

HAVE YOU A BOY TO SPARE?

The saloon must have boys, or it must shut up shop. Can't you furnish it one? It is a great factory, and unless it can get 2,000,000 boys from each generation for raw material, some of these factories must close out, and its operatives must be thrown on a cold world, and the public revenue will dwindle.

"Wanted! 2,000,000 boys," is the notice. One family out of every five must contribute a boy to keep up the supply. Will you help? Which of your boys will it be? The minutaur of Crete had to have a trireme full of fair maidens each year. Have you contributed a boy? If not, some other family has to give more than its share. Are you selfish, voting to keep the saloon open to grind up boys, and then doing nothing to keep up the supply?

ONWARD.

Every thought is an embryo,
Every word a planted seed;
Look to it well that the seed you sow,
Be for the flower, and not for the weed.

THE SCOTT ACT PRAISED.

The Royal Commission on the liquor traffic sat at Woodstock Ont., on Monday October 9th, when about fifty persons attended to hear the proceedings.

Judge McDonald, of Brockville, occupied the chair. The Rev. Dr. McLeod, of Fredericton, N. B., and Mr. E. F. Clarke, M.P.P., of Toronto, were present. The following persons gave evidence: Mayor Hay, Mr. Morrison, Town Clerk; Mr. Edon, Town Treasurer; Mr. Ball, County Attorney; Mr. W. G. Mackay, Inspector; the Rev. J. S. Ross, and Mr. D. R. Ross, Commissioner for the North Riding of Oxford. Opinions greatly differed as to the relative merits of prohibition and license. Mr. Ball was in favor of neither prohibition nor license, but would favor the Government assuming control of the business. Mayor Hay was in favor of license, but believes the traffic is a great injury to society. Inspector Mackay had done all in his power to enforce the Scott Act, but found that public opinion did not sustain him, even to the extent that it does in the enforcement of license. Figures were put in showing that the commitments for drunkenness decreased 50 per cent when the Scott Act was in force, and then greatly increased after the repeal of the Scott Act.

PROFANITY CONDEMNED.

Rev. Abbe Sorin preaching in Notre Dame Church, on Sunday, October 8th, spoke on the sin and evil of foul and impure language. He quoted scripture and the Fathers of the Church to show what an abominable thing scandal is among the children of God, and expressed a desire that a general crusade should be organized against impure language. He called the attention of the authorities to the importance of being strict against plays lasciviously worded. He also urged employers to keep away from their shops and offices servants with impure tongues.

There is as much intemperance in the abuse of language as there is in the abuse of liquor. Of the two it is the more gratuitous, and therefore the less excusable sin.

TORONTO DRINK BILL.

Three million dollars is the estimated annual cost of the liquor traffic of Toronto, which sum, the civic authorities' records show, would defray the Queen City's expenses for a year without a cent of taxation. Toronto has been suffering from the collapse of a building boom, but the liquor traffic, which fattens on misery and causes so much want, appears not to have participated in the collapse to any extent. The inspiration of the foregoing figures is the prosperity which would result from the suppression of the liquor traffic in that and every city. It is a hopeful sign that from all quarters comes news of a general awakening of public sentiment on the temperance question, which, when thoroughly aroused throughout the Dominion and registered at the ballot-box, will, it is to be hoped, mean the overthrow of the drink power and ultimately the suppression of the liquor traffic.

Montreal WITNESS.

Mr. Michel McCreedy, J. P., after his retirement from business will spend some time in foreign travel. He will be accompanied by Mr. McCreedy and his charming sister.

ONTARIO ALLIANCE.

The Ontario Alliance met in The Horticultural Pavilion in Toronto on August 4th, when there was a very large attendance including several hundred members of Ontario Prohibition Convention.

Hon. A. Vidal was moved to the chair. Business and nominating committee empowered to prepare amendments to the constitution, was appointed, with Rev. Dr. Potts as chairman. While the committee was preparing its report Mr. J. J. MacLaren briefly reported upon the work of the Alliance for the past year, dealing especially with the heavy work performed in connection with the plebiscite petition movement.

Mr. Henry O'Hara, for the treasurer, Mayor Fleming, presented the finance report, which showed that the receipts, with the balance of \$111.67 from last year, were \$1,989.25, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$300.

The committee's report recommended that the constitution be amended so that the membership of the Alliance should be representative on the same basis as that adopted for the Union Convention. The proposition was adopted.

The nominations for officers were approved as follows:—President W. H. Howland; vice-presidents, Hon. J. C. Aikens, Hon. A. Vidal, Hon. G. W. Ross, Mr. J. J. MacLaren, Q. C. Mr. Geo. A. Cox, Mrs. McDonnell and the chief officers of provincial temperance organizations; secretary, Mr. F. S. Spence, treasurer, M. R. J. Fleming, and on the executive committee. The meeting then adjourned.

The Ladies Benevolent Society.

The sixtieth annual meeting of the Ladies Benevolent Society was held on Tuesday, October 2nd. Rev. Dr. Barclay, presiding. The report of the managing committee showed that the officials had all worked satisfactorily during the year, which had opened with 116 inmates, and closed with 127. Three inmates, one of whom was 73 and another 98 had died during the year.

The financial statement showed receipts, \$7,165.12, expenditure \$7,279.53 leaving a deficit of \$114.41. The present valuation of the investments was \$42,451.01. Bequests had been received, during the year, from the late Mrs. Mary Dow, \$1,500; Mrs. George Armstrong \$70, and the late, Mrs. Hollis Shorey, \$90.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—First Directress, Mrs. Cramp; Second Directress, Mrs. S. P. Stearns; Secretary for Children, Miss C. Urquhart; Treasurer, Mrs. Wolferstan Thomas; Secretary of Society, Miss Mary Urquhart. Acting members—Miss Baird, Lady Galt, Miss Geddes, Lady Hickson, Mrs. Hollis, Mrs. P. Haskill, Mrs. Lindsay, Mrs. H. Lyman, Mrs. T. Wilson, Miss McIntosh, Miss A. B. McIntosh, Mrs. McCord, Mrs. Notman, Mrs. G. F. C. Smith, Mrs. Vanneck, Mrs. Waddell, Mrs. Woodward, Mrs. Wheeler, Misses S. Smith and Cook.

Honorary members—Mrs. Bagg, Mrs. Claxton, Mrs. Dakers, Mrs. David, Lady Eawson, Mrs. Edwyn Evans, Mrs. Ewing, Mrs. A. F. Gault, Mrs. Mackay, Mrs. McLennan, Mrs. Molson, Mrs. A. Molson, Mrs. D. L. McDougall, Mrs. A. McKenzie, Mrs. S. Ogilvie, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Redpath, Mrs. Spragge, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Winn.

Building and Advisory committee—Messrs. H. Lyman, Hector McKenzie, Wolferstan Thomas, G. F. C. Smith and Dr. Wheeler.

Medical Advisers—Drs. James Stewart and James Bell.

Solicitor—Mr. D. R. McCord.

Notaries—Messrs. McLennan and Fair.

A NEW SOCIETY.

A Women's Temperance Society, which has been in contemplation for months, has now been started with every prospect of success. A large and influential conference was held in Exeter Hall recently, at which many important matters were debated and suggestions for new branches of work were brought forward by Lady Elizabeth and other ladies. At a council meeting subsequently held Mrs. Terrill, of Exeter (on behalf of the delegates), presented Miss M. E. Dockwra with an address expressing the esteem and regard in which she was held by the societies represented and their gratitude for the help and support she had given them. Annual subscriptions to a large amount were promised. The officers and a representative committee were elected. —British Weekly.

Mr. Geo. Muller, the founder of the famed Bristol Orphanages is 87 years of age.

THE CLERGYMAN'S POSITION.

What should be the position of every clergyman with regard to alcoholic beverages? The question is often asked, and frequently the answer comes "Oh, it is a matter of personal opinion and conviction entirely." Is this answer true? Does it not entirely shirk the whole question.

Not long ago a clergyman, whose life is most excellent, and who is most self-denying in his ministrations in his parish, especially amongst the poor, said he did not feel obliged to put away wine and beer from his table, nor even not to offer them to his guests, although parishioners might be present to whom it was a temptation. Another clergyman confessed that the question troubled him. He is fond of fishing and camping, and both do him and his sermons good. His difficulty, however, is that he has never been a total abstainer, and when out with friends on excursions in their object harmless, and wholesome, he saw the evil arising out of taking alcohol at all, and for example sake frequently abstained.

The answer to the whole question seems plain. "And, ye in any wise keep yourselves from the accursed thing, lest ye make yourselves accursed, when ye take of the accursed thing." And again "Be not partaker in other mens sins." The Roman Catholic native born American bishops have answered the whole question practically. They refuse to ordain to the Priesthood, any who are not total abstainers, thus shewing what is their conviction in the matter, and setting a bright example to all churches who profess to follow the footsteps of "Him who would not quench the smoking flax." A total abstinence clergy would soon aid in forming total abstinence congregations.

The Protection of Women.

The work of the Society for the Protection of women and children is very closely allied to that of the various temperance organizations.

At the last meeting of the society, with Mr. S. Carsley in the chair, and Messrs. R. G. Smith, Charles Alexander, Walter Drake, T. E. Grafton, W. McMillan, and Rev. J. S. Patterson present, the Ontario Curfew law was discussed. The law which was passed in the interests of children, regulate by statute the hour at which they must leave the street and go to their homes, the age at which they may be employed in circuses and theatres, and generally provides for their safety, would it be a good thing to introduce it into this province?

This is the question. A committee was appointed to obtain information concerning the act, and to draft a bill for submission to the Local Legislature.

Mr. Marshall, the officer of the society, reported several cases of want and trouble in which he had been of assistance. In many of them, as one would expect, the alcohol demon played a prominent part.

Drink sent him down.

On Friday the 13th instant, Joseph Marquis, giving his occupation as laborer, but belonging to the class called 'wharf rats' or 'sunfish,' was sentenced by Judge Dugas to six months imprisonment under peculiar circumstances. The charge made against the prisoner was that he cheated a farmer at the Bonsecours market out of 25 cents. Proof was difficult and the man might have escaped had he not confessed to drunkenness as palliation of his peculiar conduct. Judge Dugas immediately replied: "Very well, I will not sentence you for stealing the twenty-five cents, but you will go to jail for six months for being drunk."

The Ontario laws against allowing lads under sixteen years of age to be supplied with tobacco, by retail dealers, or to have alcoholic liquors sold to them, even when supplied with written orders, would be good applied to other Provinces. The more the trade, in alcohol at any rate, is removed from the reach of the young and unformed the better it will prove for the rising generation.

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