

The Roman Catholic Bishops on Liquor Sellers.

Since the decision of Mgr. Satolli, the Pope's delegate to America, confirming Bishop Watterson's determination to withhold church blessings and privileges from Roman Catholic benevolent societies having liquor sellers among their principal officers, the whole question is exciting more interest both in the pale of the Roman Catholic Church and out of it than ever before.

Archbishop Ireland, archbishop at St. Paul, and one of the ablest and most respected bishops in the States, is strongly with the new decision. He has been an active temperance worker for years and now declares his intention of going in more strongly for the enactment of prohibition laws than ever before. He declares his conviction, after many years' experience, that to try and stop drunkenness by moral suasion merely, allowing the selling to go on as before, is a serious waste of time and effort. The Bishop of Minneapolis is with him in his advanced position.

The New York Voice has sent out a circular letter to a number of the leading bishops on the question, and has published a number of the answers, a summary of which we give here for the information of the HOME GUARD readers:

Bishop McGlorick, of Duluth, writes that Mgr. Satolli's ruling is worthy of all praise. He says: "I have always taught that the saloon is a dangerous place both for the keeper and his victims. The ideal saloon, where conversation is pure, the visitors temperate, and religion is held in honor, has yet to be found. The whole liquor traffic is bad, ruinous to our people, and subversive to law and order."

Bishop Messmer, Green Bay, Wis., writes: "Last December I published a diocesan regulation forbidding our church congregations to elect saloon keepers to the office of trustee or of secretary or of treasurer of such congregations. I fully agree with the spirit of the Satolli regulation and the principles underlying it." The bishop, however, draws a pretty fine line between manufacturers and wholesale dealers in liquors and saloon keepers. To most persons it would seem evident that all are in the same boat, and each fully responsible for his share in the business.

Bishop S. J. O'Connell, of Omaha, issued recently a pastoral letter exhorting the members to total abstinence and commending Roman Catholic temperance societies. In it he said: "In every city and large town are found low drinking houses where rough characters congregate. The language and conduct of the frequenters of such places need not be described. The moral atmosphere of these places is reeking with corruption. They are the plague-spots from which death and desolation are carried into the surrounding neighborhood. The man who begins to frequent one of these places may be regarded as lost to his family, to his country and to his God. I most earnestly exhort all the faithful to shun these places and to have as little as possible to do with those who are responsible for their existence. Bring a healthy public opinion to bear on these enemies of God and man, and it will eventually compel them to give up this nefarious business, or it will at least drive them out of the neighborhood that has been cursed by their presence."

Bishop Michand, of Vermont, says that as "Vermont is a strong prohibition State, the laws being very stringent and usually enforced, we have no reason to be disturbed on that question in this land of pure water and pure air."

Bishop Hennessey, of Kansas, and Bishop Fink, of the same State, take very much the same position, and for the same reasons, though they approve of the decision published.

The Southwest, a liquor organ, says: "It seems to us that of all the opposition to the saloon that has ever developed in this country, this is the one likely to produce the greatest effect if followed out to its logical conclusion."

The Pro-Slavery Parallel.

It has been a subject of frequent remark how similar were the "arguments" in defence of slavery, when it existed, to those defending the legalized existence of the drink traffic to-day. Scripture texts were then found in favor of slavery. The example of righteous men was referred to, the teachings of the New Testament, and all that. Now, however, that laws prohibit negro slavery, both in Britain and America, no such teachings would be tolerated, either by our pulpits or press.

Boswell, the celebrated biographer of Dr. Samuel Johnson, gives a capital illustration of the parallel "arguments" in his great biography. That was written while negro slavery was still a legalized institution in England. Much as he admired Johnson he could not help characterizing him as a crank on the great slavery question. Boswell then went on to argue as follows for slavery, as it then existed. How much they remind us of the arguments in behalf of "vested rights" and "personal liberty" on the prohibition question to-day!

He went on to say: "To abolish a status, which in all ages God has

sanctioned, would not only be robbery to an innumerable class of our fellow subjects, but it would be extreme cruelty to the African savages, a portion of whom it saves from massacre, or intolerable bondage in their own country, and introduces into a much happier state of life, especially now when the passage to the West Indies and their treatment there is humanely regulated. To abolish the slave trade would be to

"Shut the gates of mercy on mankind."

We venture to predict that in half a century from now the arguments used today in behalf of the legalized drink traffic will be used as similar curiosities.

The Lords and Temperance Legislation.

There is good reason to know that neither the Senate of the Dominion of Canada nor the House of Lords in England fairly represent the sentiments of the people on the important question of temperance legislation. From the class of men appointed to our Senate for some years past we have much reason to fear that when the time for the enacting of a Canadian prohibition law comes progress will be seriously blocked there.

An editorial correspondent of the New York National Temperance Advocate has just been writing of a visit to the British Parliament and has this to say:

"On the drink question the House of Lords, as at present constituted, seems a hopeless body for any effective temperance legislation. Should the Direct Veto Bill, which has the promise of Government support in the House of Commons, ever reach the present Lords it is quite certainly foredoomed to defeat at their hands. Even so mildly restrictive a measure as the Licensing Law Amendment Bill, promoted by the Church of England Temperance Society, and introduced and advocated in a persuasive speech by the Bishop of London, was recently unceremoniously defeated. The chief restrictive feature of the bill was to limit the number of liquor licenses, but it was explained that it was not proposed to limit the number of licenses in any such way as would really interfere with the power of obtaining liquor by those who really wanted it. And it was further proposed that such publicans as might have to surrender their licenses under it should receive compensation therefor. Even this bill, after a remarkable speech by Lord Salisbury in opposition to it, and to all temperance legislation of any sort—a speech which will delight all brewers, distillers, and liquor vendors everywhere—the Lords rejected by a vote of 49 to 20."

Toronto District, W. C. T. U.

The attendance at last meeting was very large and proceedings marked with more than ordinary interest.

A touching reference was made to the severe afflictions which had fallen upon Mrs. Spence, sen., an esteemed White Ribboner, in the sudden death by accident of her son, and sincere sympathy was expressed for the bereaved mother, wife and friends.

Reports of garden party and excursion to Grimsby were given, showing a balance in favor of the society in both cases. A communication from Miss Willard was read, written from the mountain nest in the Catskills in reply to an invitation sent herself and Lady Henry Somerset to visit Toronto. The note expresses thanks for the invitation, but gives very little hope of a visit.

It was decided that the annual meeting of the district be held on Sept. 27—last Thursday in the month. There will be a morning, an afternoon and an evening meeting at 56 Elm street. Reports of this year's work will be given, and officers for the new year elected. Much interest was evinced in arrangements for fair work. The W. C. T. U. tent will be found almost in the same place as last year, south of the Dufferin street entrance. The ladies will serve tea, coffee and other refreshments and will give all visitors a warm reception. Literature will also be distributed and there will be a pledge book on hand for those who may wish to sign. Remember the W. C. T. U. tent.

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Sons of Temperance.

The executive committee of the Grand Division has decided to supply each division with a copy of the HOME GUARD from this to the time of holding the Grand Division session in December. No one will, we think, refrain from freely pronouncing this publication a sheet worthy of our patronage. Both editorials and the selection of news pertinent to the cause are done with good taste and judgment. The paper is, in fact, a "vade mecum" for all whose hearts are in sympathy with the great reform we are working for. Not only is the HOME GUARD a temperance advocate, but at the same time it is a happy combination of this and a family newspaper, throughout the whole of which pervades a moral tone that makes it a welcome guest in every virtuous household. Your executive committee feeling the need of a means of communication between the subordinate divisions and knowing the benefit that comes of receiving the refreshment of encouraging news of life and progress in other parts of the field, and of giving to our brethren in parts where the order is isolated or perhaps languishing, the stimulus of reports of grand achievements and advancement in various locations, have tried the use of this paper. An "organ" is of the greatest utility in every society or movement for accomplishing these ends, for cementing the fraternal ties, and keeping the divisions in touch with each other. It is also a convenient means of bringing the executive closer to the whole membership, while by the constant flow of pure thoughts and the refreshing breath of current news our zeal is kept aglow and stagnation is prevented. While our order cannot see its way clear to establish an organ of its own we think we can not do better than to avail ourselves of the columns of the HOME GUARD, which have been thrown open to us on moderate terms. We have provided a copy for each division during the past half year and we trust our employment of your funds has been wise and beneficial. In divisions where the paper has been used as we directed and expected, there can be little doubt of it. We need what this paper supplies and during the coming three months we hope these columns will be used to our pleasure and advantage. The paper should be taken regularly to the division room and during "Good and welfare," any item of news likely to interest or entertain the division should be read aloud by the deputy or some other member, as well as all editorials or contributions that will be instructive. This may induce discussion, and thus one of the great benefits our order bestows will be attained. In divisions where the deputy neglects to furnish the papers the publishers should be instructed to address it to a more faithful brother. The recording secretary or some one especially appointed should and will be expected to forward postcard news items of all that transpires in their divisions, such as officers elect, visits paid by grand officers, county deputies and others, public meetings, important resolutions, methods used for maintaining and building up divisions, obituary notices, etc.

The subscription price of the paper is so low that it is within the reach of all, and our members should, and are most urgently requested to see that a thorough canvass is made forthwith for subscriptions. By proposing a trial trip of three months the cost will be a mere bagatelle. Outside of its interest to us as Sons of Temperance it has solid worth and merit as a clean family newspaper. See that your division or some one in the division makes up a list of subscribers at once. The fall season with its long evenings is upon us. Now is the time to build up our divisions and extend the order. Let every member remember, "that whatsoever our hands find to do for the good of mankind, do quickly, for the night soon cometh when no man can work."

Now brethren, if we have that love for the order that our obligation enjoins upon us, let us rally to the work; extend the operations and influence of our own divisions, search out new localities where to plant our order, that the glorious principles of love, purity, and fidelity may flourish, and the star of our order shine forth with increasing brightness. J. M. WALTON, Grand Treasurer.

Kettleby, Sept. 1, 1894.

NOVA SCOTIA WORK.—We have just received from W. S. Sanders, of Halifax, Grand Scribe of Nova Scotia, the printed proceedings of the third quarterly session of the Grand Division of that Province, held at Freeport on the

7th ult. These quarterly reports give good indication of the active work being done by the largest of the grand divisions in America.

According to the statistical summary there were 12,859 members reported in good standing in the various divisions of the Province. The net gain of the divisions for the previous three months was 838 and the net loss 424, making a total gain to the order of 414 for the quarter. The per capita tax paid in during the quarter amounted to \$544.80.

The agency committee reports that during the quarter 71 public meetings were addressed by the two lecturers employed, three new divisions were organized and three resuscitated. No less than 94 day schools were visited by them, at which an aggregate of 2,805 scholars were present. They traveled 1,202 miles in their work and \$101 were collected at the meetings for the agency fund. "Push and Progress" seems to be the motto of the Sons of Nova Scotia.

ONTARIO ITEMS.

The Grand Scribe, W. H. Bewell, Whitby, will be glad at any time to receive information from any friend of the work of any localities where new divisions can be organized or dormant ones resuscitated. Such information can greatly help in promoting temperance work. The HOME GUARD will be glad to have some active persons in each locality act as its agents in obtaining subscribers, and correspondents in supplying fresh news.

Uxbridge Division, H. Nolan, W.P.; W. J. Underwood, R.S., returns a net gain of fifteen in membership for the past quarter.

Elmira Company of Loyal Crusaders, Miss Berta Snyder, W.C., recently organized under the auspices of Elmira Division, is in a prosperous condition. The division has recently removed to a more suitable hall.

Prescott Division, Samuel Henry, W.P., Miss Fanny Coates, R.S.; Lochwinnoch Division, A. J. Lindsay, W.P., John Stevenson, R.S.; Elmira Division, E. J. Laschinger, W.P., J. M. Carswell, R.S., are among the divisions making good progress during the past quarter.

Meaford Division, W. J. Spence, W.P., has engaged the Ball singers for two entertainments to be given about the end of September.

It is gratifying to note the activity and zeal displayed by many divisions this early in the fall. We confidently look forward to an aggressive and successful fall and winter's work in the order.

Which district will be the winner of the Grand Division trophy is a question that interests several of our district divisions. Let each district division do its very best to win. Whether successful in winning the trophy or not, the persistent well-directed efforts by divisions and members put forth in that direction will be a blessing to many, and in this respect at least, all the earnest work done, will be accompanied by true success. "To do good is to get good."

J. M. Walton, G.T., and W. C. Bogart, County D.G.W.P., are arranging for a series of official visits at an early date amongst the divisions of North York.

P. S. McDermid, D.G.W.P., Notaw Division, reports division in a prosperous condition.

J. B. Brooks, G.W.P., visited Maitland Division on Aug. 28, and met with a hearty reception. There was a good meeting. The division is in good spirits and in earnest.

The G. W. P. visited South Augusta Division on Aug. 19, Kemptville on Aug. 30, and Oxford Mills on Aug. 31. He had a hearty reception and successful meetings. At Kemptville the division held a social tea and entertainment after the public meeting.

Anchor of Hope Division, Widder P. O., recently organized, reports good progress and good prospects.

Pansy Division, Elgin P. O., Fletcher Warren, W. P., Mrs. P. Halladay, R. S., reports division in good order with growing interest. The division is at present improving its hall.

Woodbridge and Pine Grove Division, Woodbridge P. O., John Longhouse, W. P., Thomas Wallace, R. S., reports a net gain of seventeen in membership for the past quarter.

J. B. Brooks, G. W. P., visited Prescott Division on Aug. 27. Good meeting; division in good condition.

Edward Carswell, P. M. W. A., the well-known and distinguished lecturer, is again at home after his usual summer round at the great temperance camp meeting grounds. He is always ready and willing to work upon very reasonable terms on behalf of our order and the cause. Any of our divisions wishing to engage his services for a lecture or a series of lectures should address him at Oshawa, Ont., for terms, dates, etc.

The Good Templars.

The regular quarterly meeting of District Lodge, No. 12, I. O. G. T., was held in Temperance Hall, Toronto, Wednesday, Aug. 29, Bro. J. T. Croft in the chair. There were about 100 delegates present representing the fourteen lodges in the city. Thirty delegates took the district degree. Besides a very large amount of important business transacted a deputation from the R. T. of T. led by Bro. Ferguson

was received. Each delegate spoke warmly for more unity of action and spirit by temperance societies. The deputation was very cordially received and delegates were appointed to return the visit at the next meeting of the R. T. of T. District Council. Bro. J. D. Andrews, grand chief Templar was present and received a warm welcome. He made a very practical and impressive address. The reports of the officers and committees showed the Good Templar order in the city to be in a very good condition, several of the lodges reporting substantial gains.

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TORONTO DISTRICT.—Toronto papers report a successful quarterly meeting of Toronto District Lodge on the 29th ult. Fourteen city lodges were represented by about 100 delegates, and 30 new members took the district degree. The reports were favorable regarding the work and progress of the order in the city. Bro. J. D. Andrews, G.C.T., was present and gave a good and practical address. A delegation from the Royal Templars was present and extended fraternal greetings. Delegates were appointed to attend the next Royal District council meeting.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.—The following are the names and addresses of the officers of Prince Edward Island Grand Lodge for the current year: G. C. T., Rev. W. H. Spargo, Murray Harbor, S.; G. V. T., Mary B. Musick, Kuross; G. C. T. S. Robert, Red Point; G. S. J. T., Adelaide E. Horton, Murray Harbor, S.; G. S. Secretary, A. D. Fraser, Murray Harbor, S.; G. Treasurer, L. U. Fowler, North Bedegue; G. C., Wm. McLeod, Bridgetown; G. M., J. D. Stuart, L. Montague; G. D. M., Jessie Creed, Sturgeon; G. A. S., Janie Forbes; G. S. Sentinel, H. H. Hiltz, Upton; G. G., Jas. L. Mathieson, Dundas; G. M., Jas. M. Dalzie, Murray Harbor, N.; P. G. C. T., Rev. W. A. Mason, Georgetown.

IGNORING THE PRESS.—Two numbers of "The International Good Templar," the monthly organ of the entire order, have been published since the Grand Lodge of Ontario held its annual meeting, and though the magazine is published in Toronto and has a member of the Grand Lodge for its managing editor, not one line appears regarding the late session or the work of the year. Why the leading officials so ignore the press seems truly wonderful to intelligent workers. Matters were quite different in this respect when the order was in a very much more prosperous condition.

SCOTTISH TEMPLAR.—The last number of the Glasgow Reformer received contains the following item, by which it will be seen that the Scottish Good Templars are making more of public demonstrations than their co-workers in Canada: "The semi-annual celebrations, in connection with the Independent Order of Good Templars, begin in Glasgow today with a procession and demonstration at Nelson's monument. Special sermons will be preached in various churches throughout the city tomorrow (Sunday) and another demonstration will take place in the afternoon at the Green, and a grand social meeting will be held in the city hall, Candleriggs, on Monday evening, at which the Scottish Permissive Bill and Temperance Association will be represented by ex-Bailie Selkirk, J.P., and ex-Provost Dick, Glasgow."

THE CHINESE FRONTIER.—A Good Templar soldier in Upper Burma, on the frontier of China, wrote as follows to an English brother Templar: "I have been sent forward on detachment, so have transferred from my lodge in the Yorkshire Regiment—The Yorkshire Rose Lodge—to a lodge formed up here, called 'The Chinese Frontier' Lodge, as we are the nearest lodge to the Chinese border. We have now 70 lodge members here and hope to make up 100 before the quarter's end. Five members are Hindoos, and can be relied upon to keep from the drink. We have other lodges in India, formed of natives who are doing good work. One of our Church of England chaplains—fresh from England—does not favor abstinence, and would not even be president of the C. E. T. S. because its members voted for it being worked wholly on abstinence lines. He said at a public meeting that whisky was good to add to drinking-water to kill any germ of disease in the water; but the American Baptist minister replied that he had been in India more years than the clergyman had days and had found no need to add anything to the water to make it drinkable, and had never had one day's illness during the whole time. I am sorry to say that when the troops go forward from here a ration of rum is served out to them, and few soldiers refuse it when thus given as rations."

The Royal Templars.

CENTRALIA.—An open meeting of Centralia Council, 515, was held on Friday evening, Aug. 31. The hall was filled to overflowing and the entertainment was all that could be desired. Solos, recitations and music by the newly organized Quartette Club with

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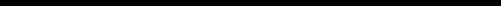
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