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EFFECT OF A SCANDAL.

The average individual who gives the matter serious consideration will not be kindly disposed to the Niagara Falls church which figured so unfortunately in the referendum campaign.

It is generally admitted that the young woman who addressed the distillers at Walkerville, and solicited a sample of their goods, for sale in behalf of the organ fund, did so innocently. But when the fact became apparent subsequently that she got what she did not want, in the delivery of the goods, her duty was very clear. She should have returned them, with regrets that a mistake had been made in asking for them.

A grievous wrong was committed when the secretary of the Sales Committee, in consultation with two of her associates, undertook to realize upon the goods privately. They compromised themselves, the Ladies' Aid Society, and the church, and committed a scandal which will be long remembered. The sin of the transaction is due to the methods adopted by some churches in raising money. Their zeal and anxiety carry them to lengths which are not approved by their better judgment. The pastor is a wise man generally, who, with the danger of being meddlesome, insists upon knowing what is being done publicly by all the societies which have to do with the church of which he is the head for the time being.

As for the distillers they are not to be complimented upon the part they took in the scandal. They appear to have understood the case from the beginning, and to have developed it for campaign purposes.

The correspondence was carefully preserved and in due season given to the public as a sensational form. It had its point—in reflecting upon the church which was represented as taking a very active part in the prohibition movement, the church whose superintendent had fulminated against the liquor traffic in the most emphatic way. That church does not assume responsibility for the act of the foolish young women, but it feels the effect, in some measure, of their misguided service.

A TRIBUTE TO POWER.

There is no justification for the attack of Collier's Weekly upon Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, whose virtue, or trying not to create personal antagonisms, it disdains.

"We expect," says Collier's, "that he will encounter this difficulty in South Africa—the difficulty of judging his private life by his public acts)—where he intends to charm the new subjects of the king with the genial manners that have made all Birmingham his friends. It will be hard to convince the homeless Boers that they should not feel personal antagonism to the man who ruined their country and took away their flag. The point is too nice for the Dutch mind."

Mr. Chamberlain undertakes his task with the assurance of success. He has the ability to grasp a large situation. He has the capacity for strenuous service. He represents a nation which is as generous as it is powerful. What other instance is there of peace with honour, of settling with a restoration of the losses by war, of surrender without humiliation. The Boers will look strangely at the one who has the temper and temerity of John Bull, who brooked not insult, who spared not expense in resenting it, who was touched with a feeling for the enemy, and who played the Good Samaritan when the opportunity for it arrived.

In Europe or America to-day no man occupies a place more conspicuous than Hon. Joseph Chamberlain. His rise has been remarkable. He has changed his politics and his tactics, but steadily, in spite of all opposition, he has advanced until he expresses robust public opinion as no other man of his day has done. In recent years, and as a cabinet minister, carrying the responsibilities of office, he has not talked as much as formerly. The restless radical has gone and given place to the sturdy statesman. He works hard. He looks deeply into the issues of the hour. He equips himself with the knowledge that is available. Then, standing out in the majesty of his wisdom, his experience, his forcefulness and courage, he carries his points and enforces his policy. Before him weaker men go down, and behind him they rally and support. Better than all, to him, more stimulating than any tonic, is the consciousness that he holds the masses, that he has the confidence of king and country, and of this fact he had a demonstration that was certainly unique as he left Birmingham lately, and sailed away in a man-of-war upon his important mission.

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But it will be removed ere Mr. Chamberlain returns to England. He has had his enemies, but even they will not deny that he is a great constructive genius, a political seer, a strategist, a diplomat of marvellous energy, courage and discretion. In turn he has played many parts, but he has played them well.

REVIEWING THE SITUATION.

The referendary has not decided the question with which it was connected. Neither the prohibitionists nor the anti-prohibitionists appear to be satisfied with their accomplishments. It is, therefore, certain that sooner or later they will have to fight the battle over again.

The fixing of a certain vote as a necessity for the enforcement of the Liquor Act of 1902 had its advantage and its disadvantage. It invited the expression of public opinion without which moral movements cannot be successful. A prohibitory measure could not be efficiently administered without a support of the majority. The maximum vote, however, was not a possibility. This is the conclusion of those who worked in the election and honestly sought to reach the mark.

Half the vote cast in the legislative election of 1898 seemed to be attainable in view of the enlarged voters' list, enlarged by the revision and registration of last May. But only when the voters were sought was it apparent that a serious loss in ballot power would ensue by the absence and death of many who voted in May.

Under the circumstances—that both sides did their best and failed in their plans—it is reasonable to anticipate a continued demand for prohibition. Meanwhile the license system will probably be amended and the law made more exacting.

Judging by the vote of the people, though it does not give the Liquor Act of 1902 effect, there is a decided protest against the liquor trade as it stands or is being conducted. A friendly print advises the licensed victuallers to live up to the law, to avoid all violations of its provisions, to give greater dignity to the business; and such advice preceded the declaration against the bar-room in the vote of the 4th.

Some comment has been made on the fact that the electors are not always influenced by principle. True, The complications of a general election have a tendency to separate men who would unite on one issue. In a municipal election temperance cannot be made the leading topic, and unless it is altogether dominant it will not have the desired effect. It was principle largely that influenced the forces who contended on Thursday, and the result is called a moral victory.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The losses on the lakes during the season of navigation aggregate about a million and a half. It cannot be regarded as a first-class year for the marine underwriters.

The Montreal Star advises the conservative party to aspire to power by the advocacy of great ideas and principles. It seems necessary that something be done to brace the party up.

Some one in Chatham made a great commotion by issuing a fly sheet which gave the names of "bums," "drunks," and "sooks" about town. It threw the church whiskey s and far into the shade.

Hamilton is agitating for a repeal of the law which permits the assessment of vacant lots in cities and towns as farm lands. It will be helped along in this agitation. Every municipality in Ontario should protest against it.

School boys in Toronto on strike! What are the public schools coming to? Spare the rod and spoil the child. Is that it? It would appear so. The birch rod or strap or flogger of other days is missed—to the great misfortune of some of our boys.

Mayor Howland, of Toronto, does not like the papers. They have been saying things about him, and they have not finished the story. Mr. Howland will have to cease his reading of them in order to avoid the remarks that grate upon his feelings.

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Gloves at The H. D. Bibby Co.

NEWS OF WORLD

TELEGRAMS FROM THE FOUR QUARTERS OF EARTH.

Matters That Interest Everybody
—Notes From all Over Little of Everything Easily Read and Remained by the Dear Public.

Buffalo, N.Y., has an epidemic of small-pox.

The Galt, Ont., police are working hard to break up an organized gang of burglars operating here.

The French Chamber of Deputies, on Friday, passed a bill approving the Brussels sugar convention.

Twenty-five survivors of the eruption at St. Pierre, Martinique, are advertised as an attraction at a circus in Berlin.

The Hospital for Sick Children at Toronto, which has sheltered 8,742 little ones, asks for donations for the little sufferers.

The Dominion Wrought Iron Wheel company, Toronto, has practically decided to build a factory in Orléans during the winter.

Prof. Glacchine, an astronomer of Nice, Italy, has discovered a new comet, moving north-west across the constellation Monoceros.

G. W. Bennett, a small jobber in the American market on the London stock exchange, shot and killed himself with a revolver at his residence.

The memorial service for the late Dr. Parker, was one of the most impressive ever held in England. Royalty and nobility were present to honor the deceased.

Trouble among religious students at Odessa, Russia, led to fifty being arrested and 300 being rusticated. The revolutionary movement is causing anxiety to the authorities.

Henry Bremer, Toronto Junction, will spend the next fifteen years of his life in Kingston penitentiary, serving two terms of that length, to run concurrently, for shooting Charles Martel and attempting to shoot John Shaw on November 21st.

PRESS POINTS.

Athens In The Swim.
Breckville Recorder.
The ping-pong craze has struck Athens, Ont.

Time For A Change.
Montreal Star.
They are going to allow Sir Wilfrid to eat more. Tart will no longer be the only dainty on his bill-of-fare.

Better Than Rock.
Toronto Star.
One good way to make money these days is to get a Con nomination and then save a liberal percentage out of the campaign expenses.

Our Wicked Neighbor.
St. Thomas Journal.
For its size, St. Thomas harbors more gamblers than any city in Canada, barring Fort Erie, the Canadian suburb of Buffalo.

Discovery Of A Rational Treatment For Deafness.

A glance through the medical literature of the last twenty years reveals to the close observer a remarkable diversity of opinion among aurists as to what constitutes the proper method of treatment for deafness and diseases of the ear. Some authorities recommend in obstinate cases, cutting away the drumhead of the ear, other aurists are emphatic in saying that the results obtained are too uncertain to justify such severe measures. Another class of medical men base the treatment of deafness almost entirely on the application of medicated vapors forced through the nose into the middle of the ear by way of the Eustachian tube, but it is strange to find these same aurists acknowledging, in their writings on this subject, that it is doubtful if medication applied in this way can reach the seat of the disease which causes deafness.

In the midst of all this doubt and uncertainty there is fortunately the record of the discovery of a rational method, the Drouet Treatment, of treating deafness and ear diseases, which depends upon the scientific fact that the skin possesses the property of absorbing certain drugs applied to its surface and of conveying them by means of its underlying blood vessels to the adjacent diseased parts. In this method a plaster containing the necessary medicines is applied behind the ear and the medication, being absorbed by the skin, penetrates to the middle ear and also inner ear, where the curative effects are exerted. This simple procedure is subjoined, according to the merits of each individual case, such antiseptic medication for the ear, nose or throat as may be needed.

Like all innovations, this treatment has received the severest criticisms, but notwithstanding such opposition, ten years' test of the method has given results so emphatically successful that the usual medical opinions on the curability of deafness have been completely overthrown. In the long list of cases which, after being pronounced incurable by aurist surgeons, have been reported cured by the Drouet Treatment, there are so many instances of recovery of hearing in advanced age, after fifteen, twenty, or even thirty years of defective hearing, and in the face of the worst forms of ear disease, that the victim of deafness finds renewed hopes.

Those who wish to thoroughly understand the Drouet method of treatment will find a full description in a Special number of the Journal for the Deaf, the editor of this paper having written a series of popular articles on this subject, with which are embodied the details of a large number of cured cases. With this Special number is published a supplement containing a record of upwards of forty cases of the deafness and diseases of the ear, nose and throat cured by the Drouet Treatment during the past month. To obtain a free copy of the "Journal" and Supplement, it is only necessary to address the Editor, 72, Regent's Park-road, London, England. With the Journal will also be enclosed a Report Form, which will enable anyone to obtain free advice and instructions for applying the Drouet Treatment at home.

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