

## A SERIOUS INDICTMENT.

The problem of the drink traffic in Britain is calling forth some very strong protests from the nation's Leaders. Perhaps none is stronger than the one by General Bramwell Booth, in the London Press. He writes: "The abominable system of cantens established (with public money, and used by the contractors and brewers for private gain) by the military authorities has thrown the baneful influence of alcohol around the millions of men who have joined the colours. Large numbers of them, mere lads, knew nothing of the Drink before; now the Drink is their master, and in a vast proportion of cases, both their and others', has dragged them into the mire not only of intemperance but of other degrading evils.

This has reacted on the home-life of the people connected with them. The wives and other dependents, with more money than ever before, and seeing their men drinking, have followed suit. And again, under the same vicious influence, those around them, earning large sums in the special employments of the time, have fallen into the like horrible quagmires of sensualism and brutishness.

**Shameless Audacity.**

Whichever way we look there is an appalling frankness about it all. A brazen-faced and shameless audacity among all classes in regard to everything which concerns the Drinking Habit is one of the features of the day. Everywhere we can see little children sipping on the pavements; young girls flitting in and out of the drink-shops; mothers by the thousands with their bottles on the same arm as the baby; old men and old men tottering hither and thither with unsteady steps; men in khaki on all hands drinking or clamoring for drink, or drunk already! Scenes I have witnessed in some of the great railway stations, where my work often takes me in the middle of the night, have filled me with shame, with anguish—yes, almost with despair for our race.

**Is it Impossible to Save the Situation?**

I believe one possibility is open to us. I believe that even yet the Christian Churches of the country, if they would unite, could end this thing. No Government, no matter how strangely mixed its component parts, could withstand for a week a united front of the whole Churches of the land on this matter.

The Christians of England, in my opinion, never had such an opportunity—certainly not in the last hundred years—of striking a blow for freedom, for righteousness, for suffering humanity. Let them put away the evil thing from their midst and let them unite in demanding the total suppression of the whole business of manufacture and sale of intoxicants, and the victory will be won.—Canada's White Ribbon Bulletin, (organ of the Dominion W. C. T. U.

Note.—Reports of this nature are in circulation, but are denied by some, but coming from General Bramwell Booth people will accept it as a very serious situ-

ation which should be dealt with immediately.

**SPECIAL NOTICE.**

Brother Wiggins states that persons going to Beulah by I. C. R. and St. John Valley R. R.s, in order to get a **free return must purchase their tickets not later than Friday, June 29th**, obtaining with them a standard certificate.

On I. C. R. purchase one way 1st class ticket to St. John.

On St. John Valley R. R. purchase one way first class ticket to Fredericton or Gagetown.

Purchase your tickets not later than June 29th, even if you wish to go at a later date.

COME FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY.

**A KIND WORD.**

"How little it costs, if we give it a thought,  
To make happy some heart each day,  
Just one kind word, or a tender smile,  
As we go on our daily way.

Perchance a look will suffice to clear  
The cloud from a neighbor's face.  
And the press of a hand in sympathy  
A sorrowful tear efface.

It costs so little I wonder why  
We give so little thought?  
A smile, kind words, a glance, a touch,  
What magic with them is wrought?"  
—Selected.

**THE BEST COSMETIC.**

A dear old Quaker lady, when asked what cosmetic she used to produce such a lovely complexion, replied: "I use for my lips, truth; for my voice, prayer; for my eyes, pity; for the hands, charity; for the figure, uprightness; for the heart, love."

Truth, prayer, pity, charity, uprightness and love. Could there be a more perfect circlet of jewels to adorn womanhood? They are priceless, yet free to all.—American Messenger.

**"FEED 'EM."**

Several of our ministers have reported themselves as planting gardens as they have had opportunity between the frequent showers: It is said that men who sing and whistle are the best workers. "The song of the hoe" may help them when their hands get blistered and backs ache.

We'll rally 'round the hoe, boys, and join the ranks of toil, shouting the battle cry of "Feed 'em!" We'll train the crops to grow, boys, as tillers of the soil, shouting the battle cry of "Feed 'em!" Where there is work to do, boys, we'll gather on the spot, shouting the battle cry of "Feed 'em!" To duty we'll be true, boys, and till the vacant lot, shouting the battle cry of "Feed 'em!" Nature, kind mater, will aid in our need. Down with the tater, up with the weed! So we'll rally 'round the hoe, boys, shouting the battle cry of "Feed 'em!"

Personal consecration, it is suggested, should be spelled "purse-and-all" consecration."

## NEW ADULT BIBLE CLASS.

On the evening of April 12th, eleven ladies of the Reformed Baptist Sunday School, North Head, N. B., met at the home of Mrs. Roy Johnson to organize an "Adult Bible Class." The following officers were elected:

President—Mrs. Roy Johnson.  
Vice President—Mrs. Edward Johnson.  
Secretary—Helen Griffin.  
Treasurer—Mrs. William Ellingwood.  
Also Devotional, Social and Membership Committees.

Class to meet with Sunday School each Sunday, also on second and fourth Thursday evenings of each month. The Class name to be "Ruth (Friendship) Class," motto, Ora et Labora (pray and work). Since organizing, the class has grown until at time of writing we have 23 members.

Attendance in Sunday School is excellent. We have received our certificate from the International Sunday School Association of New Brunswick and we all wear the little red and white pin.

Yours truly,  
HELEN GRIFFIN,  
Secretary.

**STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES.**

The following is a part of the Statement of Principles on Temperance and Prohibition adopted by the last General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church: "We denounce the traffic as a grave and imminent national peril.

"It is the one most prolific cause of insanity, crime and poverty; the most insidious despoiler of legitimate business; the most corrupt and demoralizing influence in politics, and the most dangerous enemy to human welfare in all our civic life.

"Statesmanship, ecclesiastical and civil, has denounced it; science has condemned it; business is arraying itself against it; politics is struggling to be freed from its grasp; labor seeks escape from its degrading, merciless bondage and the embattled nations of half a world find it a more deadly foe than any they have met on war's red fields.

"The expansion of religion and the preservation of civilization require its overthrow—its complete and utter annihilation.

"To the consummation of this high achievement we do now and here solemnly covenant with each other and with God, our Father, and pledge ourselves to fight and spare not, until the end shall have been attained."

**IT REMOVES THINGS.**

"Alcohol will remove stains from summer clothes." This is true, but it also removes the summer clothes, also the spring, the autumn and the winter clothes, not only from one who drinks it, but from the wife and family as well.

It removes the household furniture, the eatables from the pantry, the smiles from the face of his wife, the laugh from the innocent lips of his children, and the happiness out of his home. As a remover of things, alcohol has no equal.—Boys' World.