

OLD COUNTRY NEWS.

**Who would get Compensation — The Rail
way men and Temperance — A Great
Work by British Women Sweating
and Sweaters — Temperance and
Long Life — A Plebiscite —
Southampton Voting
Straight**

An Old Country exchange says that several brewery firms, which have recently been converted into companies, have no fewer than 8,55 houses, the licenses for which are virtually in their hands. Are these the men to be compensated?

The Railway Men's Mission have just had a night at Exeter Hall, under the presidency of the Earl of Aberdeen. The Rev Canon Wilberforce was the chief speaker. The railway men have a League extending over the whole of Great Britain, having a very large membership, and doing an immense amount of temperance work chiefly among their own people.

The British Women's Temperance Association has just held its twelfth anniversary meetings at Memorial Hall. Mrs Mackenzie read the report, from which it appears that the Association has 356 branches in town and country, 30 of which were formed last year. Among other interesting papers was one by Miss Doewra, in which she urged the duty of women to use their present rights as municipal voters. The paper showed that there are 53,397 inmates daily of the London workhouses, and that the supply of alcoholic liquors to these paupers cost about \$90,000 per year. The lady speaker did not point out how large a number of these paupers were foreign importations (the number is very great), but if London elects to become a poorhouse for all Europe, it certainly need not "fetch their beer."

The question of foreign paupers is scarcely a subject for discussion in these pages, but the Sweating System, a monopoly almost entirely in the hands of foreign Jews, is such a vile, inhuman system of slavery, and is so largely rendered possible by the drink traffic, that it may not be out of place to call attention to it here. A fact more striking than any yet brought before the Lords' Committee, came out at a recent meeting of a London Vestry, when the authorities confessed buying boots for the inmates *at ten cents a pair!* These same boots underwent repair at a cost of nearly thirty cents. Cannot the tax-payer see the finger of the traitor in all this? In fact, whatever the lords may discover, thinking men will not fail to see in the *sweaters' hells* an evil which, if not the outcome of, can only be co-existent with the great drink curse.

The National Division of Sons of Temperance have just met in London. Bro. Wm. Clarke, the M. W. Scribe, gave a very encouraging report of the state of the Order in England, from which we find that there is now a membership of nearly twenty-three thousand, a considerable increase on last year. In addition to these, there are 4,680 juvenile members. The adult funds amount to \$358,000. A good testimony to the healthfulness of the Sons is found in the fact that the death-rate last year was but 7.18 per thousand, while the general average death rate of the country would certainly exceed 23 per thousand.

The Plebiscite at Cockermouth, undertaken at the unanimous wish of the inhabitants, has resulted as follows. — There voted in favour of the people having the entire control of the liquor traffic by their votes, 556, against 63, and 32 were neutral. Opposed to publicans being compensated out of the rates on the non-renewal of their licenses, there voted 557 in favor, 71 opposed, 28 were neutral. In favor of closing public houses on Sunday, 625 voted 48 opposed; and 24 were neutral.

This is how the British "convert" the native race according to a well-informed correspondent of an Old Country paper — "It has come to my knowledge that a spirit is about to be shipped to Africa at \$1 per dog!" Well, that is dear enough, if value governs price. The poor blacks are paid their wages in this vile decoction, and this is how they profit by their labour — "In a few minutes" after partaking of the fruits of their toil,

"they are thrown into a state of coma," only to recover slowly, and in a state of much exhaustion. We are, of course, too religious to exterminate these poor people by the sword, so we allow the traffic to carry on the war, in its own way, and "convert" the temperate heathen first into a drunkard, then into a maniac, and finally into a thing of the past!

Mr. A. T. Bowser, the manager of the Whittington Life Assurance Company, at the Company's annual meeting recently, gave the following valuable testimony to the longevity of abstainers. He said "I find that, taken as a whole, the mortality has been in the ordinary section, at the rate of 16.35 per thousand per year, while the rate in the temperance section has been 8.74 per thousand per year. But as the lives assured in the temperance section are somewhat younger than the other, because they commence the provident habit of paying for his assurance at an earlier age than others, I have separated those above thirty years and under fifty, and I find the difference not so much in favor of the temperance section, but still considerable. I find the rate in the ordinary section is 10.05 per 1000, in the temperance section, 6.72 per thousand."

The Southampton election (in which the immense personal influence of the greatest living Wilberforce the fiery, eloquent, dauntless Canon Basil — was all on the side of the "no compensation" candidate) has done a good deal to bring the Government to at least a show of reason. The Solicitor General has at last discovered that the general interpretation of the character of the clause is "away out." The clauses, it now appears, were intended to provide that the compensation might be paid out of the extra duties chargeable on licensee. Of course the first question that rises to ones lips is, "Why didn't you say so before?" But when a Government man, at a town like Southampton, goes to the bad at the rate of nearly a thousand votes, it is necessary for Government men to think around the corners. But it will not improve matters generally, this slily-hinted compromise, for the whole treatment of the matter is bad, and the nation knows it. Meetings of protest are as general as before, petitions are as numerous, and the dissatisfaction is limited to neither party nor sect. The Treasury lawyer's lawyer like "fond" is valueless as a way of escape from the trap which the Government has set for its own destruction. — YENHOE.

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**PREMIUMS IN 1887
Interest, and from other sources in 1887**

**\$3,002,000.69
\$30,503.34
4,812,632.03
\$36,128,334.07**

DISBURSEMENTS.

**\$1,525,387.23
626,633.89
280,521.91
334,811.27
713,150.03
112,700.00
185,913.80
3,538,783.85
\$31,336,226.72**

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Mortgages and other Stocks and Bonds
Bank Stocks
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Mortgages secured by Real Estate, valued at \$6,000,000.00
Loans on Collateral, (Market Value, \$2,000,000)
Loans on Personal Security
Loans on existing Policies, Valued at \$2,200.00
Balances due from Agents
ASSETS, December 31, 1887, at cost price
Interest due and accrued, December 31st, 1887
Premiums in course of collection
Quarterly and Semi Annual Premiums
Market Value of Securities over 1st
GROSS ASSETS, January 1, 1888**

\$31,286,822.72

LIABILITIES.

Assess., December 31, 1887, at cost price	... \$326,204.06
Interest due and accrued, December 31st, 1887	... 67,729.15
Premiums paid in advance	... 102,297.45
Reserve for life Insurance on existing Policies	... 62,837.37
All other Liabilities	... 27,188,088.86

\$32,620,076.76

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**By Connecticut, Mass., and New York Standard
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But when we look out over the field ahead of us, when we consider the possibilities and necessities of our cause, we recognize that our task is only begun, and that we must take our present vantage-ground as but the starting point for the campaign that lies before us.

It would be idle to attempt prediction of the phases which the impending conflict will assume. We can be certain that the forces of evil will fight as they have never fought, with all the might of accumulated influence, prejudice and wealth, and the desperateness born of consciousness of possible defeat. We may as confidently anticipate the ultimate triumph of the right. And we must stand ready to take our part in whatever form of conflict the fight is to assume.

But, no matter what is to be our immediate battle-cry—no matter where our tents are to be pitched—no matter who is to command our forces—we must still fight with the same potential weapons of argument, fact and appeal; we must still depend for success—under God—upon enlightenment of mind and quickening of conscience; we must do more educating and rousing than we have done; we shall have more need than ever of THE CANADA CITIZEN, even better, brighter, broader, stronger than before.

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The week commencing July 1st will be a great Prohibition week in Montreal. On the evening of Sunday, the 1st, there will be a Mass Meeting addressed by W. H. Howland, of Toronto, and other renowned Prohibition campaigners. On Monday there will be a grand Prohibition Excursion to, and picnic at Mystic, special trains running from Montreal. The Convention will open in the Victoria Rifles Armory on the morning of Tuesday, 3rd.

An invitation committee at Montreal is making arrangements for the entertainment of the delegates who come from the greatest distances. They will be able to accommodate at least one hundred. Those who purpose attending are requested to send their names at once to Mt. J. H. Carson, 42 Victoria Square, Montreal. Everything promises well for a great gathering. Let there be a grand rally of temperance men and women from every part of the Dominion.

TROUBLE IN OXFORD.

A correspondent of the CANADA CITIZEN, writing us from Oxford county, says, that at the present time, in a large part of that county, the Scott Act is simply totally disregarded. He mentions specially the villages of Princeton and Drumbo as samples of Scott Act violation. In these places he states that liquor is freely and openly sold in the hotels. Beer-pumps and whisky decanters being in full view, no attempt at concealment being made, and the liquor business in patent full blast.

Now, this means nothing else than that the License Inspector of the district in which such flagrant law-breaking takes place is guilty of a connivance at crime that is itself absolutely criminal. Oxford county is not alone in being in this condition. There is at the present time, perhaps on account of the repeal of the Scott Act in different places, a lull in enforcement; but that is no reason for it. The Scott Act is still the law in Oxford. The Ontario Government should see it carried out.

Inspectors are employed to enforce it, and if they refuse or neglect to perform their duty, it matters not whether their malfeasance is on account of whisky-favoritism or whisky-bribery, they should be promptly turned out, and their work placed in the hands of men who are honest and competent.

IS THERE DANGER?

We do not desire to find fault with Prohibition workers for their zeal. There cannot be too much of it, and we would not have a single jot of effort abated, in the line of seeking the legal suppression of the liquor traffic; but we would respectfully remind our friends that the scientific basis of total abstinence is the bed-rock on which every form of Temperance work must find its foundation.

Many years ago there were in this country more Temperance Societies

than there are at present. In every village and hamlet, in nearly every school section, there was a Lodge of Good Templars or a Division of the Sons of Temperance at work, principally among the rising generation, inculcating sound doctrines and good habits. To-day these societies are weak and scattering. True, a great deal of work is being done by the W. C. T. U., but this work is not reaching, to any great extent, that particular class of the community which will be the electorate in five years from the present time. We want more moral sission work, we want more Temperance Societies, more Temperance literature, more Temperance educating effort of every sort; and we earnestly urge upon our enthusiastic Prohibition workers the fact, that it was in the Lodge room and Division-hall that many of them got their first prohibition inspiration, and if the cause they love is to succeed there must still be kept in operation wisely-devised agencies for the enlightenment of girls and boys, and young women and young men.

THE PROHIBITION PARTY.

We print elsewhere another letter from "Prohibition Party." Our friend very decidedly mistakes our motive in declining to publish his former communication. We have no objection to the strongest argument that can be presented in favor of, or against any line of action. We only ask that they be couched in respectful and gentlemanly language. We desire to have every phase of political action thoroughly discussed, and the best plans selected and acted upon. We are pleased to place our columns at the disposal of all friends of our cause who have anything to say in this line, and who say it kindly and courteously.

We would like to point out this important fact. The object of Prohibitionists is Prohibition. That is the principle for which we contend. We may differ, but should be charitable to each other. We must bear in mind that in dealing with public questions policy as well as principle must be considered. Some believe in working through an independent party, some believe in working through existing parties. The method that ought to be adopted is the method that will most speedily and effectively attain the end we have in view. Conscience must guide us in reference to the principle. Judgment must dictate the line upon which we work out those principles. Prohibitionists who believe that they can succeed through present political organizations may criticise the judgment, but have no right to asperse the motives of new party men, neither should new party men blame those who think differently from them, and charge them with want of principle, or subservience to party domination, if it is clear that these anti-third party men have been and are perfectly independent in their words and actions in reference to Prohibition.

We would desire again to plead for union. Let those who are honest and sound-principled discuss the whole question, remembering that only by the consolidation of our forces can we be as influential as we ought to be. Then, while no man yields to anyone in the matter of conscience or right, let the minority fall into line with the majority in carrying out the plans which are most generally commended. Let us all be immovable in principle, wise and conciliatory in method, charitable in every thought and word, and solidly together in every step we take.

THE GROCERS' LICENSES.

Every true friend of temperance

reform and license restriction in this city should heartily appreciate the stand taken by the License Commissioners, in reference to the sale of liquor by grocers, to which reference is made in another part of this paper. We understand that the License Commissioners have practically informed the liquor trade that if the same License Board is in office next year, there will be no shop licenses granted to men in the grocery business.

In taking this step, the Commissioners do what is fair and right. The people of Toronto voted years ago for the separation of liquor selling from the grocery business. They did this expecting that their decision at the polls would be actually carried out; but they were sadly disappointed. The separation of the grocery and liquor business was, in many cases, merely nominal. The thin board partition, in which the boards were sometimes movable, and through which conversations could always be carried on, constituted the separation. Those who had worked hard for the enactment of the by-law were disgusted and disheartened, the particularly dangerous grocery liquor business has been going on ever since with its attendant evils. The new Board of Commissioners, recognizing the situation, and honestly desiring to have the intention and instruction of the public carried out, have decided, as already stated, to put a stop to this trickery. We sincerely hope that our Temperance friends will recognize the importance of the situation. We do not know how far the Commissioners are acting under direct instructions from the Ontario Government, but they represent that Government, and we sincerely hope that another year will see the carrying out of the wise policy which has just been announced. The fact that the men who for years have been violating the spirit of the law are up in arms against the new proposal, ought to satisfy friends of the Temperance cause that the action of the Commissioners is in the interests of what is right and desirable.

In all probability a good deal of pressure will be brought to bear on the Ontario Government from quarters where liquor influences dominate, to prevent the re-appointment of Messrs. Ryan, Proctor and Armstrong as License Commissioners. Our friends should not leave the liquor traffic to make all the representation in the case.

TEMPERANCE TEACHING.

The most important temperance work that can be undertaken, and that which will produce the best result, is the work of teaching the children of our country the great truths regarding the nature and effect of alcoholic liquor. It is admitted by everybody that the temperance question is and will be one of the most important that will come before the country during the next fifty years. How necessary it is, then, that those who will deal with this problem and control our country's action in reference to it should be correctly informed on every phase of this most vital question.

We go to a great deal of trouble and expense to have our children properly informed in matters of learning and business, while but little or no attention has been paid to teaching them the important facts that are known in relation to alcohol and the results of its consumption.

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The necessity of more attention to juvenile temperance work is being realized year by year, and now that we have a temperance text book in our public schools, no doubt much good will result from the instruction which the children will receive. The careful attention of every teacher should be given to this branch of education. Let the children be correctly informed as to what alcohol is, what effect it has upon the various organs of the body, what diseases it causes, with whatever other information it is thought proper to give them, and the result will be that in a very few years we will have a community fully aroused to the necessity of entirely stopping the consumption as a beverage of this most destructive of poisons.

Temperance people are only beginning to realize fully that they have been losing a great deal of time in waiting for the child to become a man or woman before endeavoring to bring him under the influence of temperance education and instruction. More attention is being devoted to juvenile work by all the temperance organizations, and the result will be a stronger temperance sentiment than ever in a very short time. Every branch of the

Family Reading.

Prayer Before the Battle.

BY REV. DWIGHT WILLIAMS.

The battle lines are very long,
The cannonade is near;
Help us to march against the strong
In Thy great love and fear;
Be Lord, our leader, as we go,
Give courage to our men,
Give ready speed to face the foe,
Give broadsides to the pen.
Send out thy light and truth, O Lord,
And let the public heart
Be open to thy loyal word,
Till prejudices depart,
Give patriotic zeal to those
Who lead the nation's thought,
Till right their purpose shall dispose
With noble offerings brought.

The logic of our cause array
In martial order set;
The great columbiada display,
And gild the bayonet;
The bayonet of argument
To silence the great guns
Whose volleys from the bulwarks sent
Dismay her timid sons.

And let the growing flames spread out
As prairies in a blaze;
Send forth thine armies with a shout
That shall the world amaze;

Great captain of the people come;
Inspire the brave and free;
It means the jubilee of home
A land encrowned by thee.

Blot out the words of hate we've known,
Too long in south and north;
Give us one brotherhood alone,
Send us together forth;

We'll strike for our dear fatherland
The grandest of the years;
Around one altar we will stand
And lift fraternal cheers.

The great Goliath of our time
Stands out in his great scorn,
Bring from the sheep cotes with their
chime

Thine own anointed born;
Put in his heart immortal strength,
Put thunder in his hand,
To bring this giant to the dust
With help from this great land.

We tarry for Thy blessing, Lord;
The drum beat sounds afar;
Our captain cometh with his sword
And wears his victor star;
How long the strife! We ask it not,
Through weary days of time;
All but one duty be forgot,
Until the song sublime.

—New Republic.

A Lost Day.

Where is the day I lost,—
The golden day
Beyond all price and cost,
That slipped away,
Out of my wandering sight,
My careless hold?
Where did it lift in flight
Its wings of gold?

What were the treasures rare
It bore from me!
What were the pleasures fair
I shall not see!

Ah, never day was yet
So fine, so fair,
So rich with promise set,
So free from care,

As that we mourn and sigh,
When we do say:
"Alas, how time doth fly,
I've lost a day!"

—Independent.

Counter and Bar; A Shopkeeper's Story.

BY J. W. NEADEN.

Mr. Brisket, the butcher; Mr. Crisp, the baker; and young Mr. Push, of the well-known drapery firm of Push & Greattales, were very much perplexed when this question of Local Option was first brought under their notice.

They did not take very kindly to the idea of it, for as Brisket very naturally said, and Brisket was a kind-hearted fellow, besides having plenty of pluck, "It seemed rather hard to close up a publican's place of business when he was making a living out of it. It was hard enough for those that were in business to get along without being shut up. He knew himself, what with bad debts and one thing and another, it was all he could do to pay his way."

The remark about bad debts seemed to touch Crisp on a sore spot, for he shook his head dolefully till quite a halo of flour floated round him in the gas-light, and young Mr. Push, who was a bit of a dandy, stepped a little on one side, for he had a new black broad cloth coat on, and thought that Mr. Crisp ought to keep his flour to himself, but he quite agreed with Mr. Brisket about the bad debts, which he remarked were a "confounded nuisance."

They were also perhaps a little prejudiced about the matter, because the first person who had spoken to them about it was Mr. Rapid, house and land agent, and everybody knew that Rapid was a teetotaler; a regular out and out cold water man, but very hot on the temperance question. "Rapid Rapid," young Mr. Push used to call him.

A smart young chap was Push, and could say a good thing when he liked. You should hear the girls laugh when he took two or three of them for a walk on the pier, but never mind that now; it was not of the girls that Mr. Push was thinking just then, but of certain long entries in his firm's day book, some of which he feared were doubtful and a great many of which he knew were "bad."

He cheered up a little at the remembrance of a good order he had taken from Mrs. Toole, the publican's wife, that afternoon; dresses and hats for herself and daughters, besides a dozen of shirts for Mr. T., who wanted them made extra large in the neck, for Mr. T. had got very stout of late years, and once or twice had had a difficulty in his breathing that made him quite black in the face.

Mr. Push was quite easy with regard to that order. There was never any difficulty about getting the money from the Toole's. A pleasant woman to serve was Mrs. T., easily pleased, and withal, generously inclined, nor was there any fear of payment being too long delayed; when the account was presented the money would be forthcoming at once, for, as Mr. T. often cheerfully, but ungrammatically, remarked, "We gets it easy and we spends it free."

The recollection of that good order, of Mrs. Toole's pleasant manner, and perhaps, just a passing reminiscence of a bright glance out of the sparkling black eyes of the eldest Miss T., who, although engaged to be married shortly to young Canvasser, the Brewer's traveller, was, I regret to say, a bit of a flirt, made young Mr. Push feel quite indignant with Rapid and his Local Option scheme, which, if carried out successfully, threatened to interfere with the business arrangements of his good customers.

Talk of the eh? well, you know the proverb; still, it did seem strange, that just as Harry Push had made up his mind that Rapid was an idiot, that individual should turn round the corner, looking quite contented with himself, and with anything but an idiotic expression on his intelligent face. The serene expression of his countenance, however, gave place to one of amused surprise when Push, in his quick, impulsive way, caught hold of his arm and exclaimed—

"I say, Rapid, that Local Option scheme of yours is all nonsense, confounded nonsense. I can't make out what on earth made you take up with it. Why don't you keep your teetotal ideas to yourself, and not try to stop other people from getting their beer if they want to! Nobody is interfering with you. I haven't heard of any suggestion to chain up the town pump and stop the supplies of your favorite boozers."

This hit at Rapid's "cold water doctrines" took immensely. Brisket roared with laughter, and the convulsions that shook Crisp's frame sent a cloud of best-silk-dressed Adelaide flour gently floating down the street. Rapid, however, took the laughter all in good part, indeed he was secretly pleased to find young Push opening up the way to a discussion of the question, for he was anxious to bring over to his views the three shopkeepers, who indeed were men of considerable influence in the town; the butcher and the baker especially, being old inhabitants, much and deservedly respected.

"Well," said he, cheerfully, taking off his hat as he spoke, and wiping his forehead, for he had been walking fast; he was, indeed, hurrying to a Local Option committee meeting, while to risk being late on this occasion, if he could convert his three townsmen, and obtain their support for the movement. "Well, you know that Local Option is not altogether a teetotal idea. We have plenty of Local Optionists who are not teetotalers, but who are convinced that there are too many public houses in the place. I admit that it does seem hard on the publican at first sight, perhaps, but the case that first made me take up the question was a great deal harder."

"And what case was that?" said all three at once, so that their voices blurred as though they had been making one of the responses in the church service, and the familiar sound caught the ear of the Rev. Mr. Thirdlast, M.A., who was walking past with Mr. Switchem, the head teacher at the State school, and they also paused to listen.

"It was that case of Smith's," said Rapid, and when he mentioned the name of Smith, Mr. Push said, "ay,"

and Mr. Brisket said, "ah," and Mr. Crisp said, "oh," just as though they were practising their scales at a singing class, for each exclamation was a full octave below the last, so that Mr. Crisp's was a deep bass note that seemed to come from a heart as heavy as the batch of bread that came out of his oven the morning after a workman he had once got tipsy and forgot to mix in the yeast. "You remember Smith," continued Rapid.

"Oh yes, we remember him," responded the three shopkeepers, again speaking simultaneously, and it sounded so like a "Good Lord deliver us," from the litany, that the Rev. Mr. Thirdlast, M.A., could hardly repress a smile, in fact, I don't think he did repress it, but just let it go.

"Well," said Rapid, "it was after I got those poor children of his into the orphanage that I first began to think whether this liquor traffic wasn't a matter in which the law ought to interfere, and whether there ought not to be some limit, at least, put to the number of drinking shops in which poor weak-minded fellows like Smith are tempted to their destruction."

It was quite a home-thrust, this remark of Rapid's about poor Smith, for that name stood in the books of each of the three shopkeepers at the head of long, long accounts of goods that would never be paid for, that represented a dead loss that they could ill afford. The accounts might have been paid, nay more, they knew that they would have been paid if Smith had been steady, for he was not an intentionally dishonest man, and his wife—poor little woman—was as honest as the day. The constant fretting under a continually increasing load of debts, incurred because her husband spent at the tavern the money that should have been devoted to household uses, had been among the causes that had hurried her to an early grave, not long before the day when the poor, weak husband destroyed himself in a fit of delirium tremens.

"And," continued Rapid, who saw the effect his words had produced, "I know that Smith's case was not a singular one. I knew that for every butcher's, baker's, grocer's or draper's shop in the town, there were two or three public-houses, and that for every public-house there were at least two or three cases like Smith's, not in all instances, perhaps, ending so terribly, but each having a deadly crop of misery and destitution. You see when I go round to collect the rents of a Monday morning I have a chance of seeing into the homes of the tenants, and I have learnt this, that those who are the most profitable customers to the publican are least profitable to anyone else. They have less money to spend for really necessary things of life and if they once get behind hand with their bills or with their rent, it is impossible to get anything out of them. I did not then see as plainly as I do now, the effect this has on the prosperity of other tradesmen and shopkeepers; perhaps," he added, with a sly twinkle in his eye, "I do not yet see it quite as plainly as some of you gentlemen do, but I saw the shame and sorrow amongst the wives, and the misery and destitution amongst the children and that was enough for me."

Had Rapid been less earnest in his subject he would perhaps have noticed a little comedy being performed under his very nose which gave a strange emphasis to his statement. They were standing just in front of Mr. Crisp's shop, and as they were talking, a pale thin child, with big dark eyes, scantly clad and barefooted, slipped noiselessly past them into the shop, and spoke pleadingly to Mrs. C. who stood behind the counter. When the child had done speaking, Mrs. C. looked across to Mr. Crisp, who was just outside the door. Mr. C., with a very determined frown, shook his head at Mrs. C. and then Mrs. C. shook her head at the little girl, in each of whose big eyes a tear slowly gathered and coursed down her pale cheeks as she turned to depart, and then Mrs. C. looked as though she was going to cry and glanced across at her good-natured husband who shook his head again, but ended with a shrug of the shoulders that meant so plainly "do as you please" that Mrs. C. called the child back and gave her a loaf, adding another to a long list of unpaid for loaves that had gone in the same direction. Crisp watched the child as she ran up the street, and then noticed that Brisket was looking after her too.

"We have a lot of that, don't we?" said he. "They spend their money at the public-house and we have to keep their families." Rapid, who had not noticed the child, thought the remark was in answer to his own statement, and spoke briskly. "Yes, you may depend upon it, the prosperity of the liquor traffic is purchased at the expense of that of every other branch of trade. If there were fewer public-houses there would be fewer bad debts in your books and ten times as

many good ready money customers for your wares, while I should have no difficulty in getting in my clients' rents. I put it to you, plainly, gentlemen," he concluded, warming with his subject, "which would you sooner have for customers, a town full of men who spend their evenings at the public-house, or a town full of men who live sober lives and spend their evenings in the bosom of their families."

"What time does that Local Option meeting of yours begin?" said young Push, "I think I'll look in."

"And so will I," said both Mr. Brisket and Mr. Crisp.

"And so will I," said the Rev. Mr. Thirdlast, M.A., "for the same cause which makes men forget what is due to their fellow men makes them likewise forget what is due to their Father in heaven, and thus my Master is defrauded also." —Melbourne Alliance Record.

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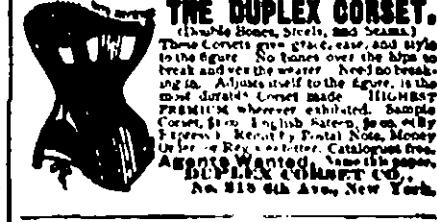
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