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PUBLISHERS' NOTES.

The kind attention of our workers and readers generally is invited to the advertisement of "Our December Competition" in another part of this paper. We anticipate great things when our friends become well warned up to the work.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER ON INEBRIATION.

At the recent opening of the Dalrymple Home for Inebriates at Rickmansworth near London, England, Sir Charles Tupper, High Commissioner from Canada, made a speech, in which he said that "no fact was better established than this—that the taking of alcoholic liquors to a certain extent and persevered in for a certain length of time produced not only various diseases of the internal organs, but changed by its operation the character of the brain itself. From this fact arose the circumstance that when attacked with diseases of other portions of the body a man ceased to have that power over his will and that command of his judgment which were essential to his restoration to health. The will power of the brain was destroyed, and although a man might know the course he was pursuing would lead to the destruction of his character, the brain power having been impaired and the will destroyed he was utterly helpless to take such a course as would lead to his restoration to health and strength. Under these circumstances there was no course left but to adopt the principle which lay at the foundation of such an institution as this." Sir Charles went on to speak of the success that had attended inebriate homes in the United States, and, to the smaller extent that they had been adopted, also in Canada. He said that when occupying the position of leader of the Government of Nova Scotia, and when there was no inebriate institution in that province, he took advantage of the fact that there was a humane establishment on Sable Island, some sixty miles from the mainland, entirely inaccessible to strong drink, to which to send persons who had lost all will-power. As the result, he was able to bear personal testimony to the fact that gentlemen of high standing and character and good social position who had become all but entirely destroyed by the use of alcoholic drinks—having been isolated in the double sense of the word—not only had their health restored, but had become capable of entirely overcoming their previous predisposition for strong drink. He said it was thoroughly well-known that total abstinence was the only remedy for persons who had become habitually intemperate, and it was equally well-established that, persevered in for a certain length of time, it resulted in restoration in many cases. In a great country like that, where so much was done by the community for the relief of the unfortunate of all kinds, he was surprised that this mode of treatment, in view of its success, had not been adopted to a greater extent. He con-

gratulated the committee upon having secured so charming a home near London for their work, and wished them every success.

CAMPAIGN NOTES.

The petitions circulated by the Scott Act committee in Yarmouth county, N. S., praying for a poll on the Act, have been signed by 1,440 electors out of a total 3,360 as found on the revisers' lists, which include many non-residents, and the petitioners are believed to number more than half of the resident electors of the county, so that the success of the Act is strongly enough assured.

A Provincial Conventer, to consider the advisability of having an effort made to procure a simultaneous polling day upon the Scott Act throughout Ontario, was lately mooted through the columns of the *Montreal Witness* by Mr. J. G. McCrae, of Sarnia, Ontario, who offered to act as secretary to bring about the meeting. Many have written from different parts of the Province, warmly seconding the proposal and in some cases urging that united pressure be brought to bear upon the Government in favor of unconditional prohibition for the whole Dominion.

We are glad to see by the *Cornwall Reporter* that a movement has been set on foot to procure the adoption of the Scott Act in the counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, Ontario. Cannot Carleton, Prescott and Russell counties be induced to move at the same time, and in the happy event of success these counties would form a large prohibition peninsula in the eastern extremity of Ontario? The example and the blessings of so much territory wrested from the enemy's hand at the rising of the sun ought not to be long in spreading to the going down thereof upon the Province.

BLUE RIBBON.

The Blue Ribbon Club of Victoria, British Columbia, built a new hall, and at the first meeting held in it a collection was taken up which amounted to \$1,600.

At its second meeting the Blue Ribbon Club of Portage la Prairie, North-West Territory, reached a membership of over two hundred.

The fishermen and watermen at Plymouth, England, have organized a Bethel Blue Ribbon Army.

Mr. Booth, before leaving for Australia, said 700,000 pledges had been taken at his meetings in England, and over a million had put on the badge of blue.

At the opening of the Prussian Diet it was announced in the speech from the throne that the financial situation had improved and the working of the railways by the State had yielded a surplus.

DR. HENRY BENGE JONES, Fellow of the Royal Society, one of the most eminent physicians in England, has died at the age of 69, from the amputation of his leg made necessary by a shooting accident.

NOTES OF PROGRESS.

The *League Journal*, the organ of the Scottish Temperance League, contains under the heading, "Notabilia," in its issue of November 10th last, the following item:—"At the dinner following the induction of the Rev. D. Colvin to the pastoral charge of the Free Church, Auchterader, no intoxicating liquors were used, and approbation was expressed at the salutary innovation." The same column contains an account of the celebration of the jubilee of the Rev. John Fairbairn, Free Church, Greenlaw, an ab-tainer and supporter of the League for many years, who was presented with an address and a cheque for over \$1500 on the occasion.

A religious journalist in England, after an extended reference to the facility with which the liquor making and selling interests have appropriated some of the choicest situations for living in the country for their business, is "happy to note, from the newspaper reports, that the recent licensing sessions have shown an increasing unwillingness on the part of the magistrates to hand over the best sites to the dealers in the 'waters of death.'"

In five cities of Ireland exempted from the operation of the Sunday Closing Act, a voluntary canvass was taken, which resulted in a large majority declaring for the measure. The following question was put to householders and heads of families: "Are you in favor of the entire closing of public houses, beer-shops, taverns and spirit-grocers on Sundays?" The answers were: Dublin, yes, 34,606; no, 8,117; majority in favor of Sunday-closing, 26,489. Belfast, yes, 23,958; no, 2,912; majority, 21,046. Cork, yes, 9,605; no, 1,870; majority, 7,735. Limerick, yes, 5,600; no, 550; majority, 5,050. Waterford, yes, 3,495; no, 290; majority, 3,205. "With such a preponderance of public opinion in its favor," the *National Temperance Advocate* says, "it would seem that Parliament might very properly, without further delay, extend the measure to the whole country and make it permanent."

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

The Rev. James Scott organized ten Divisions in Ontario in September.

Mr. E. Carswell, the celebrated agent of the Order, lately fulfilled an engagement of a week with the Niagara District Division. At Port Dalhousie he organized "Rescue" Division, with eighteen charter members, offered as follows:—E. R. Hutt, W. P.; Mrs. S. Wilkinson, W. A.; Robert Soper, R. S.; Edith Denton, A. R. S.; John Howse, F. S.; George Dalgety, Tr.; John Denton, Ch.; Agnes Denton, Con.; Mrs. E. R. Hutt, A. Con.; Mrs. J. Pirrite, I. S.; L. G. Tench, O. S. Mr. Carswell organized "Hope" Division at Beamsville, with twenty-eight charter members, Mr. Alernethy being elected W. P.—the local paper reporting the event has not got a full list of the officers. A division was instituted at Merrittton, bearing the name of the place, with twenty charter members and the following officers:—James Blakely, W. P.; Mrs. D. M. Walker, W. A.; Jesse Albright, R. S.; Mrs. Dr. Vauderburg, A.

R. S.; Wm. Warren, F. S.; Emma Bradley, Tr.; Ellen Albright, Ch.; David L. Scott, Con.; Jennie Metler, A. Con.; Anna Dowdy, I. S.; Marius Phelps, O. S.; Carrie Phelps, P. W. P.; Ellen Albright, organist. An application for a charter for a Division at Niagara town was signed by about fifty persons.

GOOD TEMPLARS.

"A Worker" in Nova Scotia writes:—Mr. P. J. Chisholm, G. W. C. T. of the Loyal Good Templars of Nova Scotia, organized two Lodges this month—"Social" Lodge at West Branch, River John, Pictou county, with thirty charter members, and "Faithful Guide" Lodge at East Folly Mountain, Colchester county, with twenty-four charter members. Our G. W. C. T. has been doing excellent work for the last four months. He has few equals as a successful organizer. Cumberland county wants him and so do Hants and Lunenburg. The above make fifteen Lodges added to this Grand Lodge since July. Colchester county Lodge and Cumberland County Lodge meet on the first Tuesday of December, Hants and Lunenburg County Lodges on the third Tuesday of the same month. These meetings should be better arranged, as the Grand Worthy Chief Templar is expected to attend the meetings of all the County Lodges.

A correspondent of the *Halifax Chronicle* writes:—"River Hebert Lodge, I.O.G.T., has lately joined the Loyal Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. This was the last lodge in Cumberland County working in connection with the R. W. G. L. of the World. The lodges of this order throughout the Province are getting tired waiting for their Grand Lodge to unite, and are taking the matter in their own hands. The great disadvantage of being isolated from almost the entire continent, and from by far the largest number of Good Templars in the Province, is now being seen more than ever before. There is not the slightest excuse for perpetuating this division."

MR. W. H. BARNES, a Past Grand Master of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, asserted in a lecture that seven-tenths of the deaths in beneficiary societies and in public hospitals are traceable directly to the drinking of beer, causing Bright's disease and other diseases of the kidneys and the liver.

THE REPUBLICAN MILITARY SOCIETY of Spain recently issued a secret proclamation, addressed to the army and the people, which declared that if the Government do not establish universal suffrage the society will adopt a revolutionary attitude.

A WOMAN WAS ARRESTED on the Warsaw Railway, Russia, upon information received by the police that she came from Paris to murder the Czar.

FLOODS ARE REPORTED from Indianapolis and other parts of Indiana.