month, all who can remaining in touch with the institute. Concerts, reunions, and other similar modes of keeping up the graduates interest in the work are of constant recurence, and are largely attended the members and convalescents taking part. In Ottawa the boon of the cure has been properly appreciated, and like

"Gentle due from heaven Upon the earth beneath, it is twice blest, It blesseth him who gives and him who takes."

Speaking of the Gold Cure the day perance by this zealous and gifted priest. land. He received his earlier education after Father Murphy's lecture, the Cana-His institutes stand and flourish, monu- at the Toronto academy, subsequently dian Recorder says: "The universal ments of his marvellous success through attending the Upper Canada college and opinion of the people is that it is a blessthe enterprise and noble work performed the Model Grammar School, where he ing to the community, and it is evident by Father Murphy and his associates in remained until he was sixteen. He en- that Father Murphy's heart is in the