

Six Years of Prohibition

Sunday, Sept. 17th, 1916, was the first day of Provincial prohibition in Ontario. The Ontario Temperance Act was passed during the war period, with the promise that after normal conditions had returned a vote of the electors would be taken. That vote was taken on Oct. 20, 1919, and only 80, but 741,007 votes were cast against the Act, as against 792,942 for its continuance. Not only so but 741,007 votes were cast against the sale of light beer through government agencies, and only 491,393 favored it. And so Ontario has had the benefit and is able to speak somewhat definitely concerning it.

When first it was mooted we were told very plainly that it would mean financial ruin. The province could not get along without its share of liquor revenue: the municipalities could do without theirs: the closing of the bars would mean ruin to the hotels: and the closing of the breweries and distilleries would throw so many men out of work that there would be widespread business depression. The ultimate consequence would be that all tourists and immigrants would shun us, our factories and foundries would close, and the grass would grow in our streets. This was a cheerful prospect surely, but the fact that 574 out of 851 municipalities in the Province were already dry, and had experienced no serious results from the fact, made the people of Ontario quite willing to try the experiment on a wider scale.

Now we have had six years experience of the benefits or evils of prohibition, and the results speak for

themselves. In the first place the evil results predicted by our wet friends, have not materialized. Instead of prohibition acting as a drag on the commercial life of the country, it has been a real help. During the difficult period of post-war readjustment, our path has been smoothed not a little by the fact that the stumbling block of the legalized liquor traffic has been removed. Instead of losing population we have gained. Instead of immigrants shunning our borders, we have found it necessary to restrict immigration by law. This is no fairy tale, but the records are written in black and white in bank ledgers, in manufacturer's statistics, and in the Provincial records. Ontario is not the poorer, but the richer, for six years of prohibition. It is worthy of note here that during the recent Exposition in Toronto, when a million and a quarter people attended the fair, police made only one arrest. Surely this is a noteworthy fact that certainly does not tend to discredit prohibition.

The Kingship of Self Control

Prepared and read at the October meeting of the Women's Institute by Mrs. Will Glass.

It is said man has two creators—his God and himself. His first Creator furnishes him the raw material of his life and the laws in conformity with which he can make that life what he will. His second creator—himself—has marvellous powers rarely realized. It is what a man makes of himself that really counts.

When a man fails in life he usually says "I am as God made me." When he succeeds, he proudly proclaims himself "a self-made man." Man is placed in this world as a possibility and his greatest enemy is himself. He needs less of the "I am a feeble worm of the dust" idea, and more of the conception "I am a great human soul with marvellous possibilities" as a vital element in his daily working religion. With this view of life, he sees how he may attain his kingship through self control.

At each moment of his life, he is either a king or a slave. As he surrenders to a wrong appetite, to any human weakness or failure, he is a slave. As he day by day crushes out human weakness and day by day re-creates a new self from the sin and folly of his past—then he is a king. He is a king ruling with wisdom over himself. Alexander conquered the whole world except—Alexander.

Man often looks with envy upon the possessions of others and wishes they were his own; sometimes even growing bitter and storming at the wrong distribution of the good things of life, and then relapses into a helpless acceptance of his condition.

Any man may attain self control if he only will. He cannot make a habit in a moment or break it in a moment but at any moment he may begin to make or break any habit.

Self-control may be developed in the same manner as we tone up a weak muscle—by little exercises day by day. Let us each day do a few acts that are disagreeable to us, the doing of which will help us in our effort to conquer ourselves. The exercises may be very simple—such as dropping for a time a very interesting book at the most thrilling part of the story—talking to some disagreeable person and trying to make the conversation pleasant. Such exercises as these and dozens of others will have a wonderful effect on the whole moral nature.

The individual can attain self-control in great things only through self-control in little things. He must study himself to discover what is his weak point and what it is that keeps him from his fullest success. Then he should live day by day as if it were his only day left for him to conquer all that is worst in him. Will he be king, or will he be slave?

The first most deadly instrument of destruction is the human tongue. It kills reputations, and often ruins characters. The crimes of the tongue are words of unkindness, of anger, or malice, of envy, of bitterness, of harsh criticism, gossip, lying and scandal. Theft and murder are awful crimes, yet the sorrow, pain and suffering they cause is small in comparison with the sorrows that come from the crimes of the tongue.

At the hands of the thief or murderer fewer of us suffer, ever indirectly, but from the careless tongue of a friend, the cruel tongue of an enemy, who is free? Our flippant, careless words of judgment of the character of someone, words lightly spoken, may be carried by unknown currents and bring sorrow, misery and shame to the innocent. A cruel smile a shrug of the shoulders, or a cleverly eloquent silence may ruin in a moment the reputation a man or a woman has been building for years. We do not need to judge nearly so much as we think we do. It is the courage to say "I don't know. I am awaiting further evidence. I must hear both sides of the question. Till then, I suspend all judgment." Till this is suspended judgment that is the supreme form of charity.

It is strange that in life we recognize the right of every criminal to have his open trial, yet we condemn unheard the dear friends around us on mere circumstantial evidence. Our hasty judgment, that a few moments of explanation would remove, has estranged the friend of our life. If we be thus unjust to those we hold dear, what must be the cruel injustice of our judgment of others?

We know nothing of the sorrows, trials, and temptations of those around us, of the secret cares, struggles and worries that shorten life and leave their mark in character changed and almost recreated in a few days.

Let us not dare to add to the burden of another, the pain of our judgment. If we would guard our lips from expressing, we must control our mind, we must stop this continual sitting in judgment on the acts or others, even in private. Let us by daily exercise in self control learn to turn off the process of judging. Let us eliminate pride, passion, personal feeling, prejudice and pettiness from our mind and higher, purer emotions will rush in. Let us cultivate charity in judging; let us seek to draw out latent good in others rather than to discover hidden evil. Let us, if we would rise to the full glory of our privilege, to dignity of true living, take for our watchword the injunction of the Supreme Ruler of the world, "Judge not."

Northern Ontario's Calamity

While we went to press last week, a fire of huge dimensions blighted a large area of Northern Ontario, causing a loss of life of 45 or 50, and a property damage of \$8,000,000 or more. The town of Halleybury was in the main path of the flames and but few habitable houses remain of this once flourishing town. Churches, Cathedral, hotels and costly public buildings all now in ruins. A dozen or more other urban communities have also suffered severely, and great districts of farming communities are swept clean.

Stories of hardship and suffering are heartrending and the gloom is lightened by other stories of heroic action in the great crisis. One reads with deep feeling the efforts of car owners, who nobly drove even through flames to save the threatened population, and but for this timely work, there would have been hundreds on the death roll.

The prompt response in offers of help from outside the burnt district, has also been remarkable and gratifying, Toronto especially having been most generous in car loads of food and clothing.

The origin of the fire is found in many little fires, farmers burning brush and waste and the sudden oncoming of a violent wind fanned them to dimensions past all fighting.

The only local sufferer we have heard of is a son of John McArthur of the Glen, whose home and garage in Halleybury was clean swept away, escaping only with their lives.

Rev. J. A. Matheson of Mono Mills, and formerly of Priceville, was a popular nominee for Moderator of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, meeting in Toronto this week. He failed to win out however, Dr. McGilivray of Guelph being the newly elected Moderator.

ROCKY SAUGEEN

The W. M. S. held their annual thank offering in the church. In the absence of Mrs. Lane who was unable to be present, Mrs. Sillars gave a splendid address. There was a good attendance and an interesting time spent. The offering was \$18. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. D. McKechnie on Wed., Nov. 1st.

Mrs. Arch. McKechnie is still very ill and at time of writing is suffering a great deal of pain.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Watson and family of Toronto, spent the week end with friends in these parts.

Mrs. Elms of Hamilton, is spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. Arch. McKechnie.

Congratulations to the Durham high school pupils on coming off victors on Field Day.

The steam shovel has moved as far north as Dornoch. We hope soon to have the roads in better condition.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Lauder and Mr. and Mrs. R. Lawson, spent a day the first of the week visiting Owen Sound friends.

Miss Lamb, our popular teacher, is attending the Teachers' Convention in Markdale.

Heartiest congratulations are extended to Miss Janet Livingstone of Townsend's Lake, on her marriage to Mr. C. Oldfield of Corbetton, which took place last week.

DORNOCH

Mrs. C. McIntosh and daughter Peggy left on Tuesday for Kingston to spend a few days with friends before leaving for their western home.

Mr. and Mrs. White and son Albert, also Mrs. Lowe of Chesley, spent the first of the week at the Dargavers.

Mr. and Mrs. C. McIntosh, spent Sunday with Mrs. A. McIntosh.

Sorry to hear Mr. Chas. Morley is under the doctor's care and may have to undergo an operation. We hope though after an X-ray examination it will not be found necessary.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Givens and daughter Eileen, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shewell.

Miss Muriel Heft spent the week end with her cousin, Florence Robertson.

Miss Merle Robertson left on Saturday to spend a few months in Toronto. We wish her all success in her first start out in life.

GLENROADEN

The threshing is all finished in this part for another year.

The bridge over the Saugeen River at Glenroaden, has been re-covered. Mr. McCuaig and Mr. H. Vaughan did the work.

Messrs M. Kenney and Jas. Heslip, have been buying stock cattle for feeding.

All ladies of the Saugeen Red Cross Society are requested to meet at the home of Mrs. G. Boyd, Oct. 18, for the purpose of making committees for the new hospital in Durham. All ladies are welcome who are interested.

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