

A FEW SHORT YEARS.

A few short years—and then
What changes Time hath wrought!
So strange they seem, we scarce can deem

A few short years—and then
Where are the hopes that shone
When youth with flowers enwreathed the brows,

A few short years—and then
Where is the mighty grief
That rung the heart with tortures aye,

A few short years—and then
What of our life remains,
The smiles and tears of other years,

CORRESPONDENCE.

UNITED TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION
The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ontario, of this temperance organization, was held in Hamilton on the 23rd, 24th and 25th October.

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.
On the 24th instant a large number of ladies, representing the various W. C. U.'s throughout Ontario, assembled in Toronto for the purpose of forming a Provincial Union.

THE DUNKIN ACT IN WELLINGTON.
The Dunkin Act campaign in Wellington has opened; the County Council having sanctioned a vote being taken the friends and opponents of the measure are marshaling their respective forces for the conflict.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.
On the morning of the 25th a melancholy accident occurred on the Hamilton and North Western Railway, at the junction of the Lake Erie and Georgetown divisions in Hamilton, resulting in the death of William Higginbotham, an engine driver on the latter division.

GROCER'S LICENCES.
The Royal Commissioners on Grocers' Licenses have examined more witnesses in Edinburgh. Donald Mathieson Mackay, ex-supervisor of the burgh police, Dundee, was opposed to the present system, and declared that the law was systematically evaded, grocers would drink more, and be consumed on the premises, and there was no means of checking the practice.

CHINAMEN IN TORONTO.
The inhabitants of Toronto have become late years pretty familiar with the appearance of Chinaman, and little astonishment is now created by the appearance of "John" in his uncouth dress and turned-up shoes.

RAILWAY COMPETITION.
"Senex," the Toronto correspondent of the Drilling Packet, has something to say about Hamilton in his last week's letter which is not without interest to Hamiltonians. He says:—The effects on trade, of the Hamilton and N. Western railway are beginning to be seen.

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