

## HIGH LICENSE.

The agitation against High License, in fact against license in any form, but particularly High License, is becoming greater every day. The *Advance* of Chicago has taken the trouble to make some enquiries and gather up information from reliable quarters. It says:—

"The greatest enemy of the temperance cause to-day is the movement in favor of high license. It is a movement which has in its circle many of our best citizens and truest friends of temperance. They have been drawn in thither by arguments which seemed good, and their advocacy of high license has, in a measure, shut their mouths and stopped all their efforts in favor of the suppression of the liquor-traffic. The arguments in favor of high license are generally as follows:

"It will, we are told, reduce the number of saloons. But as a matter of fact it does not usually reduce the sale of liquor in any village or city adopting it. Chicago has almost as many saloons under high license as it had under low license, and the picture which the *Daily News* draws of the influence of the saloons in this city is by no means too strong. The saloons are open nearly all day on Sunday. The whole city is in disgrace, being under the power of the liquor-men. It has one representative in Congress who is a saloon-keeper; it has a mayor owning property leased to the lowest groggeries in the city; it has eight saloon-keepers in the city council, with six other aldermen directly or indirectly interested in saloons, and until recently many of the polling-places in the city were located in the lowest liquor-dens to be found. The municipal government of Chicago is under power of rum. All this under the high license system. Dr. P. S. Henson, a leading Baptist clergyman, declares that the authorities of the city are in league with the law-breakers, and says it is uncovering the mouth of hell itself to take a look at the power which the saloon exercises in the city government. He says that, unless it is arrested, the city is doomed; that it is honey-combing the very foundations of society, charging the chambers with dynamite. Dr. Lyman Abbott, of New York, has recently become the advocate of this system, and in an address, made not long since, said: "From six columns of reports, I have taken some specimen reports at hap-hazard.

"Cairo, Ill.—Increase of revenue fifty per cent.; decrease of saloons, nearly fifty per cent.; decrease of notable intemperance, thirty per cent.

"Quincy.—Increase of revenue, nearly forty per cent.; decrease of saloons, thirty per cent.

"Vandalia.—No decrease of saloons; increase of revenue, sixty-six per cent.; fewer cases of drunkenness, and fewer disturbances.

"Knowing how easy it is to be imposed upon, and unaware of the sources of Dr. Abbott's information, we wrote letters to the pastors of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches of these cities. From Cairo we have the following answer:

"High license, as a remedy against the evils of the liquor traffic, and distinguished from low license, has not benefited this city a particle in any direction. All of those evils continue to abound undiminished and uncontrolled. It has, I am told, reduced somewhat the number of saloons; but that is the only perceptible change in the situation. On the contrary, it has more firmly entrenched the saloon, or license system, in the cupidity of shortsighted voters and tax-payers as the great source of relief from municipal burdens, and made them more hardened and indifferent to its intrinsic evils. Its moral effect is terribly debauching to public conscience.

"E. Hoyt, Pastor M. E. Church."

"From Quincy:

"Experience proves to me that high license is a great fraud. So far from it being of any advantage to us here, it seems to be the opposite. There is much more liquor sold there now than when this plan was adopted. It lessened but little the number of saloons, but seemed to augment the sales. The moral effect is to make the sale of liquor more respectable with some, and not prevent any who now want it from purchasing.

"DAVID GAY, Pastor Vernon Street M. E. Church."

"From Vandalia:

"I am in no sense a friend to the

saloon business, and may not be just the man to testify in the case, but will try to give an unbiased statement.

"First, My judgment is that high license has not benefited our city in any sense, the internal improvements being no better in the city, I am confident, than under the low license system.

"Second, We have just as many saloons.

"Third, The moral effect is to lull the ardor of the temperance workers to a state of inactivity, under the impression that high license itself is a victory for temperance. Outside the Woman's C. T. U there are the fewest number of people here apparently that are not sound asleep on the temperance question. The result is the saloon-men are supremely happy.

"J. B. THOMPSON, Pastor M. E. Church."

"High license is no benefit to our town. We have as many saloons under high license as in former years. High license as well as low says, Give! give! When a man is licensed to sell intoxicating liquors, he is licensed to murder!

"H. W. TODD, Pastor Presbyterian Church."

"In the next place we are told that prohibition cannot be enforced. How do we know that it cannot be enforced? Most of the men who say this are not trying to enforce it. The enforcement of the prohibition of the liquor-traffic has been quite as successful as any other laws formed against crime. Saloons are either right or wrong. They are either a benefit to a community, or a curse. There is no middle ground. The laws against gambling-houses and places of lewdness have never been enforced in our large cities—that is if we mean by enforcement of law that which extinguishes them. They go on in spite of all laws against them; but what voice is raised in their defence? Who proposes to license them? Another reason given for high license is that the saloons will run anyway, and it is free whiskey or a tax. Very well, suppose that is true. If the enemy is to come in like a flood, if sin is to go on, if Sabbath-breaking and the corruption of the morals of the young are to be unrestrained, let Christian people have no hand in it. The Bible says, 'Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished.' It does not help the matter to call the license a tax. It is a license, and is so regarded. Every young man in the community where saloons are licensed feels, in a certain sense, that the open saloon is an endorsement by the majority of the citizens of the place, and he is right.

"Another argument, which is quite strong with a certain class of taxpayers, is that the money is needed in municipal affairs. That is the lowest and meanest argument that is ever used. A curse attaches to all fraudulent gain. It is putting the case very mildly to call such revenues blood money. It is the price of the souls of men. It is the reward of iniquity, and the curse of God will rest upon it, as surely as it has rested upon the liquor traffic itself. In the name of truth and purity, in the name of honor and decency, let Christian men wash their hands of this whole business. Let them stand shoulder to shoulder, presenting a united front against all forms of iniquity, never consenting to the license of any sin whatever."

### HAVELOCK DIVISION NO. 251.

Our division is numerically strong, the average number of members for the last twelve months being about 140. The great bulk of the members are young, these are being constantly gathered in, and something is being done to imbue them with true temperance principles; though pressure of business for the last quarter has prevented much of the usual entertainment, generally consisting of addresses, readings, recitations, music. The Division in conjunction with the Grange have an excellent organ, lately purchased, presided over by Miss Barnes.

At the usual meeting last night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing quarter:

C W Thorne, W P ;  
C Stuart, W A ;  
C F Alward, R S ;  
Mrs C F Alward, A R S ;  
A Alward, F S ;  
B-C Herrett, Treasurer ;  
H A Bonnell, Chaplain ;

W A Alward, Conductor ;  
Ettie Keith, A Conductor ;  
Maurice Keith, I S ;  
Barrett Price, O S ;  
Asa Perry, P W P ; (retiring W P )  
They will be installed at our next regular meeting (Friday, 2nd July) by G. W. D., Ezra Keith, and G. Conductor, B S Thorne.

At our usual meeting on 18th inst. a resolution was unanimously passed, approving of the appointment of an Inspector for the enforcement of the Scott Act, and urging on the municipal council of Kings to appoint such an official.

G.  
Havelock, K. C., June 26th, 1886.

### THE BLESSING OF PROHIBITION.

Rev. Dr. J. B. Hawthorne, of Atlanta, Georgia, in a recent letter to the local optionists of Richmond, Virginia, says:—"The liquor dealers and their servile dependents tell you that prohibition is a failure in Georgia, when the records of the criminal courts show that in every county which has adopted it crime has been reduced not less than ninety per cent. They tell you that it has greatly impaired the value of real estate in Atlanta, though the assessed value of her real estate is a million and a half dollars greater than it was a year ago. They tell you that it has killed the business of Atlanta, when it is an admitted fact that in comparison with other cities of the South, the present activity in business circles is almost phenomenal. They tell you that business men are leaving us. The doggery keepers, drunkards, gamblers, loafers, deal-beats and prostitutes are leaving—just these and no more.

Atlanta is prosperous and happy. Her virtue-loving people have risen up in their majesty and stamped out what they felt to be a curse and a disgrace to their community, and their homes and hearts are full of sunshine and gladness.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.—At the regular meeting of Valley Division, No. 250, S. of T., held last evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: John McQuarrie, W. P.; John Murphy, W. A.; R. T. Jackson, R. S.; V. McFaden, A. R. S.; N. Sterling, F. S.; O. McQuarrie, T.; B. Fowler, Chap.; J. Taylor, Con.; Thos. Armstrong, A. C.; W. Foss, I. S.; A. Wetmore, O. S.; Miss C. Pratt, Organist; W. Armstrong, P. W. P.

At a regular meeting of Mariners and Mechanics Division, No. 38, S. of T., the following officers were elected for the ensuing quarter: John Fisher, W. P.; N. Littler, W. A.; N. Riley, R. S.; Miss Dunham, A. R. S.; A. Harrington, F. S.; W. Duffell, Treas.; Miss DeWolt, Chap.; John Grant, Con.; George Kearns, A. C.; H. Sheraton, I. S.; C. Fisher, O. S.

RECIPROCITY.—An Austin clergyman, not long since, met a prominent saloon keeper with whose family he was acquainted.

"How is it that I never see you in church?" asked the pastor.

"Because I don't go there. If you reverends don't patronize my saloon I am not going to patronize your churches. It is your business to set the good example, and come first. I keep open the entire season. We dealers in spiritual things ought to swap pulpits once in a while. Suppose you stand behind my bar next Sunday and I'll take your place in the pulpit, eh?"

SOLDIERS AND RUM.—The *Montreal Witness* says General Middleton has learned in the same school as General Wolseley the lesson that the troops are better in every way under conditions of total abstinence from strong drink. Even those who were accustomed to the use of liquor found that they could do better without it. The total absence of crime General Middleton ascribes to the total absence of stimulating drink.

Would not the same results follow in society generally, if the liquor traffic were destroyed. If there were no rum to drink there would be none drunk. The large majority of people who indulge in intoxicating liquors, would not do so, if the temptation to drink did not meet them at every corner. Close up the dramshops, destroy the liquor traffic and crime and other consequences of drunkenness will disappear.—*Moncton Transcript*.

## THE TOBACCO WASTE.

The editor of *Good Health*, after a careful study of tobacco statistics, internal revenue, and other sources says: "We find that the total amount annually expended for tobacco in its various forms is not less than \$490,000,000!" The waste of health is not included in this computation, nor the untold added injury in the creation of an abnormal appetite for strong, drink.

A physician says "the reason a man staggers when he is drunk," is owing to the fat that the nervous system, which has its seat in the brain and spinal cord, divides its responsibility among its several parts—the cerebellum presiding over the coordination of the movement, the cerebrum over volitional life and the medulla oblongata over respiration." The more a man finds out the longer he lives! We always supposed he staggered simply because the whiskey he imbibed prevented his legs from walking straight. And we think so still.—*Norristown Herald*.

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### Place of Meeting, Divisions, Numbers, Night of Meeting, and name of Deputies.

St. Stephen; Howard, 1; Friday; S. Webber; Milltown St. Stephen; Wilberforce, 3; Monday; H. McAllister.  
Market Building, St. John; Gurney, 5; Thursday; John F. Bell.  
Orange Hall, Portland; 7; Monday; A. Y. Paterson.  
Market Building, St. John; Albion, 14; Wednesday; J. S. B. DeVeber.  
Gagetown; Queens, 21; Saturday; H. J. DeVeber.  
Chatham; Northumberland, 37; Friday; G. Stothart.  
St. John; Mariners and Mechanics, 38; Tuesday; Robt. Wills.  
Hillsboro, Albert Co.; Albert, 39; Wednesday; J. J. Steeves.  
Sackville, West. Co.; Sackville, 40; Tuesday; J. C. Harper.  
Richibucto, Kent Co.; Richibucto, 42; Wednesday; A. Haines.  
Kingston, Kent Co.; Kingston, 44; Tuesday; B. S. Bailey.  
Newcastle; Newcastle, 45; Thursday; D. McGuar.  
Point de Bute, West. Co.; Westmoreland, 50; Thursday; J. Amos Trueman.  
Hopewell Hill, Albert Co.; Golden Rule, 51; Tuesday; L. R. Moore.  
Pennfield, Charlotte Co.; Safeguard, 58; Saturday; W. N. Buckmann.  
Cambridge, Queen's Co.; Johnston, 62; Saturday; George S. Wilson.  
Dalhousie; Dalhousie, 64; Monday; G. Haddow.  
Baie Verte; Baie Verte, 65; Wednesday; R. Goodwin.  
Dover, West. Co.; Dover, 70; Saturday; W. Steeves.  
Carleton, St. John; Granite Rock, 77; Tuesday; Henry Finch.  
Derby, North. Co.; Nelson, 99; Monday; J. Pettis.  
Donglastown, North. Co.; Caledonia, 126; Tuesday; J. Henderson.  
Collins Corner, Kings Co.; Collins, 129; Thursday; Jacob I. Keirstead.  
Upper Gagetown, Queens Co.; Oxford, 134; Saturday; James E. Coy.  
Benton, Carleton Co.; Garibaldi, 151; A. Teed.  
St. Martins, St. John Co.; St. Martins, 164; Tuesday; Cudlip Miller.  
Moncton; Moncton, 188; Monday; E. McCarthy.  
St. George; St. George, 189; R. H. Davis.  
Salisbury, West. Co.; Crystal Stream, 191; Saturday; C. A. Beck.  
South Bay, St. John Co.; Lime Rock, 207; Monday; Wm. Roxborough.  
Milford, St. John Co.; Everett, 238; Wednesday; John Waring.  
Moncton; Intercolonial, 243; Friday; Alex. Ford.  
Victoria Mills, West. Co.; Victoria, 245; Thursday; A. J. Main.

Baillie, St. James, Char. Co.; Baillie, 248; Wednesday; J. W. Mann.  
Weldford, Kent. Co.; Harcourt, 249; Saturday; H. Wather.

Portland; Valley, 250; Tuesday; J. Fowler.  
Butternut Ridge, King's Co.; Havelock, 251; Friday; E. Keith.  
Petitcodiac, West. Co.; Petitcodiac, 252; Tuesday; D. Jonah.  
Lewis Mountain, West. Co.; Sunnyside, 253; Saturday; R. Lewis.  
Deer Island, Char. Co.; Moss Rose 254; Saturday; A. T. Lloyd.  
Millstream, Kings Co.; Britannia, 255; Friday; G. W. Weyman.

Little Ridge, Char. Co.; Spreading Oak, 276; Tuesday; A. F. Matheson.  
Fredericton; Lansdowne, 257; Thursday; H. H. Pitts.  
Kouchibouguac, Kent Co.; Union, 258; D. W. Grierson.

River Charlo, Rest. Co.; Charlo, 259; Thursday; J. H. Galbraith.  
Steeves' Mountain, West. Co.; Mountain Rose, 260; Saturday; R. Lutz, Sr.  
Lawrence Station, Char. Co.; Lawrenceville, 261; Saturday; F. S. Richardson.  
Hampton, King's Co.; Spring, 262; Monday; G. Barnes.

Pomroy Ridge, Char. Co.; Mayflower, 263; Thursday; W. Moulton.  
Scotch Ridge, Char. Co.; Iona, 264; Wednesday; Alex. M. McKenzie.  
Oak Hill, Char. Co.; Oak, 265; Friday; Dr. J. G. Atkinson.  
Tower Hill, Char. Co.; Wills, 266; Saturday; S. S. Smith.

Graves Settlement, West. Co.; Rockland, 267; Friday; G. Johnston.  
McAdam Junction, York Co.; Star Branch, 268; E. W. Brownell.  
2d Falls, St. George Char. Co.; Stewart, 269; Saturday; A. Sherwood.  
St. George, Char. Co.; Red Granite, 270; Saturday; T. McGowan.

Penobscus, King's Co.; Cardwell, 271; Thursday; J. W. Floyd.  
St. Nicholas River, Kent Co.; Milltown, 272; Friday; J. Murray.  
Hampton Village, King's Co.; Hampton, 273; Tuesday; G. Flewelling.

Bloomfield, King's Co.; Leading Star, 274; Thursday; O. A. Wetmore.  
St. John, 102 King Street; Gordon Division, No. 275; Monday; H. P. Sandall.  
Eagle Settlement West'd Co.; Twilight, 276; Wednesday; G. A. Taylor.  
Salisbury, Westmoreland Co.; Middleton, 277; Friday; Jas. Henry.

Healthland, Charlotte Co.; Rising Sun, 278; Tuesday; L. Hall.  
Goshen Corner, Albert Co.; Star of Hope, 279; Thursday; D. W. Goodall.  
St. Mary's Kent Co.; Rosefield, 280; Saturday; W. Vincent.  
Elgin, Albert Co.; Elgin, 281; Saturday; G. Smith, A. B.

Springfield, King's Co.; Springfield, 282; Friday; G. M. Wetmore.  
Whites Cove, Grand Lake; Grand Lake; 283; H. E. White.  
Clifton, Gloucester Co.; Gloucester Division 284; Wednesday; N. R. Ritchie.  
Lewisville, Moncton; Lewisville, 285; Tuesday; John Keenan.

Port Elgin, West. Co.; Fort Moncton, 286; Tuesday; W. M. Spence.  
Centreville, Kings Co.; Centreville, 287; Saturday; H. W. Falkins.  
Waterford, K. C.; Essex Division 288; Monday; John W. DeForest.  
Dubec, Carleton Co.; Centenary, 289; Wm. V. Benn.

Forest Glen, West. Co.; Forest Glen 290; Saturday; Miss A. Hubley.  
Bristol, Carleton Co.; Bristol Union, 291; Tuesday; Rev. John Gravinor.  
East Florenceville, Carleton Co.; East Florenceville, 292; Saturday; Wm. Tompkins.  
Waterville, Carleton Co.; Waterville, 293; Saturday; J. T. Fletcher.

Bath Carleton Co.; Ray of Hope, 294; Friday; Herbert Gray.  
Lower Coverdale, Albert Co.; Coverdale 295; Tuesday; F. A. Steeves.  
Canterbury, York Co.; Dufferin, 296; Friday; S. A. Baker.

River Louisa, Restigouche Co.; Louisa, 297; Thursday; Donald Stewart.  
Kirkland, Carleton Co.; Monument, 298; Thursday; John Lyons, Deputy.  
Woodstock, Carleton Co.; Campbell, 299; Friday; S. McLeod.  
Campbellton, Restigouche Co.; Campbellton, 300; Thursday; J. E. Price.

Masulhurst, Kings Co.; Lincluden, 301; Thursday; D. S. Mann.  
Dundee, Restigouche Co.; Dundee, 302; Thursday; Jas. Crawford.  
Morcamber, Kings Co.; Rising Star, 303; Thursday; Martin Freeze.  
Scotch Settlement, Westmoreland Co.; McCarthy, 304; David Murray.

Upper Millstream, Kings Co.; Millstream, 305; Zebulon Gausse.  
Gibson, York Co.; Gibson, 306; Friday; Jas. Pichard.  
Portland, N. B.; Silver, 308; Wednesday; Rev. J. Spencer.

Old Ridge, Char. Co.; Brunswick Division, No. 309; Monday; Howard Maxwell.  
Waterville, Parish of Harvey, Albert Co.; North Hampton; King's Co.; Caledonia, 310; Thursday; Geo. Watson.  
Gladstone No. 311; Saturday; Deputy not elected.  
Poquock, York Co.; Poquock, 312; Wednesday; Edward True, Deputy.

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