

vance proposed is along the line of what can be made effective at this stage of public opinion and of the habits of many of the people. The abolition of the chief breeding places of excess is a most desirable forward movement, while the presence of a limited number of shops in a few centres will permit those who drink moderately and are willing to take the risk of having liquor in their homes to get it without being law-breakers. A wider measure of abolition would have been more spectacular politics, but what is proposed appeals to me as practical temperance."

Redeemed His Promise.

Kingston, March 26.—Under the caption "Redeemed His Promise," The Whig says:—"The leader of the local Opposition has redeemed his promise and put himself on record, with the cordial concurrence of the Liberal party in the Legislature, and of the Liberals in the Province, on the temperance question. It is an advanced position, and one on which he will be congratulated by all who have the weal of the people at heart. Mr. Rowell desires the abolition of the bars, with the sale of liquor confined to the shops and clubs, and in them under such restrictions as it may be expedient to impose. The bar is the cause of more offending than any other social institution in the land. It is a temptation, alike a grievous and indefensible temptation, to old and young, to men who have contracted the unfortunate habit of liquor-drinking and to the young men who have many a fall on its account. With the bars closed a great deal of the dissipation would disappear and the menace of the liquor traffic would cease to be alarming. The action of Mr. Rowell is that of a courageous and consistent man, and it is in perfect accord with his honorable reputation. He was the subject of sneers when he counselled patience in order that he might consult those whose support he desired. He never hesitated as to what he should do personally; he desired, however, to lay his views before the Liberal party, and he has done so, and his motion is the result. The Liberal party has a leader in Ontario of which it has reason to be proud. On this temperance question his course is manly, independent, and worthy of all praise. Success to him."

Rev. Dr. McGillivray.

Rev. Malcolm McGillivray, D.D., of Chalmers Presbyterian Church, said that he was strongly in favor of the abolition of the bar, and he was not sorry that it was the Liberal party that had taken the initiative in the matter by adopting as its policy what the temperance party had been advocating so long.

Mr. T. H. Preston.

Brantford, March 26.—Mr. T. H. Preston, editor of The Expositor, to-day expressed the following opinion in connection with temperance legislation proposed by the Liberal leader in Ontario: "I regard Mr. Rowell's proposals as being as long a step in the direction of temperance reform as it would be desirable to take at present. They certainly will be more acceptable to the large centres of population than to enforce entire prohibition under local option, because they provide for a safety-valve in the retention of the shops, thus lessening the danger of unlicensed groggeries being established to satisfy the cravings of those who are determined to have intoxicants. They also get rid of the evils connected with the open bar and the treating system. Should they become law the question of the proper control of the shops and for the revenues therefrom will become a very important one."