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The Prohibition Club. A somewhat-abused young club, But a soon-to-be-used young club, About the right shape, Thout any red type, In-pro-ty-good-health young club. A just-the-right-length young club, A getting-its-strength young club, A well-in-the-hand, All over the land, A here-for-a-fact young club. A tol'ably-stout young club. Not troubled-with-gout young club, Proposing to stay Till after the fray, A go-right-ahead young club. A mid'linish-thick young club, An ironwood-stick young club, A practical whacker, With muscle to back 'er, A made-for-the-times young club. It ain't a rum ruled young club, Nor yet-to-be-fooled young club, A sensible poser, A doggery closer, A just-what-we-need young club. An up-and-at-work young club, A never-will-shirk young club, A hit-in-the-face, Or some livin' place, A terror-to-rum young club. A never-will-deal young club, A truer-than-steel young club, Not boodle-propelled, But sturdily held, A hard-to-be-dodged young club. An ambition-fair young club, A go-in-to-get-there young club, A mission of worth, To gladden the earth, A good-thing-to-join, young club. -New Era.

Aerostic. Persevere, ye Temperance men! Raise your floating banners high, Onward still with might and main, Hastening on to victory! In your Captain's name go on, Battling with the giant foe, In his name and his alone. Trust and work while you go on, Intemperance to overthrow. Onward! till the foe is dead, Never more to raise its head. -J. L., in the Methodist.

A Catholic Deliverance. An Ecclesiastical Decree was recently promulgated in all the Catholic Churches of Chicago, in relation to the liquor traffic. The closing paragraph of it read as follows: - "Finally, we warn Catholics engaged in the sale of intoxicating drinks to consider seriously by how many and how great dangers, by how many and how great occasions of sin, their business - though in itself not unlawful - is surrounded. Let them, if they can, choose a more becoming way of making a living. Let them, at any rate, strive with all their might to remove occasions of sin as well from themselves as from others. They must not sell drink to minors; that is to say, to those who have not become of age, nor to those who they foresee will abuse it. They must keep their saloons closed Sunday, and never allow blaspheming, cursing, or obscene language. Saloon keepers should know that if, through their culpable neglect or co-operation, religion is brought into contempt, or men brought to ruin, there is an avenger in heaven who will surely exact from them the severest penalties."

A GRAND PROMENADE CONCERT & CONVERSAZIONE Under the auspices of the United Temperance Societies of this city will be held in Aid of the W. C. T. U. Building Fund, IN THE Pavilion Tuesday Evening on May 15th 1888. Chair taken at 8 o'clock by W. H. HOWLAND, ESQ. The Citizen's Band will be in attendance, having kindly given their services for the occasion. Part of the vocal numbers of the programme will be furnished by the Conservatory of Music through the kindness of Mr. Fisher. Tickets of Admission 25 cents. May be procured from any of the members. Refreshments at moderate prices. MRS. COLIN KEENE, Sec.-Treas. B. Fund.

ALONG THE LINES.

NOTES ABOUT WORK AND WORKERS.

Law-Breaking - Law-Making - Law-Enforcing - Law-Resisting - Savings and Doings of Friends and Foes

More Progress. Fredericton, N.B., has a new Temperance coffee room in connection with its W.C.T.U. Hall of which we have already spoken. This is a good move in the right direction. Every town in Canada ought to have a similar institution.

The Usual Method. Mr. R. B. Thornton, of Orono, was recently appointed a Scott Act constable, and has been doing some enforcing work, to punish him for which his garden has been raided, his young fruit trees cut down, and general vandalism perpetrated.

No More Wholesale. The men who were licensed to sell liquor by wholesale in Oxford, Ont., a Scott Act county, abused their privileges so much last year, that the commissioners have this year decided not to issue any more wholesale licenses in the territory over which they have jurisdiction.

W. C. T. U. Mrs. Susanna Evans Peck was the speaker at the Toronto Pavilion meeting last Sunday afternoon. She made an earnest and able appeal on behalf of the W.C.T.U., the work of which she dwelt upon at much length, giving her audience more light than they ever had before on the magnitude of this great missionary enterprise.

Organising to Go On. Dufferin County Scott Act Association held a meeting immediately after the election, and organised itself into a Prohibition League. Dr. Gaviller, of Grand Valley, is chairman, and Thomas Parsons, of Orangeville, is secretary. A full delegation of representatives to the Montreal convention was elected, and a committee appointed to push campaign work.

No Wonder They Dynamite Him. Mr. Israel Evans, License Inspector for West Kent, the gentleman who was dynamited by the Antis not long ago, send us a report of the work he has accomplished during the past twelve months. The total amount of fines imposed was in the town of Chatham \$5,200, in the remainder of his district \$2,375, making a total for West Kent of \$7,575. Besides these fines Mr. Evans secured three convictions for third offences.

Worth Attending. The Toronto ladies have arranged for a grand union promenade concert and conversation under the auspices of the different Temperance organizations in the city, in behalf of their "Headquarters Fund." This attractive entertainment will be given in the Horticultural Pavilion on Tuesday next, May 16th. Mr. W. H. Howland will preside; the Citizens Band will be in attendance and altogether there will be furnished such a programme as will make the meeting an event in the Temperance history of Canada.

The Vote in Bruce. The official report of the Bruce County voting has been published. It gives the following as the result: - No. of votes polled 8,738 Against the Repeal 3,673 For the Repeal 5,065 Majority against the Scott Act 1,392 In 1884, when the county adopted the Scott Act, the vote was as follows: - No. of votes polled 7,680 For the Petition 4,601 Against the Petition 3,189 Majority for the Scott Act 1,312

Grip's Idea of It. Our clever contemporary Grip (always sound on the Temperance question) has a cartoon representing the Rum Power, kicking the Scott Act out of existence, while Sir John Macdonald, representing the Conservative Government looks on approvingly. Grip is however hardly fair in throwing all the blame on the Dominion Government. We have no desire to apologize for the inexhaustible hostility attitude of that Government, but it must be borne in mind that so far the political power of the other side of the House has not been made an engine of law enforcement. If the officials of the Ontario Government had done their duty in this Province during the past three years, the ballot boxes would have told a different story on the notorious 19th.

Norfolk Vote.

The full returns of the Scott Act vote in the county of Norfolk, shows the following result: Total votes polled 4,860 Votes in favor of Repeal 2,804 Votes against Repeal 2,052 Majority for Repeal 722

Party Sound Still Solid. Few public men in Ontario are more widely known or more generally respected than Mr. Wm. Beatty of Party Sound, the father of the success and advanced position of the district in which he lives. In a letter just received this gentleman says: "In this town and district we sustained the Scott Act by a good majority. The Act was well enforced here and did a great deal of good. There will be no licenses granted in this town or the immediate section of country. The people are determined they will have Prohibition in some form, and local by laws to that effect will be passed."

The Violators Pay the Cost. Ontario County has not been at very much expense in enforcing the Scott Act according to the following statement of the Whitty Chronicle: "During the license year ending 30th April there were 140 informations sworn out in South Ontario Of the parties charged, 3 escaped service, 37 cases were dismissed, 7 were withdrawn and 93 were convicted. The total amount of fines imposed amounted to \$6,000 Of this, 5 who were fined skipped out, 5 more squared off the account by a term in jail, making \$500 that was lost for the 10; \$3,650 has been paid in, and the Inspector says all the rest of the \$5,000 is easily collectable. If North Ontario shows up any such record, the probabilities are in favor of the county coming out about \$8,000 ahead on the year's business."

After McKay. Mr. A. McKay who is Inspector for the East Riding of Simcoe county has had some of usual experiences of Scott Act enforcers. Some of our friends know of the difficulties the Scott Act has met with in Simcoe county; the long interregnum without a Police Magistrate, and the recent campaign, which resulted in a vote in favor of repeal. Mr. McKay however has been pushing work. During the last quarter he secured nineteen convictions, one of these was against the proprietor of the Orilla House, the leading hotel in the town where Mr. McKay lives, and among the unwilling witnesses summoned in the case was Mr. J. B. Thomson, Mayor of the town. As the result of this action, vigorous efforts are being made to secure Mr. McKay's dismissal, in fact we understand that the Mayor is doing all he can to induce the Ontario Government to put somebody else in Mr. McKay's place. And so the fight goes on.

Scientific Lectures

A series of Temperance lectures has been held in London, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. and the City Prohibition Club. One of the series was recently delivered by Professor J. H. Bowman, who dealt ably with the scientific aspect of the question, illustrating the lecture by many interesting experiments. This is a line of educational work to be highly commended and well worthy of emulation. The fifth and closing lecture was given by Dr. R. M. Buck, Superintendent of the Asylum for the Insane. He explained how alcoholic molecules operated in destroying the nerve molecules, developing a theory that was both interesting and instructive. Among the facts ably brought out by the learned lecturer, was the remarkable one that since the total disease of alcohol in the London Asylum, the death rate of patients had been remarkably diminished, and there had been a great increase in the proportion discharged as cured.

LOOK CAREFULLY at pages Six and Seven of this Paper.

THE GOSWORTHY HERALD, a sound Prohibition paper published in Halton, has discarded its old patent half, and comes out as a neat, clean, home printed paper, somewhat on the lines of its brightly contemporary, "The Action Free Press." We congratulate our friends and wish them success, which they deserve.

JEREMIAH is the name of a very attractive journal, published on the 1st and 15th of each month by Caroline A. Halling, at 136 La Salle street, Chicago. It is devoted more particularly to advocating equal suffrage for both sexes, and is also an advocate of Temperance, Social Purity, one Code of Morals for both Sexes, and Equal Pay for Equal Work. The list of contributors is large and attractive, and the paper is ably edited. Price \$1.50 per annum.

A BOUQUET OF SONNETS FOR THOUGHTFUL MOMENTS is the title of a very attractive little booklet, the author of which is John Imrie, of Toronto. It is printed by Imrie & Graham of 25 Colborne Street, Toronto, and is a highly creditable specimen of the work this firm can turn out. There are 32 of the sonnets, and they are good. To those who are acquainted with Mr. Imrie's writings it will be sufficient to say that in the present work he comes up to any thing he has hitherto given to the public. We recommend our readers to send 25 cents to the author for a copy of a work that ought to find ready sale as a Canadian production of taste and merit.

IN PARLIAMENT.

Scott Act Amendment.

On Monday last, in the House of Commons, Mr. McCarthy's Bill to amend the Scott Act came up for consideration. On motion of Mr. Haggart the following clause was added to the Bill by a vote of 9 to 34: - "Provided also that nothing in this Act shall be held to interfere with the purchase or sale by legally qualified physicians, chemists or druggists of the following articles: (1) Official preparations of authorized pharmacopoeias when made of full medical strength and sold only for medicinal purposes, or physicians' prescriptions containing spirituous liquors if sold in quantities not more than ten ounces at any one time; (2) Any patent medicine, unless such patent medicine is known to the vendor to be capable of being used as a beverage, the sale of which is a violation of the Canada Temperance Act; (3) Eau de Cologne, bay rum or other articles of perfumery, lotions, extracts, varnishes, tinctures, or other pharmaceutical preparations, but not intended as beverages; (4) alcohol or methylated spirits for pharmaceutical, chemical or medical purposes, such sales to be recorded in a book kept for the purpose, giving the names of the persons purchasing the liquor and to be open for inspection."

Mr. Jamieson's Amendment Bill was then taken up. The section making it sufficient to deposit a Scott Act Submission Petition in any registry office in the county affected, was carried. The clause imposing a penalty on medical men who gave certificates fraudulently was adopted, with an added clause allowing an appeal in such cases. There was a good deal of discussion in regard to allowing the execution at any hour of a search-warrant for liquor, and it was struck out of the Bill. The proposal to give part of any fine imposed to the party prosecuting was also rejected. Some other attempts of the liquor party to weaken the Act were voted down, and the remainder of the Bill was reported to the House and read a third time. It now goes to the Senate in a much emasculated form, and the chances of its becoming law this year are small.

BRANT COUNTY.

Trouble with the Law-breakers and Trouble with Officials - Temperance Men Complain that the Scott Act does not get Fair Play.

A Paris correspondent writes us: - The usual weekly force of postponing Scott Act trials took place at the Town Hall here, on Friday afternoon. The Police Magistrate, the Inspector and the lawyers on both sides met, and adjourned for want of defendants and witnesses. To say that in a law-abiding town and county an officer cannot be required and compelled to enforce a mandate of a legally constituted court, is looked upon as an abuse of justice. During the last year no wholesale license has been granted in Paris. This has been due to the efforts and influence of the Sons of Temperance and other friends of the cause. Through some other influence the complexion of the Board of Commissioners has been changed, and it is now hinted that a license will be granted to some person who may apply. Is it the duty of the Chairman of the Board to press this matter, on the ground that he has to go to Brantford if he wants a little spirit?

The great hindrance to the enforcement of the law in Paris, is the fact that after complaint is made, more determined steps are not taken to compel the attendance of defendants and witnesses, in fact the law in this respect is set at defiance. Then if a conviction is had, payment of the fine is not enforced as it should be. Again, why should the appeals not be prosecuted within a reasonable time? Is it not the duty of the prosecuting attorney when perjury is clearly committed to have the parties charged?

Several cases of this kind are so clear, that those who respect law and order are surprised at the manner in which such crimes have been allowed to go unpunished, and wondered that the Government or their officers have not taken action before this. Those who have been interested in law enforcement are becoming disgusted.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

More for Montreal.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Brant Division of the Sons of Temperance was held recently in the Burford Orange Hall. One hundred delegates were on hand representing divisions from every part of the county. Reports received showed substantial progress and good work. One sentiment seemed to pervade the meeting, namely, a determination to resist any attempts to repeal the Scott Act, to uphold the law as it now is, and to loyally and legally endeavor to secure its enforcement until Prohibition of the traffic was finally secured. The verbal reports from delegates as to the work in their several localities was of a very interesting character. A special organizer is now at work with a view of increasing the number of divisions and thus adding to the membership. During the session G. W. P. Webster addressed the district division and

referred to the coming convention of Prohibitionists in Montreal. He told of what had been accomplished through the influence and work which had been done at a similar convention some years since, and urged the district division to send a delegate. Subsequently the D. W. P. Bro W. J. Robinson, of Paris, was unanimously appointed as the delegate from this district. The G. W. P. also urged upon the delegates the necessity of each division assisting the National Division reception fund.

PRESBYTERIANS AGAIN.

Denouncing the Drink-Traffic, and Emphatically Declaring for Total Prohibition. The London and Hamilton Synod of the Presbyterian Church had a field day on Wednesday of last week. Rev. W. A. McKay presented a strongly worded report on Temperance, calling attention to the unmeasured evil of the liquor traffic, which was denounced as "a bitter, blighting, damning curse on everything decent, virtuous and pure," and the licensing and protecting of which was emphatically condemned. Reports that had been received at different Presbyteries, showed that there was a good deal of violation both of the Scott Act and License Law, the fact being forcibly brought out that the latter is persistently and continually violated, when it is in force. The report particularly emphasized the desirability of united, electoral action, suggesting the formation in every constituency of an organization which would hold the balance of power between the political parties.

Among the recommendations made were the following: - 1. That the General Assembly be encouraged to continue its testimony against the liquor traffic, and also in pointing out the proper ways to remove the evil. 2. That the General Assembly be requested to instruct its committee on Temperance to prepare petitions to the Dominion Parliament asking for general Prohibition, said petitions to be signed by the Presbyterians of this Dominion, and that the assembly take such steps in this matter as may be necessary to secure the co-operation of the other churches of the land.

Elsewhere in this paper will be found the report of the speech made by Mr. McKay. He was ably followed by Rev. Peter Wright of Stratford, with a strong speech in favor of moral suasion and Prohibition. Rev. Mr. Ball also spoke on the same line. He did not believe that Prohibition, however, would not be fought bitterly by the Anti Party. Any law of that character would evoke a great amount of demoniacal opposition. Total Prohibition would not come until there was a political revolution. He did not believe in a Third Party; such a movement might influence the House of Commons, but he would undertake to blow up Gibraltar with a potato rather than expect to influence the Dominion Senate in favor of Temperance. He believed the Church was sound; it was the mighty influence outside the Church that had defeated the Scott Act. The report was adopted.

Ontario Good Templar Notes.

A joint meeting of the Executive Committees of the Grand Lodge of Canada and the Grand Lodge of Ontario was held in Hamilton, on the 2nd inst., to arrange the preliminaries of the prospective union of the two bodies. In accordance with an agreement arrived at by the executives in joint session, the Toronto session of the senior body and the May session of the junior body have been cancelled, and both bodies will meet in Hamilton, on Tuesday the 26th of June next, the hour fixed for the completion of the union being 8 o'clock in the evening of that day. Grand Secretary Lawless will arrange for railway fares and for members of both Grand Lodges and issue certificates, etc.

The statistics of the year closing show a gratifying improvement over the previous year in the number of tax paying lodges. The increase of the per capita tax at the Ottawa session caused all lodges to "drop" their dead-head membership, but the loss in this direction has been more than made up by improvements in other directions.

Quite a number of lodges will report large additions to their membership as the result of their efforts during the past quarter. The best reported yet is by Victoria-Morrill Lodge No. 181, London, which gained 94 members during the quarter. The credit for this increase is due to the "plan of campaign," which has been operated throughout the quarter by the lodge.

Three lodges were organized during April, viz: Refuge Lodge No. 202, by Frank Metcalf; Robert Newcombe, Bushfield, L.D.; Victoria Lodge No. 204, by Edward Dawson, Rev. R. W. Leitch, Point Edward, L.D.; Maple Leaf Lodge No. 208, by Daniel Ross, G. G. Miles, Parkdale, L.D.

IT IS COMING!

PROHIBITION WILL BE VICTORIOUS.

Address by Rev. W. A. McKay, B. A., of Woodstock, before the Synod of Hamilton and London.

Mr. McKay in moving the adoption of the report, spoke as follows. I had no intention until noon to-day of saying anything upon this subject this evening. But, I would not be true to my own convictions of duty, if, in view of some recent utterances on this subject, I kept silent. You, Mr. Moderator, voiced the convictions of every member of this court when, this afternoon, you expressed the deep interest felt in the subject, not only within the limits of the Synod of Hamilton and London, but throughout the Province, and indeed the whole Dominion. Whatever difference of opinion there may be on the subject, we must all admit that we have reached a very important epoch—I might say even a great crisis in the history of this movement. I am not now referring particularly to the recent repeal of the Scott Act, these are mere ripples on the surface, they are unimportant, though they make our opponents wonderfully jubilant. Perhaps being unaccustomed to victory in the past, they are now thankful for small victories; but their triumph will be short-lived. Prohibition must go on. As well might they attempt to turn back the rushing waters of Niagara, as to stem the advancing tide of prohibition sentiment in this land. It will be found that the Temperance people have merely relaxed effort only to renew again with increased vigor and consecration. As the honest farmer in his homely way expressed it at a meeting the other evening, "Beaten are we! We have only let go our hold for a moment to spit on our hands."

DANGEROUS DOCTRINE

I wish to refer to views lately enunciated by brethren high in the Church and in the esteem of all Christian people who know them. I would not say one ungenerous word against these brethren, but I have been humiliated as a Presbyterian, and pained, deeply pained as a Christian, to see their resolutions and utterances used by our opponents as whisky literature, and scattered broadcast, as you, Mr. Moderator, are aware, to influence electors in favor of bar-rooms; and I sound the note of warning, that if the views attributed to them should prevail to any great extent throughout the Church, there are breakers ahead. Could we conceive of the supreme court of our Church shutting our mouths in the way suggested by these brethren, the great Presbyterian Church would cease to be the Church of which many of us have hitherto been proud. If Calvin at Geneva and John Knox in Scotland, had been as much afraid of politics as some ministers of the present day, there would never have been a Presbyterian Church in the world. The liquor traffic is an acknowledged curse. Its evils are appalling. They affect both the bodies and souls of men. But if those views to which I have referred are adopted, all that we can do is to sit still, talk over the evils and bewail them, but we must not even indicate to the state how they are to be removed. This dreadful upas tree which has been spreading death and destruction on every side, has hitherto been watered and protected by the state; but we are not to be allowed to demand of the state to cut down that tree, instead of trimming; and endeavoring to make it look more respectable. Caesar, who has hitherto guarded this tree, must not, we are told, be required to remove it. In other words, to drop the metaphor, we must not express our preference for the prohibition of the liquor traffic rather than the licensing of it. And why is our testimony as a church to be thus limited? We are told that Christ is the great head and only law-giver of His Church. I rejoice in this glorious truth and derive all my encouragement from it in advancing every good work. It is truth, however, that has been terribly abused. When American slave-holders would keep in bondage, millions of their fellow beings, they cried out "Christ is the great head and only law-giver of His Church," and therefore the Church must not seek legislation against the peculiar institution. And now the argument is being rehearsed in defence of a slavery worse than ever existed on Southern soil. Strange logic, because Christ is head of His Church, therefore the Church must not denounce the legalizing of sin. I am not now speaking of a man drinking a glass of wine or anything else. I have

never said that to drink was a sin per se. I am speaking of a terrible traffic that exists in these modern days, which our General Assembly has declared to be "contrary to the Word of God," and which the great statesman of England declares brings upon the British people the accumulated misery of war, pestilence and famine. DIVINE AUTHORITY.

We are asked for a "Thus saith the Lord" for Prohibition, as if such an authority did not exist. But it does exist. Last evening in this court we discussed the "Sabbath Observance" question, and we resolved to obtain, if possible, better legislation for the stopping of railway trains, steamboats, etc., on the Sabbath. In this, I am persuaded, we did well; and all the Christian people will heartily co-operate with us. But I ask where is a "Thus saith the Lord," for our action? You justly direct my attention to the fourth commandment, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." I observe however that there is no railway train mentioned in that commandment. You reply that there is a great general principle laid down which applies to those specific cases. In saying so you do well. But be consistent. I direct your attention now to the sixth commandment, "Thou shalt not kill," and I tell you that there is a great general principle therein contained which applies just as closely to the liquor traffic, as the principle of the other commandment does to the stopping of a railway train. As a good Presbyterian I turn to my Shorter Catechism, and I find that the sixth commandment forbiddeth the taking of our own life, or the life of our neighbor unjustly, or anything that tendeth thereunto. I consult good old Boston and in his comments I find him dwelling at great length upon intemperance, the result of the traffic, as one of the things forbidden in this commandment; and no one will accuse him of being a temperance fanatic.

NO GOING BACK.

Our Church must not recede one inch from the ground which she has hitherto occupied; but strong in the strength which God supplies, go forward under the leadership of her great captain, hand in hand with the other churches, influencing in every legitimate way the law-makers of our land, until our legislation is brought into accord with enlightened Christian conviction. Let us not be discouraged because of temporary defeats. These can never permanently hinder a good cause. We never asked for the Scott Act, we asked for Prohibition. Parliament gave us the Scott Act and, wisely or unwisely, we accepted it. What we demanded before we demand still—total Prohibition for the whole country, and we shall work and pray until we get it.

A STIRRING INCIDENT.

Just before the breaking out of the late American war when a dark cloud seemed to hang over the interest of the African race in that land, Frederick Douglass addressed an immense assemblage of people, depicting their sad condition in vivid colors. The one political party had gone on its knees to slavery; the other did not propose to abolish it, but only to restrict it. The Supreme Court of the United States had discriminated against the colored man as such. The orator spoke of his countrymen writhing under the lash of the oppressor, and trampled upon by the feet of brutal men. He even uttered the cry for blood, and then declared that there was even no hope in that. Despair was depicted on every countenance. But when the cloud seemed to hang most heavily over the audience, an old colored woman called "Sojourner Truth," and known among the colored people, far and wide, as a prophetess, rose in one of the front pews. Instantly every eye was upon her. The orator paused. Pointing her long bony finger towards him, in shrill tones she cried out, "Frederick! is God dead!" The meaning of her words was at once perceived. The audience was thrilled, faith revived, hope brightened and patience was restored. And so, Mr. Moderator, in the words which you have just read, I would say, "The Lord reigneth; clouds and darkness are around about him, but righteousness and judgment are the habitation of His throne." This is our hope and our encouragement in the work of Temperance and Prohibition. And we shall not be put to shame.

READ pages Six and Seven of this Paper

UNITED STATES.

Almost Unanimous.

At the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Mississippi held recently, out of three hundred delegates present, there was only one vote against the resolution prohibiting the admission of saloon-keepers to membership in the order.

Two More States Ready.

The State of Pennsylvania held a great Prohibition convention at Harrisburg, commencing on the 2nd inst. Many of the most active Prohibition workers were on hand, including Rev. C. H. Mead, Frank O. Smith, Miss Narcissa White and Rev. H. B. Hudson. The committee on credentials reported 401 delegates, from 88 counties. The convention was in every sense a success.

Iowa State has also held a big convention, and is well in line for the coming fight.

A Big Cut Down.

A special despatch to the New York Voice from the city of Pittsburg states that the License Court has finally adjourned, having granted only 389 retail and 98 wholesale licenses in the whole county. There were about 3,000 last year. Judge White has published a letter in which he says: "From thirteen years' experience in the criminal court I am thoroughly convinced that there are far more evils resulting from the use of beer in this county than from whisky."

Another Step.

Senator Ingalls, of Kansas, does not propose that Prohibition shall be made comparatively ineffective by the recent decision of the Supreme Court, if his position and influence can do anything to secure something better. He has recently introduced into the U. S. Senate a bill providing, That any article of commerce, the manufacture and sale of which are prohibited within any State by the laws thereof, shall not be transported or conveyed into such State from any other State, Territory, or foreign country, by any railroad or other common carrier, but this shall not be held to prohibit the transportation of such article of commerce as aforesaid through such State as aforesaid prohibiting the sale and manufacture thereof to any other State or Territory.

Prohibition Party Convention.

The National Convention of the Prohibition Party of the United States, held at Indianapolis on May 30th, promises to be immense as well as important.

The sessions of the Convention will be held in Tomlinson's hall, which seats 4,000 people, the platform having accommodations for 300. Special railway rates have been secured, and hotel accommodations provided on a very extensive scale. Notwithstanding this, delegates from some parts are engaging Pullman sleepers, in which they will travel to the Convention, and in which they will sleep during the Convention, holding possession of their until they return home.

A Double Tragedy.

An awful tragedy took place at Jackson, Miss., on Thursday, 1st inst. Most of our readers will remember the assassination of young Roderick Gambrell, the Prohibitionist editor, by Col. James S. Hamilton. Hamilton was actually tried for the crime but acquitted, and since that time there has been a great deal of ill-feeling in the neighborhood. The postmaster at Jackson was General Wirt Adams, a veteran soldier of seventy. The editor of the New Mississippiian, a Prohibition daily, was John H. Martin, a boy of about twenty. Adams was an intimate friend of Hamilton, and since the trial Martin has been saying some strong things about him. On the morning named, Martin's paper stated that General Adams delayed its delivery from the Post-office purposely. In the afternoon the two men met, and Adams started to abuse Martin. Full details of the encounter are not known, but in the quarrel that occurred both men used revolvers freely, and were both shot dead on the spot.

The Coming Man.

From present appearances there is very little doubt that General Clinton B. Fisk will be the Prohibition candidate this year for the Presidential chair. Nobody expects to see him elected, but it is generally admitted that if he were elected he would be as good a President as the United States ever had. All that he is, he owes to honest hard work, having fought his own way in life from poverty to his present position. American party journals are at last fully aroused, not only to the strength of the present candidate, but to the growing power of the movement which the candidate represents. The New York Herald says: "We take it that Gen. Fisk is making no special preparations for the occupancy of the White House, has not chosen his cabinet or pledged to his supporters the chief offices under the government. Still, it will never do to ignore the fact that these Prohibitionists are earnest folks, and are doubling up in handsome style. They have an idea, a big idea, clumsy and impracticable, perhaps, in its present shape, but still useful and reformatory. The movement is bound to grow, and both parties will do well to keep their eyes on it."

SUNDRY ITEMS.

There are at the present time, in the United States and Canada, no less than 245 Prohibition papers.

A Bill has been passed by the Senate of Ohio, prohibiting the sale of tobacco or cigarettes to boys under sixteen.

The New Hampshire Prohibition Law is being pushed with unusual vigor. It is stated that every saloon in Concord has been closed.

On Monday evening, the 30th ult., a reception was given at Boston by the New England Women's Club to Mrs. Keefer of this city. It is said that the meeting was a very enjoyable one.

PUBLIC OPINION.

ON THE ANTI SCOTT ACT VICTORIES.

What Our Leading Journals Say—The Way the Party Papers Look at It—The Views of Tories, Grits and Independents—Many Theories and Deductions. But they all point to Prohibition.

(SECOND INSTALLMENT.)

Essexville Enterprise.

"We firmly believe if the question of total Prohibition was put to the people to-morrow it would carry with a big majority in Rensselaer county."

North Star.

Broadly considered the result looks like a reversal of public opinion, but as a matter of fact, the election has been gagged and muzzled by the iniquitous Dominion Franchise Act.

Stirling News-Argus.

A forward movement all along the line is now in order, and nothing short of absolute Prohibition will be the watchword in the coming Temperance campaign. The sooner it comes the better; and for its triumph all good men should lend their aid.

Free Grant Gazette.

The Globe absurdly blames the Franchise Act; the CANADA CITIZEN, the Scott Act organ, manly blames the Inspectors, and others say it was because the Act did not get a fair trial. The latter reason is really the most logical.

Toronto Mail.

The most reasonable explanation of the adverse verdict is to be found, we believe, in the fact that the Act has not been enforced as it should have been, and that the support of some of its former friends, has therefore, been alienated.

Montreal Gazette.

It looks as if the main cause was general dissatisfaction with the operation of the law, and a preference for such limited licenses as Ontario's very strict act secures, to Prohibition that often failed to prohibit, and gave rise to scandal.

Hamilton Spectator.

The Scott Act has been tried, and it has been found wanting. The people have sickened of it. Let it pass quietly into the limbo where are the memories of many similar acts of legislation—well meant, but unworkable, impracticable and unwise.

Hamilton Times.

It (the Act) has caused a great deal of expense, a great deal of hard feeling, and it has been profitable to nobody but a few stump speakers and a host of keepers of grog shops—men who couldn't get licenses from the commissioners under any circumstances. Let the whole country go back to the license law, let that law be made strict, let it be thoroughly enforced. Half a loaf is better than no bread.

Richmond Hill Liberal.

The real causes of the wide-spread repeal of the Act are to be found (1) in the fact that in many cases its adoption was due to enthusiasm, and not to well-matured conviction, and (2) in the fact that politicians, both Liberal and Conservative, refused the necessary help for its enforcement.

Fergus Advocate.

Very few of the real Temperance people marked their ballots differently this time from the time before, and the change was brought about by the middle class, which had a double effect in changing from one side to the other. The Temperance people will be pleased to strike straight at Prohibition, but in the meantime purpose to, more than ever, enforce the Scott Act.

Hagersville News.

The great wave that swept the province three years ago has returned as a boom again, and now the supporters of the Act are down among the defeated on a great question of moral reform. The Scott Act never was and never can be a success. Hundreds of temperance men have ever voted against it, and will continue to do so wherever it may be tried.

Nova Scotia Star.

After Waterloo, what! We think we can see what this country is demanding a plebiscite, and it will have it. The disgruntled voters of the West have tried the Scott Act till they found it next to useless—they are not dropping their tools—they are preparing for something better. This defeat does not mean that the country is going back to the old damnable business—not by any means!

Presbyterian Review.

A strong reaction has evidently set in, not against Prohibition, as we believe, but against an imperfect law, imperfectly administered. We look for an immediate movement for total Prohibition. License cannot be accepted as a final thing. No partial measure of Prohibition would command the support of the Temperance people. The willingness to repeal a defective law indicates a desire for a better one.

Montreal Gazette.

The Prohibitionists must take some of the blame to themselves. They were

not always wise in their methods. It was assuming too much when some of them, as they did, undertook to condemn as unchristian and immoral all, however good living or exemplary in their conduct, who could not see eye to eye with the advocates of the measure.

Regina Journal.

The liquor interests may consider themselves safe now that the troubled waters have rooded, but they had better look to their foundations, for the next flow of the waves of public opinion will come forward with increased force and wash higher than before. A new impetus will now be given the movement for better Temperance legislation. The apparent backset will simply give the Temperance movement a better foothold.

Woodville Advocate.

It is almost needless to say about for a reason for this change in feeling. The general disgust at the manner in which it has been operated and the feeling that it was unworkable in its present form was general. In spite of all this it is generally acknowledged that the Scott Act, even in the counties recently rejecting it, has done much good and from our own observation here we can confirm the statement.

Winnipeg Echo.

One of the biggest frauds, if not the biggest, in the Scott Act contest, is the fact that the Indians in the County of Bruce have a vote, as to whether a white man shall have whisky or not. The absurdity of the thing is seen when we consider the fact that no matter how the election went, the Indian can get no "Skittawaboo." Crooks Act or Scott Act, it is all the same to him. This is a plain evidence that the Dominion Franchise Act is an unmitigated nuisance and fraud as we have always contended, and the sooner it is repealed the better for the country and manhood suffrage in its stead.

Toronto Globe.

A number of potent causes conspired to bring about these signal defeats. First of all that dastard weapon, the Dominion Franchise Act. The unfairness of the Dominion Government in bringing on the contests at a time when the roads are in desperate condition and when the farmers are very busy. But that was not all. Not all Prohibitionists, but some of them have acted with the meanest treachery towards brother Prohibitionists because the latter were Liberals. Then there is to be reckoned with the well known fact that in the minds of a good many people—even Prohibitionists—there is a strong reaction against local option. Giving due weight to all these circumstances, it will be seen that the odds against the Scott Act in the campaign were enormous.

Toronto Telegram.

The Temperance vote was divided. The liquor vote was solid. The old parties would do more from fear of the latter than from love for the cause represented by the former. The liquor interest was thus able to prevent amendments, that by aiding in the enforcement, might have paralyzed the life of the Scott Act. At best the Act was an expedient—a means, not an end. These are dark days for the Prohibitionists. But there is light ahead, and adversity should strengthen their determination to educate and agitate for a law that will strike evil at the heart instead of the branches.

Therold Post.

We believe the true reason is found in (1) the fact of the Act making no adequate provision for its own enforcement, leaving it a very difficult thing for its provisions to be carried out; (2) the consequent discouragement of those who earnestly desired its full power to be exerted; (3) the fact that Prohibition, after all, is what the Temperance people want—not half-way measures; and (4) the unfaithfulness, not to say treachery, of many professed temperance men when their temperance principles stood between them and "the party."

Montreal Witness.

Unless the movement can start on an entirely new plan of campaign its wheels will drag heavily until those counties have been redeemed. This we have almost no doubt they will all be three years hence, but it is a long time to wait. The eyes of Prohibitionists are now upon the important National Prohibition Convention to be held in Montreal on the third day of July. What was wanted and what is wanted now in every county is a Law and Order League or a Scott Act League which will fight for the defence of the county with the same kind of self-sacrifice that is brought to bear when the country is invaded by a less hateful and less harmful foe.

Brace Telescope.

The friends of the Scott Act throughout the province are now forced to admit that the Scott Act as a Temperance war cry is a thing of the past; another battle ground will have to be chosen which is the prohibition of the manufacture as well as the sale of spirits for the whole Dominion. How soon a demand will be made for such a measure, we are not prepared to say, but we are decidedly of the opinion that it should not be pressed until there is a sufficient advance in public and moral sentiment at its back as will compel its rigid and strict enforcement.

READ our GREAT OFFER on pages six and seven.

TO YOU.

A Few Words to Professing Christians Who Uphold the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors.

BY ALEXANDER ROSS, M.D.

YOU PRAY "Thy kingdom come," and then vote to grant licenses to men who prey upon the hearts and homes of mothers and children.

YOU PRAY "Thy will be done," and then vote to grant licenses to saloons and grog shops to graduate paupers and criminals.

YOU PRAY "Lead us not into temptation," and then vote to place the worst of temptations in the way of others.

YOU PRAY "Give us this day our daily bread," and then vote to legalize the sale of whisky, which takes bread from the mouths of mothers and children.

YOU PRAY "Deliver us from evil," and then vote power to the liquor seller to place the worst of evils in the way of your neighbors.

YOU SEND for money to send missionaries to foreign heathen; and then vote licenses to whisky dealers to send your brothers, sisters and neighbors down to perdition.

YOU GRANT licenses to sell whisky and rum, which make criminals; and then imprison and hang them for committing crimes while under the influence of liquor.

YOU SEND a few missionaries to the heathen on pretence of saving their souls; and then send cargoes of rum to damn both body and soul.

FOR A PRAYER you make long prayers for sinners; and then cast your vote for a traffic which makes sinners.

YOU GATHER your skirts up with holy horror, and rejoice that you are not as other men are; and then receive money from whisky-sellers whom you have licensed to destroy the most sacred things of life; home, family, virtue, truth and character.

YOU KNOW that the ill-gotten money of the whisky distiller, and beer brewer, represents the broken lives and homes of thousands of our people, and still you receive it into the same contribution box with the mite of the poor but honest widow.

YOU KNOW that by your vote or cowardly silent acquiescence, this accursed traffic in liquor, has blighted thousands of lives; that thousands of homes are blasted with misery and ruin; that thousands of widows and orphans are to-day suffering poverty and disease as a direct consequence of this devilish traffic, and still you have the impudence to pray, "Pardon our sins and transgressions."

TAKED BY all the rules of justice, morality, virtue and right, are you not worse than the heathen? Are you not cowardly pharisaical hypocrites? Think of it! and answer the questionings of your own conscience.

What's to be done? The red hot question of the hour is, how can we uproot and extirpate this intoxicating demon that has, octopus-like clutched in its stanic embrace both Saint and Sinner, State and Church.

In my opinion, there is but one effectual way to crush this accursed traffic in liquor, and that is by Righting a great Wrong—give woman the right of suffrage; make her legally, socially and politically the equal of man.

By doing this act of justice, we will not only rid our land of the traffic in liquor, but a score of kindred wrongs to women, that are a reproach to our manhood, and a disgrace to our civilization.

A VANISHING VALUE.

The medicinal value of alcohol is slowly vanishing. Here are facts from England and Wales. There are twenty-seven workhouses where intoxicants are not at all allowed. The experience of doctors in these has proved the use of alcohol unnecessary.

DRINK AND LONGEVITY.

BY JOSEPH COOK.

The life assurance organizations are a pedestal on which the doctrine of total abstinence now stands in the solidity of commercial triumph. Only the benighted and belated student of the signs of our times can any longer apologize for moderate drinking as beneficial to health.

the total abstainers far superior in longevity to the other class. When I was in London I took much pains to ascertain the experience of life assurance societies in this matter, and I quote here a statement from a letter received by me from a Secretary of one of the foremost of these organizations:

"During the past sixteen years we have issued 9,345 policies on the lives of non-abstainers, but we are careful to exclude any who are not strictly temperate, and 3,300 on the lives of abstainers. 624 of the former have died, but only 91 of the latter, or less than half the proportionate number, which, of course, is 100." Here is a fact attested by sixteen years' experience in a society conducted by cool business prudence. Official statements show that the total abstainer has often been paid in life assurance societies from 10 up to 17 and 23 per cent. bonus over and above the moderate drinker.

The United Kingdom Temperance and General Provident Institution held, last May, its 46th annual meeting. It has an accumulated capital of \$4,000,000. From 1846 to 1886, inclusive, a period of 21 years, it has had a temperance section and a general section. Out of every 100 in the temperance section who were expected to die, 71 died. Out of every 100 in the general section expected to die, 97 died. The temperance section, therefore, had an advantage of 26 per cent. over the general section; or, more nearly, 53 in every 200.

Similar facts I have collected in Australia, where life assurance societies are organized very generally so as to make a distinction between total abstainers and the merely temperate. Many, whose lives are assured as total abstainers, were not always abstinent. The contrasted figures will grow yet more striking when the abstainers are such from birth. These facts represent commercial results.

The economic justification of total abstinence and of the abolition of the liquor traffic is found in the fact that they would add something like 20 to 25 years in a hundred to the duration of ordinary lives, and diminish the present death rate in that proportion. The nearly one thousand million dollars paid annually to retail dealers in liquor in the United States might therefore far better be cast into the sea. The National Bureau of Statistics authorizes the assertion that the profits of retail dealers in liquor, on the cost of what they sell, are 135 per cent.

The indirect economic damages of the liquor traffic in the manufacture of paupers, criminals and madmen are ghastly in their enormity and permanent total. Mr. Gladstone was not extravagant when he said in full Parliament "that the ravages of intemperance, because continuous, have been a greater curse to the Anglo-Saxon races than war, pestilence and famine."

TOBACCO—A PARABLE.

Then shall the kingdom of Satan be likened unto a grain of tobacco seed, which, though exceeding small, being cast into the ground, grew and became a great plant and spread its leaves rank and broad, so that huge and vile worms formed a habitation thereon.

And it came to pass, in the course of time, that the sons of men looked upon it, and thought it beautiful to look upon, and much to be desired to make lads look big and manly. So they did put forth their hands and did chew thereof. And some it made sick, and others to vomit most dithily. And it farther came to pass that those who chewed it became weak and unmanly, and said "we are enlaced and can't cease from chewing it." And the mouths of all that were enlaced became foul and they were seized with a violent spitting; and they did spit, even in ladies' parlors, and in the house of the Lord of Hosts. And the saints of the Most High were greatly plagued thereby.

And in the course of time it also came to pass that others snuffed it; and they were taken suddenly with fits, and they did sneeze with a great and mighty sneeze, inasmuch that their eyes filled with tears and they did look exceedingly silly. And yet others cunningly wrought the leaves thereof into rolls, and did set fire to one end thereof, and did suck vehemently at the other end thereof, and did look very grave and call-like; and the smoke of their torment ascended up forever and ever.

And the cultivation thereof became a great and mighty business upon the earth; and the merchant-men waxed rich by the commerce thereof. And it came to pass that the saints of the Most High doled themselves therewith; even the poor who could not buy shoes, nor bread, nor books for their little ones, spent their money for it. And the Lord was greatly displeased therewith and said: "Wherefore this waste; why do these little ones lack bread and shoes and books? Turn now your fields into corn and wheat; and put this evil thing far from you; and be separate, and dole not yourselves any more; and I will bless you and cause my face to shine on you."

But with one accord they exclaimed: "We cannot cease from chewing, snuffing and puffing—we are slaves."—Christian Secretary.

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Our many friends in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island will very much oblige us by frequently sending us all the latest facts in reference to the progress of our cause in their respective localities. We find some difficulty in getting full details from the far east.

A SYMPOSIUM.

It is highly desirable that the Montreal Convention should be practical, that all the light available should be brought to bear on its discussions, and that every view of our position and every suggestion for further action should be thoroughly canvassed.

We respectfully invite every reader of the CANADA CITIZEN, or every friend of our cause whether a regular subscriber or not, to send on, on a post card, his or her opinion of the present situation, and ideas as to what line of action the Convention should adopt.

We shall publish the suggestions received in the CANADA CITIZEN as a symposium for the information of the delegates to Montreal.

FOR THE BOYS.

There lies before us, fresh from the Government Distribution Office, the Thirteenth Annual Report of the Ontario Agricultural College, printed by order of the Legislative Assembly. Opening the book at page 14 we find the following startling statement by the President of the College, which we cordially commend to all the boys who read the CANADA CITIZEN.

"I am sorry to say that a number of students have still to be gassed as smokers; but it is true now, as it was three years ago, that our best students are nearly all non-smokers. The first year students of 1887 won 131 first class honors. Of these 18 were taken by smokers and 112 by non smokers. The second year students won 114-4 going to smokers and 110 to non smokers. Of the 15 first-class men in departments, 2 were smokers and 12 non smokers; and of the 20 medalists, whose names will be found in the list of associates, 3 were smokers and 17 non-smokers.

THE VOTE LAST YEAR.

Temperance workers are anxiously waiting for the result of the vote on the Jamieson Resolution. This will be the third time for a division of the House of Commons on the question of Immediate Prohibition. The first division took place on March 26th, 1884 and the vote stood 55 for PROHIBITION NOW, and 107 against. The second division took place on Monday, June 13th last, and the vote stood 74 for, and 112 against. The form of the resolution before the House was different from that on which the previous vote was taken. It read as follows:—

"That in the opinion of this House it is expedient to prohibit the manufacture, importation and sale of intoxicating liquors except for sacramental, medicinal, scientific and mechanical purposes. That the enforcement of such prohibition, and such manufacture, importation and sale as may be allowed, shall be by the Dominion Government through specially appointed officers."

In order that our readers may be thoroughly posted on our present position, and able to see, when the vote comes on, how far we have really advanced, we give below the division list on the last vote.

I. IN FAVOR OF PROHIBITION. Conservatives.—Baird, Boyd, Bryson, Colby, Cantara, Davis, Foster, Froese, Jamieson, Leamy, McGill, Mills (Annapolis),

Moorehead, Perley (Assiniboia), Porter, Putnam, Roome, Shakespeare, Smith (Ontario), Stevenson, Taylor, Wood (Westmoreland), Weldon (Albert), White (Kenora), Willmot, Wilson (Lanark), Wright.—27. Liberals.—Bala (Wentworth), Barron, Borden, Bourassa, Brien, Campbell (Kent), Charlton, Cimon, Claves, Cook, De St. Georges, Edgar, Edwards, Eisenhauer, Fisher, Gillmor, Hale, Holton, Jones, Kirk, Lang, Lavergne, Lovitt, Macdonald (Huron), McIntyre, McMillan (Huron), McMullen, Mallory, Mulock, Paterson (Hants), Perry, Platt, Purcell, Robertson (King, P.E.I.), Robertson (Shelburne), Scriber, Semple, Somerville, Turcot, Wadlie, Watson, Welsh, Yeo.—43.

II. AGAINST PROHIBITION.

Conservatives.—Amyot, Audet, Bain (Soulanges), Baker, Bergeron, Bergin, Bowell, Brown, Burns, Cameron, Carling, Carling, Carpenter, Caron (St. Adolphe), Chisholm, Cockburn, Costigan, Coughlin, Coulombe, Curran, Daly, Daoust, Davin, Davis, Dawson, Denison, Desaulniers, Desjardins, Duchesnay, Dupont, Ferguson (Leeds), Giguault, Girouard, Gordon, Grandbois, Guilbault, Gullett, Haggart, Hall, Hesson, Hickey, Ives, Kenny, Kirkpatrick, Labelle, Langovan, Macdonald (St. John), McDowall, McCulla, McDougald (Pictou), McDougall (Cape Breton), McGreevy, McKay, McLellan, McMillan (Vaudreuil), McNeill, Mars, Masson, Montague, Montplaisir, O'Brien, Patterson (Essex), Perley (Ontario), Pope, Reid, Ripoll, Robertson (Hastings), Robillard, Ross, Scarth, Small, Sproule, Temple, Therien, Thompson, Tisdale, Tupper (Pictou), Tyrwhitt, Vanasse, Wallace, Ward, White (Cardwell), Wilson (Argenteuil), Wood (Brookville).—84. Liberals.—Bechard, Bernier, Cartwright (St. Richard), Casey, Casgrain, Choquette, Dessaint, Doyon, Ellis, Fiset, Gauthier, Geoffroy, Guay, Jones, Labrosse, Langlois (Montmorency), Langlois (Quebec), Laurier, Livingston, Mills (Bothwell), Mitchell, Prefontaine, Rinfret, Ste. Marie, Skinner, Trow, Weldon (St. John), Wilson (Elgin).—28.

THE NEW MINISTER.

Temperance workers in Ontario are to be congratulated on Mr. Drury's appointment to the Provincial Cabinet. A sound Prohibitionist, a thorough friend of every kind of moral reform, a man who holds his seat in the Legislature largely because of his pronounced temperance advocacy he will bring to the councils of the Ontario Government sound common sense, right principle and sterling character, that cannot fail to make themselves felt.

It is to be regretted that the Ontario Government is not united on this important question, that while it represents a community advanced and advancing in sound sentiment, the representatives are not all quite up to the mark of the constituency. We are thankful that a majority of the Cabinet is Prohibitionist, and we are thankful that the new accession will be a gain to the dominant sentiment, the sentiment of sound legislation, law enforcement, and genuine Reform.

THE PROHIBITION CONVENTION.

We desire to earnestly urge upon all our readers a careful perusal of the Convention Call, found elsewhere in this paper. Present indications are that the Convention will be a large one. The plan laid down, if carried out, will make it more thoroughly representative than any gathering of Canadian Prohibitionists has ever been.

The situation in which we find ourselves is painfully important, however much we may desire to take a favorable view of it. We cannot escape the fact that there has been, on the part of the Dominion Parliament, a serious breach of faith towards temperance workers. The Scott Act was offered and accepted as a temporary measure, with the distinct understanding that a large vote in its favor would be accepted as an evidence of the approval of Prohibition, and the Act was fought for by Prohibitionists in scores of counties on the understanding that by recording votes in its favor they were asking the Dominion Parliament for a measure of a more comprehensive character. The total prohibition of the liquor traffic was the real issue that was before the electors. By a majority, so far as polled, of about 50,000 votes, the principles contended for were endorsed; and there existed then exists no reason why the votes of the people should be disregarded, and the Dominion Parliament should refuse the legislation which was promised upon conditions that have been complied with.

In all probability the action of the Montreal Convention, will be largely

influenced by the action of the House of Commons on the Jamieson Prohibition resolution, now before that House. Another negative vote declaring for further disregard of overwhelming public sentiment, and continued ignoring of the most vital political issue of the day, may force the Temperance party into an attitude, and compel them to a line of policy, which will be taken by many of them with reluctance, but none the less with definiteness and determination. The principles and interests at stake are so near and dear to their promoters, and are of a character and extent so important and vast, that triding with them will not be tolerated. If politicians and parties, stand in the way of the execution of the will of the people, so that through them that will cannot find expression, then must there be such united, organized effort on the part of good citizens as will overthrow the unholy combination, by which both parties uphold, and force upon an unwilling community the ruin-working liquor traffic. Such a combination exists, and amounts to a conspiracy against the public welfare. It matters not that there be no written agreement or formulated articles, binding party men who fight over other questions, to unite against the people in reference to this. A tacit understanding, and united action to thwart the public will, and sustain a debauching institution that the public hat at the ballot boxes condemned, is virtually a conspiracy, whether or not the conspirators are willing to admit that it is such.

The Montreal convention must face these facts, they must face the fact that in the House of Commons at the present time, there are at least seventy earnest, consistent Prohibitionists who voted, and are ready to act, in accordance with their convictions of what is right, for the carrying out of the pledge given ten years ago, and in harmony with the declared desires of the people they represent. But outside these there are others who so far (while differing on other questions) have united to sink even political differences in the interests of the drink traffic. Some of them may do this in ignorance, many of them do it with deliberate intention to uphold the accursed system in the financial interests of either themselves, their party, or their personal friends. Very little in the way of legislation can be secured unless that legislation has behind it a thoroughly united, well-organized party, and parties to day are so disciplined that, as a rule, the rank and file can be rallied round any policy upon which the leaders of the parties agree. Therefore, there rests the heaviest responsibility with the leader of the Conservative party and the leader of the Reform party, who respectively refuse to allow or give to this reform the assistance of their party position and power. A little further consideration of these facts will show that the Conservative party and the Reform party, as parties, are directly hostile to Prohibition, and in joint conspiracy against it.

Now let there be no misunderstanding of our position. We do not say that one party is as bad as the other. We are not comparing position or action, we are simply calling attention to the fact that the Reform party is not a Prohibition party, and the Conservative party is not a Prohibition party, although the country wants Prohibition. There are seventy members of Parliament in favor of PROHIBITION NOW. Add to these Prohibitionist members, the power and influence of either party, and there would be a Prohibition combination that the other party could not resist. If the Reform party could give the country Prohibition, or the Conservative party could give the country Prohibition, and neither of them will do it, what are we to conclude?

This then is the situation which the Montreal meeting must face. The most important question for that convention to consider, will be, the ques-

tion of Political Action. To the discussion of it, there ought to come the unbiassed, untrammelled, prayerful brain power of everyone who is anxious for the success of the right. The whole ground must be carefully gone over. The history of our country and our reform, the position of our cause, the strength of our forces, must all be carefully considered, and then we must inquire what line of action is the wisest under the circumstances, and will be best adapted to secure the strongest and most effective support, without the sacrifice of any principle, and with as much regard as possible for everybody's wishes. For we must bear in mind, that our enemies are potential because they are united, that our friends are weak because they do not stand everywhere shoulder to shoulder, demanding to have Prohibition brought to the front, and treated with the importance it deserves. The liquor party is so united that it can prevent either party from declaring for Prohibition. Temperance sentiment—although in both the number and character of its advocates it has a support such as whisky never could get—cannot unite that support so as to compel either party to make Prohibition, what it ought to be, a dominant political issue. What our cause needs is union. Our friends must stand together without jealousy, without sectionalism, ignoring partizanship, but combining in a solid phalanx determined by God's help to win. Let us have full discussion as to the best line of action to secure this union, and then let every man stick this prediction for any other policy, and go in heart and soul with the majority. So only can we hope to win.

ANTI-NUISANCE.

A CURIOUS line of action is being worked out by some earnest American Prohibitionists. It is a line of action logical, consistent, and ought to be effective. Its promoters simply claim that the liquor-traffic is a nuisance, and as such has no right to exist, and ought to be suppressed by common law. We have argued on several occasions that the liquor-traffic is in its nature not only wrong, but from a certain stand-point actually unlawful; and laws purporting to license it are really unconstitutional and void. In a free country, under popular government, this must be absolutely true. Society is older than legislation, and government is an institution of society for the conservation and promotion of its interests. The sole power of government is delegated power, delegated by the community governed; and no Parliament, Congress, Legislature or any other law-making body, has any power beyond that conferred upon it by the original mandate of the community:—"Protect us and promote our interests." No government has any right to go beyond this instruction, and if a government, to please any section of the community, or for the sake of gain, or for the love of office, or for any reason, undertakes to permit or license anything detrimental to the public welfare, or even merely not beneficial to the public, that government in that act exceeds its authority, assumes functions it does not possess, and acts in treason to the community that constituted it. The liquor-traffic is a curse. No government has any right to license it. No legislative body has any charter giving it authority to stand in any other attitude towards this curse than that of antagonism, or has any constitutional power to license any one to carry on that traffic.

It is not likely that our courts, created by bodies that have done this wrong, and constituted of men who were parties to the wrong, would uphold this sound position. The evil taint of usurping intent is in the administration and interpretation as well as the enactment of law, and

"Wrong rules the land While waiting justice sleeps."

Our American friends, however, are on a seemingly more hopeful task. They base their contention that the

liquor-traffic, although nominally licensed, is really unlawful, not solely upon the nature of government, but also upon the findings of the law-construing courts.

They claim that the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the famous Kansas Appeal case makes it absolutely clear that the liquor traffic is a nuisance, and has no right to exist. With this decidedly definite position as a base of operations, they have started a campaign for the suppression of the liquor traffic, through the law courts. An organization, termed the Anti-Nuisance League, has been formed, of which the president is the well-known W. Jennings Demorest and Frank C. Smith (who visited Toronto last winter) is the secretary. The object of the society is to fight the liquor traffic, as a nuisance, in the courts, and it is already at work backed by earnest men and seemingly fairly well supplied with funds.

To make clear the ground taken by the "Anti-Nuisance League" we quote a few extracts from the famous decision to which we have referred, and which would make their position absolutely unassailable if all law was constitutional and all courts were consistent.

"The acknowledged police power of a State extends often to the destruction of property.

"A nuisance may be abated. Everything prejudicial to the health or morals of a city may be removed.

"No Legislature can bargain away the public health or the public morals. The people themselves cannot do it, much less their servants. Government is organized with a view to their preservation, and cannot divest itself of the power to provide for them.

"Any citizen of the county where such nuisance exists, or is kept, or is maintained, may maintain an action in the name of the State to abate and perpetually enjoin the same.

The courts can not only prevent nuisances that are threatened and before irreparable mischief ensues, but arrest or abate those in progress, and, by perpetual injunction, protect the public against them in the future."

The power undoubtedly exists in courts of equity thus to protect the public against injury.

The Anti-Nuisance League is not meeting, so far, with much seeming practical success. Proceedings were opened in Indianapolis. The League objected to the issuing of a license by the County Commissioners, claiming that the statute authorizing the issue of the license, was ultra vires of the State Legislature. The County Commissioners over-ruled the objection and issued the license. An appeal was taken to the Circuit Court. Judge Sullivan here overruled the appeal, holding that the Commissioners have simply the right to obey the Statutes without considering their constitutionality. He further held that if the allegation of the appellants is true, the license law unconstitutional, and the saloon a nuisance, they have redress in the proper courts, by application for an injunction to abate the nuisance. The case will go to the Supreme Court.

Whether or not our Anti-Nuisance friends have any immediate, direct success, they will certainly do good in keeping before the public the question of liquor legislation, in exposing continually in the courts the villainous character of the liquor traffic; and they will thus do valuable educating work.

An Aerostic—Vote as You Pray.

Vain are all our heart's petitions if our hands' best efforts fail; Only when with works united can the prayer of faith avail; Though our ranks are swelling grandly in this prohibition fight, Every honest vote is needed in the cause of Truth and Right.

As you ask God in His mercy, this, our country's scourge to stay, So He deems you His co-worker—bids you act as well as pray.

You've a ballot, O my brother, to be wielded in this fight; Only one, 'tis true, but tell me who can estimate its might? Use it as a trust God-given, let it count for Truth and Right.

Pause before you cast that ballot—reconsider—count the cost; Reckon up with fear and trembling all that must be won or lost; And, with faith firm and unshaken that the righteous must prevail, You may prove the mighty ballot that shall tip the wavering scale.

—L. A. Paul, in the New York Pioneer.

OUT AND ABOUT.

BY OUR MAN AROUND TOWN.

Rev. Mr. Burton on the Scott Act—A Talk About the Third Party—What Mr. McCraney Thinks—A Puzzled Gentleman who Doesn't take the "Citizen"—How different from another who does! —A Talk with W. W. Buchanan —The Coming Capture of Montreal.

Just after the Scott Act blizzard I met a man—a man who is only about forty-second cousin to Prohibitionists—a man who smokes but doesn't drink; and he began to curse the Scott Act. It was a fraud of a thing anyhow, and never could or would be a success, because it was not fair to the whiskey men that while those in one county must not sell without having to pay heavy fines, those in the next could do about as they pleased. Since this man made his little speech, I notice that Rev. Mr. Burton has been saying in his pulpit something like this, only of course saying it in much better English than my friend uses. So I thought as how I'd just put the layman and the parson together, and say to both of 'em that they're both quite right. The Scott Act is a fraud—we want a'uthin' stronger.

Perhaps it's a Third Party we need. "Happy Homes" Moore says it is, and he says it emphatically. The "Patriot League of Canada" means business. The other day the Executive Committee met and appointed an organizing agent—a clergyman named Jacobs, who has had experience in this work in the U. S. The salary will be \$1,200. If the League does no more than keep this agent in the field and pay him, it will do a great deal to answer the sneer that temperance people have no snap. Mr. Moore and his fellows are in dead earnest, and he says there's plenty of money behind the movement. Mr. Moore spoke kindly of the "bolters" at the Shaftesbury Hall meeting; but he waxed warm as he protested that those people did him gross injustice who, charged him with self-seeking. He feels that there is a great work to be done, and that what he does must be done quickly. So, without further parley, he proposes to pitch in and work for the organization of a Third party with all that it implies.

The War Horse of Halton—Mr. McCraney, ex-M.P.—gave me a bit of his mind the other day. He only wishes he was free to take off his coat and go to work on the lines the Alliance laid down two or three years ago—the plan of Electoral Unions. "When I see the way this question of prohibition is being trifled with constantly at Ottawa," said he, "I wish I could just tell the prohibitionists of this country how they're being bamboozled. Why, Prohibition has been promised ever since I was a boy." He emphatically expressed his belief that the Electoral Union plan, fairly worked by honest men, would carry the country; but there had been treachery among the temperance men, who cared chiefly for party. He believed in the local movement and the pledge to local candidates. He didn't think the Montreal Convention could pronounce for a third party.

In the course of my walks abroad I dropped into the office of a wealthy Christian gentleman—an office-holder in one of our largest churches—a temperance man—a liberal man. I drew him into conversation on the temperance question, and he was quite ready to talk. His first remark was that the impression on his mind was a hazy and rather an unpleasant one in connection with the temperance cause. What bothered him was the number of different temperance societies and "orders" and organizations; and he feared, that they were clashing against each other. He did not understand their relations, and couldn't see what they were all driving at. Let me say, in justice to this good man, that he doesn't take the Citizen or any other temperance paper, and he is content to get his temperance news second-hand from the "Temperance Corner" of the religious and secular journals. There ought to be a fund started for the Enlightenment of the People by the distribution of temperance literature.

Contrast with this interview the one I had with another gentleman, not known as a prominent temperance man, and one not usually called on by collectors for temperance work. He quietly talked for ten minutes over the work of our temperance pub-

lication house, and then subscribed for a large slice of the new allotment of capital stock. Why the contrast? Because this latter gentleman gets the Citizen and reads it. His name is—well, no, I'll not divulge. He's a modest man; and, besides, I don't want him to be bothered too much, just now with collectors.

Talking about these different temperance organizations, and the wealthy gentleman's mental trouble about them, reminds me of a little chat I had the other day with Willing Worker Buchanan, who runs the International Royal Templar, and is Great Mogul of the R. T. of T.,—which, being interpreted for the benefit of our puzzled brother, means Royal Templars of Temperance W. W. (contradictory tho' it sound to say it) is always full. His head is full of plans, and his heart is full of sympathy. He's always got some big idea running thro' his head. This time it is the capture of Montreal by means of a detachment of the military section of the R. T. of T., aided by the battalion band which hails from Hamilton. The blooming boys with their showy suits and shining swords, will mystify the Montrealers and astonish the aborigines. Pardon my calling in "apt alliteration's artful aid" to express my idea, but I caught the habit from reading the I. R. T. I hope to go down on the boat with them, for they are jolly fellows, as I know from a brief experience with them in camp at Lansdowne Park, near Hamilton, a couple of years' ago. Buz.

SCRUTINEER

On Scott Act Repeal.

The best way to get at the truth as to the real or chief factor in bringing about the repeal of the Scott Act would be real, rigid, honest investigation. The many somewhat conflicting statements made by friends as well as by enemies, need severe sifting so as to elicit beyond doubt the true "why and wherefore" of such immense reverse majorities.

If the voters who three years ago voted for bringing the Act into force and now against sustaining it, could be induced to candidly speak out, they of course could cast some light on the question, and even those who formerly voted, and latterly refrained from voting, might also be able to shed a feeble ray, could they be brought to explicitly say just why. No doubt there would be various reasons given, but it is not at all likely that the main bulk of new anti voters would be found prepared to avow, that within the last three years they had entirely changed their minds from having been Prohibitionists to now favoring licensed drink traffic.

When we can have the several false theories as to the reverse vote demolished, and the supposed reasons exposed, as not founded on facts, much will be done helpful to truth-seekers. Even zealous Prohibitionists ought to be willing to see clearly, should the real progress of what is known as public sentiment be discovered in favor of license—the defeat of the Scott Act being the adoption of Crook's Act. Let strict investigation be made as to which in operation tends most to "the public good."

Another branch of the inquiry very important to prosecute is, as to whether or not these repeals are favorable or unfavorable. Many voters may be found to avow that they voted against Scott Act because it was not sufficiently prohibitive, or because of its very serious defects and failure of enforcement. Then may most searching investigation result in unmistakable demonstration that enlightened public sentiment calls, not for something less restrictive, but for law more prohibitive than Scott Act, and for this will forthwith set up its banner.

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That the saloon controls the vote Of politicians, none should doubt; And when we cranks that truth did learn, We all began at once to turn.

The rum power gave its whip a crack; The bosses tried to turn us back, But they were made to understand We're turned by brain power, not by hand.

We take this plain, expressive name, And turn away from crime and shame, We'll turn till we with glorious might Turn out the wrong, turn in the right. N. R. Turner, in Portland Herald.

They Will Have to Quit It

Most of our readers will remember the Alliston shooting case some time ago, in which two Scott Act constables who defended themselves with revolvers against a gang of roughs, were arrested for assault, counter charges were also made, and Tuesday all the trials came off in the town of Barrie. The matter was gone into very thoroughly, and constables Morrison and Hanks were acquitted. One of their assailants, however, a ring-leader of the party, Carroll by name, was found guilty of assault, and sentenced to three months in jail with hard labor.

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"Now, let's see about this, my friend," I said. "Let's examine this a little. If a Kansas farmer brings a thousand bushels of corn to Topeka, he gets how much for it?"

"Four hundred dollars."

"Now, if you take this thousand bushels of corn over to Peoria, how much whisky will it make?"

"Four thousand gallons."

"And this whisky is worth—how much?"

"Oh it will be worth about \$4,600."

"And if this whisky should come back to Kansas you would have to pay about \$4,000 for it. Would it be worth anything to your citizens?"

"No, I suppose it would cause a great deal of idleness and crime. It would hurt us. I never did think whisky a positive benefit."

"Well, I'll tell you," I said. "This whisky will hurt you directly \$6,000 worth. You sell the corn from which the whisky is made for \$400, and then buy back the whisky for \$4,600. You would be directly out of pocket just \$4,200. And indirectly this whisky would cost Kansas in idleness and crime about \$90,000. It would take 16,000 men a day piece to drink it up, if they drank a quart a day each. The loss of 16,000 days' labor to Kansas would be \$20,000, wouldn't it?"

"By Heaven!" he exclaimed, "I never heard it put in that way. I see it all plainly now. I'll never say anything about damaging Kansas again."

"Yes, if Kansas can save \$95,000 on every thousand bushels of corn by letting it stay in Peoria, the more she is damaged

that way the richer she will become, until finally Illinois, utterly impoverished, will have to call on Kansas to lend her money to build her poorhouses. But there is one thing in Kansas that will be ruined by Prohibition."

"What's that?" he asked.

"Why, her poorhouses."—The Voice.

HOW JOHN WAS CURED - A TRUE STORY.

BY MRS. E. J. RICHMOND.

It was a fault which had clung to him from his early youth, and gray hairs were now thickly sprinkled among his brown locks.

It had robbed him all the way along, causing him to squander the fortune which he inherited from his father first, and then making him powerless to keep any money he earned afterward, so long as the saloon-keepers wanted it. He had a smart, capable wife, who bore all her troubles patiently, till at last she decided to take matters into her own hands. She hired a pleasant house, and with the help of her two young daughters—bright, energetic girls like herself—took boarders. She paid her rent, and all her bills promptly, and every one was ready to help John's wife, though no one dared to trust her weak husband with a farthing's worth.

He did chores around the place, and was kindly cared for, but no money came into his hands.

The moment he procured any, in any way, the thick, stammering speech and bloodshot eyes spoke of the idioocy caused by strong drink.

But what could be done? Prayers, remonstrances, everything had been tried, all in vain.

He had two sisters living in a village near, one a beautiful, white-haired maiden of three-score years, yet as bright and sparkling as a girl of eighteen.

Many had said:

"Isn't it strange such a bright, pretty woman never has married?" but in one of Hetty's secret drawers is a handsome miniature of a young man, which is dearer to her than all the living faces she has looked upon since death claimed him, her betrothed husband, in his early youth.

John came to call on this pretty sister one warm summer day, his face flushed and his speech thick, telling plainly that he had some money.

He drove a fine span of horses and an open carriage.

"Come, Hetty, I'm going over to Sterling to see Cousin Abbott's people. Put on your duds and go along with me. It will do you good."

"Well, John, I'll be ready in a few minutes," said Hetty, her heart sinking as she saw his condition.

"But, sister, you are not going," said Alice, following Hetty from the room. "Don't you see John is half drunk now? and when he once gets started you know what he is. You must not go, Hetty."

"I am going, Alice. He will be very angry with me if I do not. It is my only way, and God will take care of me."

It was with an anxious heart that Mrs. Starr saw her friends depart, and Hetty's heart was by no means as light as her brother's who went on for some time chatting gaily, or singing some rollicking song.

They passed through a small village, and he drove up before the hotel.

"I'm as dry as a duck," he said.

"I must have something to wet my whistle. What will you have, Hetty?"

"Nothing, John, and it is getting late. Do you see that cloud?" said Hetty, pointing to a dark cloud rolling up from the west.

As they rode on, the sky grew dark, and the rain began to pour.

Hetty cowered under her umbrella, but John, who was growing sillier every moment, gave no heed to the storm. Swaying from side to side, Hetty trembled every moment lest he should fall from the wagon.

Night came down, and the road could only be seen by the lightning, which flashed incessantly.

At last the catastrophe came, and John pitched headlong from the wagon, leaving his sister alone amid the rain and darkness. She saw a light not far away.

"Help! help!" she cried, and soon men with lanterns appeared.

"You see my trouble," she said, and they kindly lifted the drunken man from the mud and carried him into the house, while one cared for the horses.

No remarks were made, even when John rose sobered in the morning, to find himself amid such strange surroundings. He harnessed his horses, offered remuneration to his entertainers, which was refused, and silently drove on to his journey's end, returning home in the same silent mood.

"Dear Hetty, how I have worried about you!" said her sister, when she was safe at home telling her story. "Weren't you almost frightened to death?"

"I didn't think I only prayed every minute," said Hetty. More than a dozen years have passed by since that fearful ride, and though no word has been said to John, the experience has never been repeated. He goes abroad with money in his pocket now, and comes home sober. It is one of the unsolved mysteries how John was cured.—National Temperance Advocate.

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Never begin to read, write or sew for several minutes after coming from darkness to light.

Do not use the eyesight by light so scant that it requires an effort to discriminate, whether twilight, moonlight, or on cloudy days.

Finally, the moment you are instinctively prompted to rub your eyes, that moment stop using them.—Justice.

Cheap and Healthful Animal Food.

A recent medical writer expresses surprise at the want of appreciation—even among medical men—of the real value of milk, in comparison with other articles of food, and, in the case of housekeepers especially, who frequently find it difficult to achieve as great a variety in articles of diet as is desirable, this article is profuse in the facilities thus provided. In particular it would appear that, so far as its nutritive value is concerned, milk is far from being understood, as compared with other articles of animal food. Again, there is less difference between the economical value of milk, beefsteak, eggs or fish than is commonly supposed. Thus the quantity of water to good milk is 87 per cent., in round steak 75 per cent., in fatter beef 60 per cent., and in eggs about 68 per cent. Now, from analysis made, it is estimated that sirloin steak, reckoning the loss from bone, is as dear at 35 cents a pound as milk at 24 cents a quart; that round steak at 20 cents a pound is as dear as milk at 14 cents a quart; and corned beef at 17 cents as dear as milk at 15. The result from these deductions seems to be that milk at even 12 cents a quart is the richest animal food that can be used.—Selected.

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2. To a pint of water add two or three ounces of listerine, which can be obtained at any drug store. Use this with an atomizer same as directed with No. 1.

3. When there is a very profuse discharge from the nose, use the following in the place of No. 2: alum, 3 drams; listerine, 3 oz.; water, 1 pint.—Good House.

CONVENTION CALL.

THE DOMINION ALLIANCE

For the Total Suppression of the Liquor Traffic.

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In view of the present position of the Prohibition Movement, it has been thought desirable by very many earnest workers that there should be held at an early date a

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

of persons who would be thoroughly representative of the advanced temperance sentiment of every part of the Dominion, to discuss the situation, and plan for further action towards the attainment of the great object of the Total Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic.

The Dominion Alliance has been asked to call this Convention, and make the arrangements necessary to secure its having the character desired. After much careful consideration this responsibility has been accepted, and the following plan has been agreed upon.

THE CONVENTION WILL BE HELD IN THE

CITY OF MONTREAL

On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, July 3rd, 4th, and 5th.

A Local Committee of Management will make complete arrangements for place of meeting, reception of legates, etc., and full particulars will be announced later on.

To this Conference all Societies and Organizations for the promotion of Temperance or Prohibition are earnestly and respectfully invited to send representatives, the basis of representation to be as follows.

THE CONVENTION TO BE COMPOSED OF

1. The Executive Committee of every PROVINCIAL ORGANIZATION OF TEMPERANCE WORKERS or an equal number of representatives selected by such Executive Committee.
2. Representatives from Local Organizations of Temperance Workers (Unions, Church Temperance Societies, Lodges, Divisions, Councils, etc., etc.) on the basis of one representative for every fifty members, any membership less than fifty or in excess of even fifties to have also one representative.
3. Five representatives for every county or city Alliance or Scott Act Association.
4. Twelve representatives chosen by the Executive Committee of the Branch of the Dominion Alliance of each Province.
5. The Officers of the Dominion Council of the Alliance.

It is confidently anticipated that this meeting will surpass in magnitude and interest any ever before held in the Dominion of Canada. A special request is made for the co-operation towards this result of all temperance societies and all friends of Moral Reform.

REDUCED FARES.

Full particulars will be given later on of rates of railway fares to this Convention. They will be unusually low, and arrangements will be made that will reduce to very little the local expenses of Delegates who have to travel long distances to be present, so that the total expense of attendance at the convention will be very small.

Friends are earnestly requested to give this announcement as wide a circulation as possible. Ministers will oblige by calling the attention of their congregations to it, and officers of Temperance Societies by laying it before their respective organizations.

All editors are respectfully solicited to kindly call attention to it in the columns of their journals.

Organizations entitled to representation at this meeting according to plan above stated, are cordially invited to appoint and send delegates, without waiting for any further notice.

REMEMBER, MONTREAL JULY 3rd, 4th, AND 5th, 1906!

BITS OF TINSEL.

Angry guest (in German restaurant)
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"The car is full of alumni," whispered Miss Heekonstreet to her friend from the west, as they both journeyed Cambridgeward in the horse car. "Yes," said the Chicago girl, "and it chokes one up, don't it! I wonder they do not open the ventilators."

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