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#### LOCAL OPTION AND SELF CONTROL.

(By Rev. W. Farquharson.)

Man was made with an end to attain and endowed with a will to accomplish it. Embarked on life's sea, his mission is to guide his bark to its goal in the face of wind and tide. Like the ocean steamer, he is endowed with energy to face the fiercest storm while he proves his manhood by use of the rudder of self-control.

To bottle up every adverse wind and calm every storm is a task that is hopeless. The war between sense and soul no man can evade. It was not the saloon that started drinking, but the drink-craving that created the saloon. Everywhere and for all time Nature's powers are at work fermenting the juices of fruits and turning sweets and starches into alcohol. There were neither distilleries nor taverns where Noah was deceived through strong drink, and the man who drifts with the tide idly waiting till the current change, is a fool.

Even if it were possible of our town to form a sheltered harbor where never an adverse wind would blow, its value would be measured by the manly power it would awaken to overcome the difficulties beyond. We are citizens of the wide world, and are safe only as we are capable of meeting life's fiercest blasts. Mere ignorance of drink or external restraint is not temperance, and a man who depended merely on such props would find himself as helpless in the battle as are the Red Men of America. The man who has not awakened in him the power of self-control is doomed to be tossed about at the mercy of wind and tide.

The warfare into which we are thus forced is an essential condition of moral growth. "When the fight begins within himself a man's worth something." In the original Eden there was the tree of death as well as the tree of life, and to all time man must gain "the wrestling thews that throw the world" through the battle of right against wrong.

Local Option is not a substitute for self control but a helper to attain it. Better for a man to live under the worst system of liquor laws and be possessed of self control than to live

under the best without it.

In how far then may Local Option be depended on to foster that grace which the ordinary version of the Bible calls "Temperance," but which the Revised Version calls "Self Control"?

Evidently the case is not such that the passing of the law will guarantee the possession of the grace. At the most the law can but clear the way for self control to assert itself. Our lives are not independent of our surroundings. The theory that man is absolutely indifferent to circumstances, that no man can harm me but myself is a doctrine of the Stoics, not of Christ. If Israel is to be a holy nation the bondage of Egypt must be broken. This is not that they be relieved of the need of purpose of heart, but that that purpose may have scope for its exercise. Local Option fills its mission as it opens the way for a manly self control.

To accomplish this it gives a death blow to the license system by which we accept money for the privilege of doing what can only be accomplished by drawing into their net the young fresh blood from every generation. Surely the strain of battle is great enough without sending out accredited agents to help to drag our young men to ruin.

It strikes a blow at treating and the social usages connected therewith. The treating custom arises from the craving in every man's bosom for social recognition. Mutual entertainment is the acknowledgment of common fellowship. This fellowship must embrace all in the circle while each in turn has the right to return the favor. Thus social customs are made to face the flame of the drinking passion to such an extent that many tell us that the stopping of the treating system would, to a large extent, stop the excess of drinking. One aim of Local Option is to break up the circle where treating is habitually practised.

It strikes at a custom which not only gathers round it the charm of sociability but actually invokes the enthusiasm of religion. It is true the songs of this cult are not sacred, its cup is not the "cup of kindness," its ways are not the "ways of pleasantness," nor are its paths the "paths of peace." It is none the less a religion, with many votaries. Its temple is the bar room, its sacrament is the wine cup, its walk is in the flesh and its goal is certainly not the Kingdom of heaven.

At the negative side of these evils Local Option strikes, but healing only comes when in the place of the altar that is false there is set up that which is true. Only when the empty house is tenanted by the Augre of light can the demon of darkness be expelled. The goal of all our endeavor is to walk in the light. Restrictions or prohibitions are no more than the outer case. Self control is the jewel. Legal forms at best are but temporary expedients, self-control abides. After life's restrictions and its discipline have accomplished their end and passed away, self-control, a part as it is of all embracing charity, shall abide. Vote for Local Option, but live in spirit of Self Control.

#### Edge Hill.

Mr. Geo. Ritchie of Acton visited relatives in this part recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williams visited with their brother George in Owen Sound last week.

Inspector Campbell visited our school last week and reported favorably on the standing of the pupils.

Miss Winnie Greenwood is the guest of friends in Caledon at present.

A number from this part attended the opening of the new church in Egremont on Sunday.

On Saturday all that was mortal of Mr. Dan Greenwood was laid to rest. The deceased gentleman was one of the best of neighbors and possessed of a genial winning disposition which made him loved and respected by all who made his acquaintance. We extend to the family and friends our sincere sympathy in their hour of sorrow.

#### Wiaraton Man Elopes.

Having been denied admission to her home after returning late Saturday night, Miss Hazel Oliver a Bell telephone operator of Windsor eloped with A. F. Mallard, a former resident of Wiaraton and well known there, and was married on Monday in Sarnia by Rev. J. H. Oliver. The newly-wedded couple notified the bride's parents there of what had occurred, and were invited to return. They have now arrived and have been forgiven. For the present they are stopping with the bride's parents.—Ex.

[It's all right for a man to elope if the girls dad is rich enough and fool enough to take care of the elopers after they get married.]

#### MARRIED.

McMURRAY—SUDDEN.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Chatsworth, on Wednesday Oct 30th, by Rev. F. Matheson, James Henry McMurray, of Shelburne, and Wilda Rosemane Sudden, of Chatsworth.

#### IS IT A GOOD CHOICE?

(Mail and Empire.)

Mr. A. G. Mackay is to be congratulated upon his appointment to the important office of leader of the provincial Opposition. The Opposition is also to be felicitated, for Mr. Mackay, who is a fluent speaker, a good reasoner and a genial gentleman, may be depended upon to do for the party the very best that can be done under existing circumstances. But while this much must be said in justice to the new leader, it will have to be admitted that Mr. Mackay is perhaps too close to the old regime to command unlimited confidence. It cannot be forgotten, of course, that his election experiences were somewhat sensational during the period of painful revelations.

It was in the campaign of 1903 that Mr. Mackay entered politics, opposing Mr. Boyd, the former member for North Grey. When the ballots were counted Mr. Mackay had a majority of nine. A recount was ordered, and as it progressed the Mackay vote steadily declined, until at last the majority was but one. At this point a miracle was wrought. Four of Mr. Boyd's ballots were found to have been spoiled owing to the addition of "little crosses" in the compartment allotted to Mr. Mackay. Mr. Carson, the deputy returning officer, Mr. Thomas Buchan, the Liberal scrutineer, and Mr. James Goudy, the Conservative scrutineer, swore that these ballots were in good order when they came out of the box. The electors who marked them for Mr. Boyd also asserted that there were no irregular marks upon them when they left their hands. It was urged, however, in Mr. Mackay's behalf, that the miraculously spoiled ballots should be disallowed, and the judge was compelled under the law to refuse to count them. The astounding manipulation of the Boyd ballots saved the seat of Mr. Mackay. But, unfortunately or otherwise, public opinion was so stirred on the subject of the crooked work that Mr. Mackay gave up the seat, and ran the election over again. This time another miracle was performed. When the ballots were counted it was found that in Owen Sound the former majority of 137 for Mr. Boyd had by some manipulation been turned into a majority of 58 for Mr. Mackay while in Meaford there was a change of 87 votes in Mr. Mackay's favor. This remarkable state of affairs was investigated, and an election trial was demanded. At the investigation no less than 300 charges of corruption were made. The most notable of these were those in which the Buffalo operators were concerned. It was alleged that Capt. Sullivan had introduced a little company of experts from across the line to render Mr. Mackay's election the more certain. Some of the Buffalo men attended the trial and testified, but the judges ruled, first that their reputations were such as to cast doubt upon their testimony, and secondly, that even if what they confessed were true they were not agents of Mr. Mackay, according to the legal meaning of the word. Other charges were gone into, and bribery was established, but "agency" was not proven to the satisfaction of the Court. The trial was adjourned for a short time to meet the convenience of the judges, and while the enquiry was thus suspended Mr. Mackay suddenly became a minister.

It was at once claimed that this action vacated the seat and brought the trial to a close without any further investigation. The view was pressed, however, and the mere taking of office did not close the enquiry, and this argument was upheld. The court was to assemble on a given day; the witnesses were on hand; the evidence to prove the corruption was ready. On the very morning that the court was to have met the judge received a telegram from the Government, of which Mr. Mackay was a member, telling them that the Legislature had been dissolved, and hinting that the further trial of the North Grey case would in consequence be useless. As a matter of fact Mr. Mackay, as a Minister, had, by the exercise of the power to dissolve, brought his own case to an end thus shutting off the light that was about to be turned upon it.

There can be no question that Mr. Mackay is skilled as a politician. But it does not seem probable that the best Liberal will regard his appointment as an evidence that the rulers of the party have determined to reform, or as a promise of better things. It surely would have been better if the party had steered clear of all the old associations and had commenced anew with a clean sheet and with a leader who knows not the old offenders, and is innocent of the old sins.

#### Sale Register.

TUESDAY NOV. 26.—At Lots 62 and 63 W. G. R. Bentinck about a mile south-west of Durham. Farm stock, implements and feed. 12 months' credit. See bills, and full list in this issue. Arnold Noble Proprietor. John Clark, Auctioneer.

#### Varney.

There were over sixty attended the "At Home" held in the Orange Hall on the 5th Nov., and the most pleasant few hours were spent that have ever been spent around here for some time in games, singing and music, etc.

The Rev. Mr. Rogers, Sr., preached a most excellent missionary sermon Sunday before last, which was listened to with great interest by quite a large congregation, and the lecture on Monday night was also good and well patronized.

Miss Nettie Pollock, daughter of our Postmaster, came home from Toronto week before last quite run down in health, but we are glad to hear she is improving nicely, and we hope she will continue to do so until she is in the best of health again.

There were about four or five inches of snow fell on the night of the 13th and the sleigh bells could be heard the next day chiming their merry lay, which made it sound like winter.

We were pleased to see Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Leeson at church Sunday, the 10th. It looks like old times to see them in Varney church again. They were up from Mt. Forest paying their children a visit.

Billy Linnel left McCabe a few days ago, and Alf. says he wouldn't mind but he is afraid he won't get any more fowl suppers. He has hired another man who, we hear, has had ten years' experience, and now if the boss is away people will have their wants attended to, which will be a great convenience.

The people of this neighborhood attended the opening of the new church on the 2nd of Egremont on Sunday last and also the tea and entertainment on Monday night. We congratulate the Church of England people on their enterprise in erecting such a beautiful and neat little place of worship. They will surely be rejoicing over the very fine weather they had for the opening.

Miss Aggie Dunn, from Durham, has been sewing the past week at Mrs. Clark's.

Robt. Petty's cow was struck by the train at the Varney crossing on Saturday afternoon, the 9th, and was knocked into the ditch, but she got up and walked to her stable where she laid down but never got up again, and had to be killed after doctoring her for over a week.

Mr. Clark has housed both his threshing outfits for another year after doing a very good season's work considering the small crops of this year.

Robert Petty came home from the West on Saturday night looking as if the country and work agreed with him. We are glad to see Bob back.

Great preparations are being made for a Pie and Box Social in the Varney schoolhouse on the night of Friday the 29th of Nov. We understand all the ladies bringing pies or boxes will be admitted free and those without will be charged 25c, so girls be sure and bring a box. We men will, I hear, have to pay 15c to get in and buy a box after if we want one. But we don't mind that as long as we get a nice girl into the bargain. A good time is expected, so be sure and be present.

#### A MOTHER'S LAMENT.

(Contributed to the Chronicle.)  
The evening sun was slowly setting  
O'er the hillside far away,  
All alone a mother was weeping  
For her boy so far away.

Fourteen years, that very morning  
He had left without a thought  
Of the heart that he was breaking;  
Or the trouble he had wrought.

"Will I ever see my darling,  
Will God ever bring him back,  
In my arms how I would clasp him  
From that rough and weary track."

If he only knew his mother  
Soon would pass from earth to rest;  
It might help him to remember  
How she'd always done her best.

Years had passed since his poor mother  
Stood beside his father's grave,  
Never thinking for a moment  
That her boy would thus behave.

He had died through drink's destruction  
Oh! what trouble she had borne:  
Through that awful curse called liquor  
Which he drank from night till morn.

Would it be that every drunkard  
As he lies upon the floor:  
Would stand up and say I'll never  
Touch that liquor any more,

But there's some, the devil has 'em  
And he'll have 'em at the last;  
That will never quit their drinking  
Since they took up their first glass.

Now then boys just take this warning  
Ask yourself if it's not true:  
Why do I keep drinking liquor?  
Isn't it only fools that do?

No, you say, is that your answer?  
Well then see how much 'twill take,  
Just to make of you the biggest  
If you will of it partake.

F. W. C.

#### BORN.

HIND—On Friday, Nov. 15th, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hind, a son.

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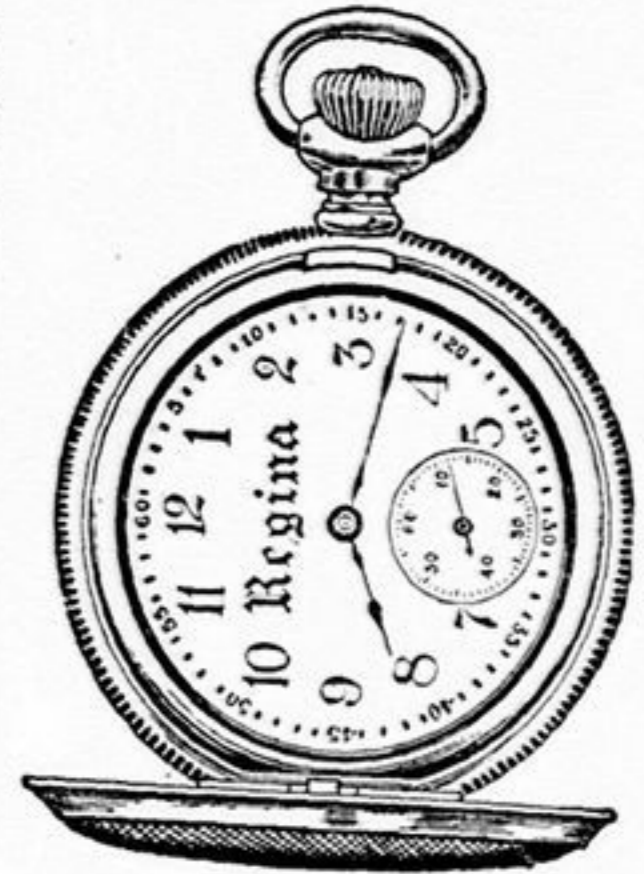
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