

# BOOMING

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### ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND OTHER INTERESTING NEWS.

#### SEBA RAMBLINGS.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 27, '85.

You very appropriately headed our contribution in the last number of the JOURNAL "Marching Along." No better head line could be applied to the temperance work being performed at the present time. Every place you go the subject of temperance, and the temperance workers are discussed. It was not so in by-gone years. A man that advocated temperance was called a fanatic—one that had relinquished his liberty and freedom, and deprived himself of having a good time. If a man by getting drunk—spending his hard earnings, after working six long days, in the bar-room; placing himself in a condition worse than the brute; depriving his wife and little ones of the necessities of life; filling the coffers of the rum-seller, and enabling his wife and children to dress in furs, satins, etc.; if all these (and thousands of others I could enumerate) luxuries bestowed on the vendors of liquor at the expense of heart-broken wives and pinch-faced and half-clothed children, are the sacrifice of "lots of fun," or of "having a good time," I fail to see it. If the habitual drinker, or the periodical tippler, can show us any return for his money squandered in the bar-room, or in filling his stomach with poisonous liquids,—in fact, if there is any benefit derived from the use of alcoholic beverages in any form,—then there is no more need of the great temperance army working and toiling to save their fellow-men. But the misery caused from the use of intoxicants cannot be refuted. It is to allay the evils arising from intemperance that so many good men and women are unceasingly laboring; and why do not more help in this great reform?

The grand and noble part performed by the Women's Christian Temperance Union of St. John and Portland, in alleviating the wants and sufferings of families deprived of the necessities of life through the use of liquor, is a work that should be encouraged, and the societies subsidized as a life-saving institution. On Christmas Eve the newsboys of this city were entertained by the W.C.T.U. at the hall of the Y. M. C. A., and about 150 of the urchins availed themselves of the "free blow," as some of them termed it. Dr. Botsford presided, and the exercises opened, shortly after 8 o'clock, with the singing of "Jesus loves me," in which many of the boys joined. Rev. G. M. Armstrong followed in prayer, after which Rev. J. A. Gordon delivered a short address, during which the boys showed a restlessness, for they were very anxious to taste of the good things which decorated a large Christmas tree which stood in the centre of the hall. The Misses and Mr. Turnbull rendered a Christmas song, which the boys evidently enjoyed. Mr. John E. Irvine and Rev. Geo. Bruce followed, in short addresses, and some of the urchins not having had anything to eat for several hours, began to show it in an audible manner, and soon after Santa Claus was ushered into the room, much to the delight and merriment of the boys, and distributed from the tree bags of fruit and candies which they enjoyed immensely. The entertainment was one long to be remembered by the newsboys of St. John, and they wended their way to the street with singing and cheers for the Women's Christian Temperance Union. The work of the Portland W. C. T. U. is a great boon to the inhabitants of the new city. Many are the wants relieved by the members of this philanthropic body. Their School of Industry is a blessing to hundreds of households; it is presided over by ladies who know how to supply the wants of the poor of the city. The well-to-do of our cities should aid this benevolent

association in their charitable object. We wish them God-speed. This society also place their Union Hall at the disposal of the I. O. G. T. to hold Gospel temperance meetings in every Sunday afternoon, and also place their hall at the disposal of any temperance organization two evenings of the week. A monster benefit entertainment would not be out of place to help these lady philanthropists in their noble work. The President, Mrs. Simeon Baisley, is a very earnest worker in this great reform, and her energies are meeting with reward, as contributors respond occasionally when their wants are made known.

The members of Victoria Section, No. 1, Junior Templars of Temperance, held its third anniversary celebration on the 18th December. The members and a large number of invited friends participated in games of various kinds in the early part of the evening. Refreshments were served, after which there was a literary and musical entertainment, consisting of piano duets by W. and G. Higgins, songs by C. Maber, Master Edward Watson, J. T. Kelly; duets, J. T. Kelly and Mrs. Farren, Miss Ella and Miss Lottie Whitenect; reading by J. Woodrow; solo by Mr. McLean. The entertainment, which closed with "God save the Queen," was heartily enjoyed by all present. D. McNally is the worthy governor of this section, and L. C. Ansley, Geo. Whitenect and W. H. Smith, assistant governors. The grand archon for the present term is Master George Doig.

Gordon, No. 275, held their regular meeting on Christmas night, and was attended by 30 of their own members and a dozen visiting brethren. They elected officers as follows:—

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| C. W. Segee,      | W. P.        |
| W. Furnace,       | W. A.        |
| G. D. Martin,     | Rec. Scribe. |
| W. A. McKeown,    | A. R. S.     |
| Thos. H. Lawson,  | Fin. Scribe. |
| Henry Wills,      | Treasurer.   |
| H. A. McKeown,    | Chap.        |
| John Kenney,      | Conductor.   |
| I. O. Biederman,  | A. Con.      |
| F. W. Richards,   | I. S.        |
| T. E. Dyer,       | O. S.        |
| J. Willard Smith, | P. W. P.     |
| Miss Nettie Dyer, | Organist.    |

The Worthy Patriarch, during the evening, made a very appropriate speech in connection with a gold locket which he presented to Sister Dyer, for her services in presiding at the organ during the past four months. The locket is the gift of members of the Division, and was a very agreeable surprise to the young lady. P. G. W. P. Wills was present, and from a change in his appearance, was also a surprise to the members of Gordon as he had been to Valley and the other Divisions, which he had visited lately. Bro. Wills met with a deplorable loss in being compelled to part with that heavy and warm coat of hair which covered his face since we have known him. In working in his shop welding iron, some of the blazing chips struck his face and burned the hair and flesh in a terrible manner. His losing his beard has made a wonderful change in his looks—some people taking him for Father Oates, others taking him for Tom Bate, the prize fighter. However, we hope brother Wills will live long to enjoy another crop of hair, and that he may be spared to work in the cause in which he has so long labored. Gordon will publicly initiate their officers on New Year's night.

Mariners and Mechanics are meeting with good success in their undertaking to build their hall. Worthy Patriarch, Jas. W. Harrington, is assiduous in his efforts in raising contributions to the building fund. We hope to see all the Divisions fraternize with this new adjunct, and with their presence, their voices, and a little of their wealth, aid these worthy brothers and sisters in erecting their temperance hall. The object is a grand and benevolent one. We wish them God-speed in their enterprise.

At the last regular meeting of Valley Division, No. 250, S. of T., the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:

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| E. T. Nisbet,        | W. P.    |
| Wm Armstrong,        | W. A.    |
| R. T. Jackson,       | R. S.    |
| Miss May Tumith,     | A. R. T. |
| David McQuarrie,     | T.       |
| Norman Stirling,     | F. S.    |
| C. H. Doig,          | Chap.    |
| Miss Daisy Stirling, | Con.     |
| Miss Lizzie Stanton, | A. C.    |

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| B. Payne,      | I. S.     |
| Josiah Fowler, | O. S.     |
| Miss C. Pratt, | Organist. |
| J. D. Tumith,  | P. W. P.  |

At the regular meeting of Albion Division, No. 14, Sons of Temperance, held last evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing quarter:

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| A. C. A. Salter,  | W. P.     |
| Benj. Mirey,      | W. A.     |
| T. Partelow Mott, | R. S.     |
| LeB. Robinson,    | A. R. S.  |
| D. Smiler,        | F. S.     |
| D. Thompson,      | Treas.    |
| Thos. Brundage,   | Chap.     |
| C. Powers,        | Con.      |
| W. J. Robinson,   | A. Con.   |
| W. Gillis,        | I. S.     |
| A. W. Sulis,      | O. S.     |
| John Bell,        | P. W. P.  |
| Fred. C. Colwell, | Organist. |

#### AN UNNATURAL ALLIANCE.

According to the *Methodist Times*, the Church of England has made a sad sacrifice in her effort to maintain her hold upon the money and influence of Britain. Unfortunately, Canadians can cast no stones in this case. Who among us has not known Christian men vote in opposition to all their previous professions, and assume to find, in the exigencies of a political party, a reason for giving their support to men whose record was not worthy of their vote? It may perhaps do some Christian men good to see how this thing looks in others. Says the *Methodist Times*:

If the Established Church of England were, indeed, to throw herself bravely and heartily into the temperance movement she would establish such a claim upon this country as nothing could shake. There were bright signs that she was awaking to her great opportunity. But this General Election has dashed our hopes to the ground. Many a long year must pass away before the Church of England can blot out of the minds of men the distressing spectacle which she has just presented. All over the land the clergy and the publicans have been fighting together in most unnatural alliance. Prominent members of the Church of England Temperance Society have been conspicuously and vehemently supporting the candidature of brewers, and of other opponents of the temperance movement. Many painful instances have been reported to us. In one conspicuous case a fervid Evangelical clergyman took a long journey in order to persuade the reclaimed drunkards in the local branch of the Church Army to vote for a brewer. As an immediate result of his extraordinary conduct, one of those reclaimed drunkards—the chief trophy of Church Army work in that city—was, on the night of the election, seen reeling drunk in the streets. It is no excuse to say that the brewer whose beer had once more dragged down that poor reclaimed drunkard to the depths of his former woe was a staunch supporter of the Establishment. The clergy are so numerous and so powerful that they could easily insist upon the selection of Church candidates who are not connected with the destructive liquor trade. There are plenty of good men ready to come forward in the name of Church and State. They are under no necessity to buttress their Establishment with beer barrels. And for those who have made themselves prominent in blue ribbon movements to do this is simply calamitous.

#### BEFORE THE ELECTION.

On the whole, public opinion, seems favorable to the appointment of Dr. Foster to a seat in the Cabinet. It is to be hoped that he has other qualifications for the position besides speaking ability, although that is undoubtedly useful during the session of Parliament. As you have heard before this, Col. Domville has very foolishly decided to oppose Dr. Foster's return. What the county could be expected to gain from the substitution of a will-o'-the-wisp for a Cabinet Minister does not appear. The colonel, by his injudicious conduct, will bring on himself a crushing defeat on the 31st inst., and utterly destroy his chances for success at the general election.—*Montreal Gazette*, Dec. 25.

"Does Prohibition prohibit?" is a question often asked by luke warm temperance men and advocates of high license. That is not the question, however, "Is the Prohibition of the liquor traffic right?" We are too apt to look at the means rather than the object. There is a great principle at stake, and just in the proportion that prohibition prevents the sale and use of intoxicating liquors, it does prohibit.

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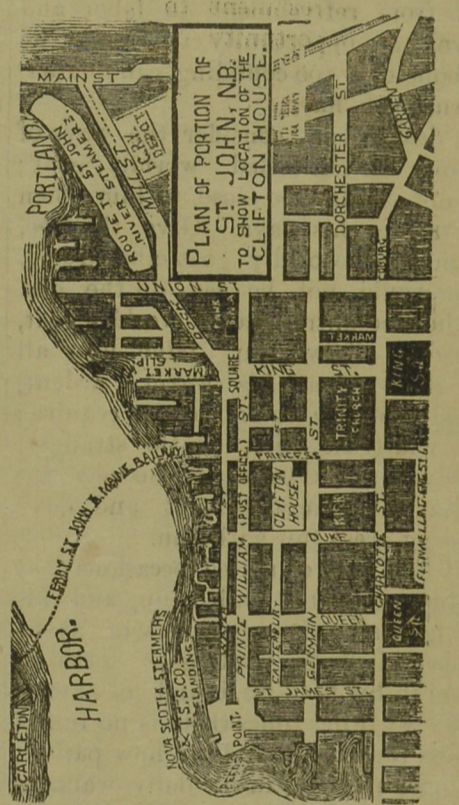
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