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THE SETTLEMENT

The satisfactory settlement of the threatened strike of 'longshoremen is a source of intense relief to the citizens. The men have accepted the assurance of the shipping companies that the latter will act in the spirit of the agreement the men had asked them to sign. Doubtless they will do so, for the simple reason that it will pay them to employ members of the union rather than men unused to the work. At the same time, if it should be necessary when there is a rush of work, or if there should be special reasons for employing an outsider, or outsiders, at any time, in addition to members of the union, there will be no conflict because of a signed agreement. Doubtless both sides will give a generous interpretation of the spirit of the agreement and work in harmony. But the shipping companies should be especially thoughtful in this matter. They must have skilled men to do their work, and this class of men do not get steady work all the year round. Therefore when there is work to be done they have an indisputable right to the most sympathetic consideration. Any man has but to put himself in their place to realize how difficult it must sometimes be for a man whose work is intermittent and uncertain, with perhaps frequent intervals of enforced idleness, to be a good and sober and optimistic citizen.

The Times hopes, therefore, that the steamship people will deal generously with the 'longshoremen and by every reasonable means avoid the chance of friction during the season which has so favorably opened.

A SUGGESTION

If the present temperance campaign in this city should result in so awakening public interest that there would be a revival of temperance work in societies organized to influence the young, the effect would be far-reaching. It is asserted, perhaps not without truth, that there is more drinking among mere youths and young men in St. John than there was fifteen or twenty years ago. It is not improbable, as Deputy Jenkins suggested in the interview published in the Times last Saturday, that the attraction of the beer shops for the boys of a few years ago may be shown in the drinking habits of young men of today; while at the same time the temperance organizations have been less active. As this paper observed a few days ago, the secret organization with its elaborate ritual does not appeal to young men of today. Old men cling to it, and some young men tolerate it; but something with more vitalizing power and less secrecy and grandiloquent phraseology is required. Occasionally a temperance orator shouts that a saloon keeper has a window screen to hide his work; but at all events he demands no password nor elaborate ceremony. He gets right down to business. When the temperance societies do the same they will appeal to a larger number of people.

But especially is there need for work among the boys and girls, and herein lies one aid to the solution of the problem of the children of the street. There are many children whose homes are not very attractive, because the parents have a hard struggle to keep the family together, even in a wretched tenement; but if a mother realized—as she would with gladness—that others were interested in her girls and boys, it would be a stimulus to her, and the influence of association would be of great and lasting benefit. In this direction will the most effective work be done, and the time is opportune for a manifestation of that brotherliness which knows no creed nor condition, but seeks the lasting good of all.

EFFECT AND CAUSE

Failure to distinguish between cause and effect, whether wilful or due to mental incapacity, explains many fruitless efforts in the realm of moral reform.

The liquor traffic, with all that it involves in selling and buying, direct and indirect injury, suffering and crime, is not a cause, but an effect. The cause lies in an imperfect human nature and imperfect social conditions.

Simply to rail at the effect will never remove the cause, nor will a human law ever effect a complete revolution in the realm of morals.

Why do men and women drink? Merely because another man or woman has liquor to sell? To ask the question is to reveal its fallacy.

The man who denounces the liquor seller as beyond the pale of human sympathy and consideration manifests the very spirit which the Founder of the Christian religion fought with all the strength of His being. He taught men to see that where the law failed a moral force could work regeneration; and hence the appeal was not to the law but to the conscience. There is danger that the law, directed against an effect, may be substituted for the moral influence brought to bear upon the cause. It has been so in past ages, even in church history, and it is so now to some extent in the relations of the people to the liquor traffic.

Nothing is so easy, nothing more likely to win thoughtless applause, than destructive criticism skilfully directed; and, while it has its uses, nothing is less likely to produce lasting results for good. But when men and women approach a grave moral problem in the spirit of Him who taught the fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man, they must produce good results, because they are then in harmony with the Power that makes for righteousness.

Why do men and women drink? For reasons so various that a detailed answer to the question would require much space; but primarily the cause lies, as already stated, in an imperfect human nature and imperfect social conditions. These cannot be made perfect by the mere application of the external and restrictive remedy known as law. The remedy must be moral and regenerative, appealing to the heart and finding its manifestation in right conduct, practiced because it is right—and not because some person or some human ordinance says: "Thou shalt not do otherwise."

Mr. E. Tennyson Smith stated last evening that his references to the press had been misunderstood. The editor of the Times heard Mr. Smith make the assertion that hardly once in twelve months did the papers editorially refer to the evil results of the liquor traffic. There is no possibility of misunderstanding such a statement. The trouble is that Mr. Smith, however well-meaning he may be, is a little reckless in some of his statements. The press of St. John is a unit in favor of temperance reform, and would enlarge the phrase to mean temperate discussion of one of the gravest problems that confronts modern society.

St. John welcomes the first of the Empress steamers. The time is not far distant when these steamers will come here direct in winter, making St. John the direct port in winter for the Canadian as well as the China mails. Justice to the port cannot long be withheld for purely sectional reasons. The interests of the country at large must be recognized.

Scott Act affairs in Moncton present a new and interesting phase. A really determined effort to enforce the law, if backed by public sentiment, would be effective. Perhaps when Mr. Smith visits Moncton he may influence public sentiment in that direction. There is apparently a fine field for operations.

As a result of the revelations in the London, Ont., election case, Hon. Mr. Hyman has announced the resignation of his seat in parliament. The opposition press of Ontario has been calling upon Mr. Hyman to resign, and he has taken them at their word.

In addition to a report of the address given by Sir Henry Mortimer Durand, retiring British ambassador at Washington, last evening, the Times reprints today from the Mail and Empire an interesting review of the career of this distinguished diplomat.

The readers of the Times are given a 12-page paper today. They will observe that there is an unusually large amount of advertising, and as the Christmas season is approaching that portion of the contents of the paper should be of special interest to every reader.

The present session of parliament will probably be marked by some vitriolic speeches relative to electoral corruption and insurance and land deals. It is a case where something may be said on both sides—of the house.

Massachusetts centres of the textile industry are threatened with a strike at the beginning of the season of the year which is hardest upon the families of working people. It may be hoped that such a calamity will be averted.

The enterprising St. John Star had the negro convict Francis near Belfast, Me., yesterday, and also near St. George. Mr. Francis must be an annihilator of space as well as prison bars.

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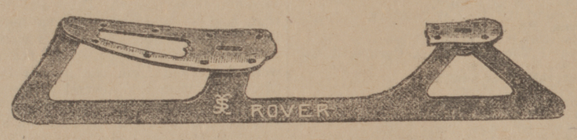
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(By Fidelis.)

The children wade among the sodden leaves,
So lately glistening green in summer breeze,
Now dropping slowly from the bare brown trees,
That stretch gaunt arms about the cottage eaves;

Stripped are the orchards, gathered in the sheaves,
The wild fowl quits her haunts for southern seas,
Ere, touched by silent frost, the streamlets freeze
And winter's craft her icy mantle weaves.

About the woods there breathes the mystic spell
That speaks of vanished beauty, lost delight;
The last belated robin flutes farewell,
The sun in dun and purple sinks from sight.
While the wild winds and rain gusts rise and swell
To wrap the world in storm and wintry night.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

MEAN THING.

"I've got to put my foot down, John!"
"Well, Mary, that's no small matter!"

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HONEST TITLE.

"What does he call his new comic opera?"
"'The Pirate!'"
"Well, I knew the book and lyrics and music were stolen, but I didn't think he'd admit it!"

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WOULD WORK BOTH WAYS.

Wife—"I wish you had a nice country place, where we could give a garden party."
Husband—"Just for the pleasure of inviting some of your friends?"
Wife—"Yes; and the pleasure of not inviting some."

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QUITE SOON ENOUGH.

The minister was shocked when the young lady declined an introduction to some of his parishioners.

"Why, my dear young lady, did you ever think that perhaps you will have to mingle with these good people when you get to heaven?"

"Well," she exclaimed, "that will be soon enough."

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AN OVERSIGHT.

(Chicago Tribune).

Being unable to find a seat in a crowded car, the portly dame had gone into the smoking car and sat down near the door.

The man sitting next to her, absorbed in his newspaper, kept on smoking.

"I was foolish enough to suppose," she said, glowering at him, "that some of the men in here, at least, were gentlemen."

"Pardon me, madam," he answered, politely offering her his cigar case.

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HE KNEW.

(Cardiff Times).

A married woman owned a pet dog of a particularly vicious temper. It had even bitten her husband on more than one occasion. At last, however, the dog disappeared.

The husband offered a reward of £25 for the dog's return. His friends were amazed.

"I thought," said a friend to him, "that you hated that dog?"

"I do," the man admitted.

"Then why do you offer such a large reward for his return?"

"To please my wife."

"But you're foolish," said the other. "Such a large reward will be sure to bring it back."

"No," said the man with a knowing smile. "You see, I happen to have learned that it's dead."

SENATOR VIDAL

(Toronto News)

The late Senator Vidal was born 4th August, 1819, in Berkshire, England, and was the eldest son of Captain Richard Emeric Vidal, R. N., who held an important command in the navy, and was promoted for gallantry in the Napoleonic wars. The family were French Huguenots, of Spanish ancestry, and had occupied prominent positions in both these countries, and later in England. An uncle of the subject of this sketch was an admiral, and other relatives occupied high diplomatic posts.

Alexander Vidal was educated at the Royal Mathematical School, Christ's Hospital, London, and came to Canada with his father, Capt. Vidal, R. N., in 1834, the latter having received a valuable grant in Lambton. Sarnia at that date consisted of seven log shanties, and the present name was not bestowed until the visit of Sir John Colborne, during his governorship.

After following his profession as civil engineer for ten years, he was made manager of the Sarnia branch of the Bank of Upper Canada, and was connected with that institution and with the Bank of Montreal from 1832 until 1875. His first public appearance was in 1844, when, as a young man, he took an active part in regulating the evils of the liquor traffic, and for nearly 62 years he has maintained his advocacy of temperance, being president of the Dominion Alliance for several years.

In politics he was a life-long Conservative. He was a member of the legislative council before Confederation, and after Confederation twice opposed Hon. Alexander Mackenzie, but was defeated. He was called to the senate by Sir John A. McDonald on January 15th, 1873, and has held the position without the loss of a session since that date.

He has been deeply interested in all benevolent and philanthropic movements was a student of history, and a man of varied interests.

(News Editorial)

It is years now since Senator Vidal, whose death is just announced, was an active figure in the public life of the country. He had, however, a respectable position in the senate, and was greatly esteemed in the community in which he lived. He will be remembered chiefly for his work in the cause of temperance, and for his life-long advocacy of legal prohibition. In this field he and the pioneers who fought by his side did as noble work for Canada as many of the statesmen who will fill a larger place in history. We of this generation in which social drinking becomes more and more unfashionable, can hardly understand how hard was the battle, and how much they accomplished.

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