

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

The Liberal.

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PROHIBITION.

The Presbyterian churches in Canada, the general conference of Methodist church of Canada, and other churches, have taken action in the line of petitioning the house of commons and senate for a law prohibiting the manufacture, importation and sale of all alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes in Canada. Petitions to this end are already in circulation, and all members and adherents of churches, sixteen years of age and upwards, will be at liberty to sign them. It is requested that public meetings be held in each congregation and community, when the question of the prohibition of the liquor traffic may be discussed and information given. Rev. D. L. Brethour, Thorold, general secretary of the standing committee on temperance of the Methodist church, and Rev. D. Stiles Fraser, Springvale, Upper Stewiacke, Nova Scotia, convener of the permanent committee on temperance of the Presbyterian church, have charge of the work. Over thirty thousand petitions will be sent out to the different denominations. This is the most extensive movement that has yet been inaugurated for taking the sense of the Canadian people on this vastly important question, and will result in a closer estimate of the public wish than anything yet done in the same direction. The committee have every arrangement perfected for a thorough distribution and the petitions will be presented to parliament in such shape that it will be difficult to ignore them. It is expected that upwards of a million names will be received. Interested parties not in receipt of petitions can secure them on application to either of the above.

The third page of the Toronto DAILY MAIL is noted for "Want" Advertisement. If you want to buy or sell anything. If you want a situation, a mechanic, a business, machinery, lodgings, if you have lost or found anything or if you want to find out where anyone is, advertise in the Toronto DAILY MAIL and read the advertisements on the third page of that page. The charge is Two Cents a word each insertion. Address THE MAIL, Toronto, Canada.

Radcliffe's Rope.

To the Editor of THE LIBERAL.

DEAR SIR,—I write on, as in my last I promised. A moving spirit within me moves me on. I spoke of the moving of character of the world we live in. I shall now show that this applies to the subject in hand. I will begin.

The finger of past history points to the making of Radcliffe's rope, and its blood-curdling abomination, a thing of the past. The time was when there was no law, and no gospel. Those were barbarous days. Human life was a history of war and bloodshed. Killing men was the popular thing. Whoever shed most blood was the biggest brave. A powerful ruler would probably stop the tide of blood. Such was that "human beast," William the Conqueror. He struck terror through the land, and so kept down deeds of violence. So much so that "no man durst slay another man though he had suffered never so mickle evil from him." Next in order came the King and his counsellors and their child, the law. The child grew. For smiting the child the penalty was blood. "The laws against beggars and vagabonds had been written in letters of blood after the 15th century. During the 147 years (1384-1531) vagabonds were put in the stocks. Then the whip was added. In 1536 mutilation and death were supplemented." "During the reign of Henry VIII, the hangman had to operate on 2000 in each average year." It is said that in the reign of James I. 50,000 were killed for witchcraft, ignorance and superstition. Blackstone, the eminent jurist, tells us that in England 150 years ago, there were 160 offences to which were attached the death penalty. Charles Dickens, in his "Tale of Two Cities," which is a vivid picture of London and Paris life 100 years ago, says: "The forger was put to death, the utterer of a bad note was put to death, the purloiner of 40s. 6d. was put to death, the holder of a horse at Tellson's door who made off with it was put to death, the coiner of a bad shilling was put to death, the sounders of three fourths of the notes in the gamut of crime were put to death." And the law and the people said: "All this is

right." Knight, the historian, says: "We cannot read without disgust of burglars and cut-purses being hanged by the dozen at Hyde Park Corner and Tyburn. Yet the people of that time thought these things just and right." We do not think so now. The world is moving, and we are thankful. Some still hold that Radcliffe's rope is right for some, viz., murderers. Many say no, not even for that kind of criminals. And the government even is striving to hide its red-handed business, so that instead of Radcliffe's rope when at work being open to public gaze the people see it not, or if they do they must crawl up to the house tops, or climb the neighboring trees to see the shivering sight. Having made such encouraging progress within about a century so that instead of from one to two hundred capital offences we have today but one or two, had we not better keep moving on, and abolish capital punishment completely? Let the last decade of this growing century destroy the scaffold. Let all help who can conscientiously. Something better than death for death our Christian Civilization can provide! Radcliffe's rope is too barbarous, brutal and bloody an instrument for this bright, gentle eyed, gospel age of enlightenment, peace and love.

More anon. W. B. BOOTH. Todmorden, Dec. 27th, 1890.

Maple

COMPLIMENTARY SUPPER—On Wednesday evening the 17th inst. the Bible Class of Maple M. S. School held a social in the vestry of the church, for the purpose of bidding farewell to their teacher, Mr. E. Richardson, who leaves Maple to take the Principalship of the Edmonton P. School.

After supper a number of valuable books were presented to Mr. Richardson and the following address accompanied the presentation:

DEAR TEACHER AND FRIEND:—Having heard of your intention to remove from your present field of labor, we the members of your class, and Teachers and Officers of Maple Methodist S. School thought it right and proper to give you some token of our appreciation of your zeal and labors in our behalf. We therefore ask you to accept of these books, not as a full compensation for the services rendered, but as a slight token of esteem. We hope that in your new field of labor you will find in this Bible great help to enable you to teach others, as you have taught us, the will of God concerning them. And when in God's House you open this Hymn Book to sing His praises may you remember the givers, and in the remembrance be prompted to ask God's blessing upon them.

We assure you in behalf of the Class and friends that in leaving us you carry with you our kindest feelings of esteem and regard; and the wish of all is that in your new field of labor your efforts may prove a great blessing to many and also to yourself.

During the evening complimentary speeches were made by Rev. P. Campbell, Mr. Leeds Richardson, Mr. H. Dickout, Mr. J. C. McQuarrie, Mr. Thos. Cousins and others.

The Superintendent, Mr. John Craddock, acted a chairman.

A number of pieces of music were rendered, Miss Kate McQuarrie acting as organist.

A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all present and no doubt Edgar will not soon forget the good people of Maple and will be encouraged by their generous appreciation of his services to persevere in Sabbath School Work.

Headford.

FAREWELL SUPPER AND PRESENTATION—The members of the Headford Football Club and other friends, met at the residence of Mr. S. Ritter for the purpose of bidding farewell to Mr. J. Ferguson, teacher of Headford Public School and captain of the aforesaid club.

Before supper Mr. Ferguson was presented with a volume of Tennyson's poems, by Master Spervus Ritter, one of his pupils accompanied with a few appropriate words by Mr. Arthur Quantz. Then W. Helmkey presented him with a beautiful toilet case on behalf of his friends, while K. Henrick read an address as follows:—

MR. JOHN FERGUSON, DEAR SIR,—We could not let you leave us without giving you some memento of our friendship.

Although you have been here but one short year, yet we have learned to esteem you highly and feel honored in counting you a friend.

Your genial good nature and uniform cordiality has drawn us towards you, and the memory of our delightful intercourse is one of the brightest pages in our life's history. Our best wishes go with this small token, wishes that would raise your name high in the ranks of fame, but whatever the future may have in store for you (we hope many good things) among the rest may you always find friends as true and loyal as those you leave in Headford.

The address was signed by several persons in behalf of the section. Mr. Ferguson, although taken by surprise, very feelingly replied, thanking the friends for their kindness, stating also that Spervus was one of his best scholars.

A very enjoyable evening was spent in social converse, music and games, after which they all parted wishing each other a Merry Christmas.

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